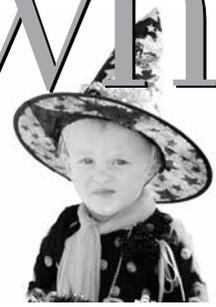


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News From Around the Rock

Your Town Talk



Good to Know

Castle Rock's water judged tastiest in the region!

Mirror, mirror on the wall. Who has the tastiest water of all? According to judges for the 2015 Water Taste Test at the Rocky Mountain Section of the American Water Works Association's annual conference, Castle Rock has the best tasting water in the region.

Nine municipalities from three different states competed for the title of best tasting drinking water.

Judging was based on taste, odor and appearance. While Castle Rock Water came home with the top prize, East Cherry Creek Valley Water and Sanitation District was not far behind in second place. Denver Water and Aurora Water tied for third place.

Castle Rock Water will now go on to represent the Rocky Mountain Region in the "Best of the Best" taste test competition at the American Water Works Association's national conference next June in Chicago.

Learn more about Castle Rock Water at CRgov.com/water.

Halloween in Castle Rock

Whether you're looking for frights or fun, there is something for everyone in Castle Rock this Halloween.

Castle of Terror

Castle Rock Fire and Rescue's annual haunted house is scream-worthy again this year. It runs 7 to 10 p.m. Oct. 16, 17, 23, 24 and 30 at the Fire Training Tower, 303 Malibu Court.

This year's theme is "Nightmare." Tickets are \$10 and sold at the door. (Cash only.) Proceeds benefit the fire and police explorer programs. It's so freaky, those under 13 are not allowed without an adult.

If you're really into fright and want to volunteer to help make others' lives a nightmare at the haunted house, check out volunteerconnectdc.com.

Spooktacular

This annual tradition for little goblins is at the MAC at Philip S. Miller Park again this year.

Spooktacular runs from 1 to 3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 24. The park is located at 1375 W. Plum Creek Parkway.

Activities include face painting, a jumpy house, games, crafts and contests. The event is free. Please know parking will be limited due to other events happening at the park on Saturday.

Trick or Treat Street

Held in cooperation with the Downtown Alliance, this tradition features a costume contest, arts, crafts, pony rides, face painting, balloon animals and more. All activities are free thanks to the investment the Town, DDA and local businesses make into this popular event.

The fun is in multiple locations this year. Festival Park at Second and Perry streets will host activities like pony rides and balloons. The White Pavilion at Fourth and Perry streets will host the costume contest. Trick-or-treating is at Downtown businesses and arts and crafts at Castle Rock Fire and Rescue Headquarters on Perry Street.

New this year is storytime, which will be on the lawn of the Douglas County building on Wilcox Street.

The Town Trolley will pick up participants at stops throughout Downtown.

Get full details for all Halloween events online at CRgov.com/halloween.

New CRgov.com launches this month

Our community is something special. Community events, stellar public safety services, a charming Downtown and so much more make Castle Rock the place we want to live, work and play.

Keep up with our community with the new CRgov.com, the official online source for Town information.

You'll find news, along with information about events, Townwide projects, local development projects, roadwork, maps, parks, trails and facilities – as well as links to our community partners' websites.

With the same overarching theme of transparency the website has always had, CRgov.com has a new look and new features. We've simplified the calendar, amplified our videos and put the info you need right up front.

Check it out at CRgov.com.

Questions or feedback? Email Community Relations at communityrelations@CRgov.com.

liveBIG 5K, 10K and Family Adventure Run



It's no secret that folks in Castle Rock love to play in their parks, trails and open spaces. After all, they are beautiful natural resources, which have been strategically designed for the beginning hiker, as well as the hard-core mountain biker.

The liveBIG 5K, 10K and Family Adventure Run on Saturday, Oct. 17 provides residents a way to give back while having a terrific time with family and friends, as proceeds go to the Castle Rock Parks and Trails Foundation, working to improve parks, trails and open spaces.

LiveBIG was created to help people share the outdoors with their family and friends while exercising their bodies and minds. Runners can choose their distance – 5K or 10K – and enjoy the fall colors on natural-surface trails. The liveBIG Family Adventure Run will wind through kid-friendly obstacles, including the Philip S. Miller Challenge Hill, in a short one-mile course.

Race Fees

10K - \$35 (\$40 on race day)

5K - \$25 (\$30 on race day)

Family Adventure Run - \$15 per person or \$35 per family

Race fee includes professional chip timing, T-shirt and goodie bags for 5K and 10K participants. Shirts can be ordered for Family Adventure Run participants for an additional \$5 each.

Adventure Run participants will be entered into a raffle for exciting prizes at the end of the run. Additional raffle entries can be purchased on race day. In the spirit of liveBIG and encouraging families to have fun together, the adventure run will not be timed. Also in the spirit of fun, it's October - costumes are encouraged!

Race schedule for Saturday, Oct. 17

7:30-8:45 a.m. - liveBIG race registration and packet pick-up

9 a.m. - 10K trail run

9:30 a.m. - 5K trail run

11:30 a.m. - Family Adventure Run

Head to CRgov.com/livebig for more information and to register.

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Recreation Center	303-660-1036
The MAC	303-733-2222

Events in Castle Rock

CRgov.com/events

Oct. 10: Douglas County Kids Expo,

Douglas County Fairgrounds, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

A free community event where families can play, learn and explore together.

Oct. 13: Coffee with a Cop, 10-11 a.m.,

Village Inn, 207 W. Wolfensberger Road.

Get to know Castle Rock Police in a relaxed atmosphere. View more information and other dates at CRgov.com/PDcoffee.

Oct. 16, 17, 23, 24 and 30: Castle of Terror,

Fire Training Tower, 303 Malibu Court. Castle Rock

Fire and Rescue's more-scary-than-scary haunted house. Kids under 13 not admitted without an adult. Tickets are \$10 at the door. (Cash only.)

Oct. 17: liveBIG run, 9 a.m.,

Philip S. Miller Park. Learn to live big, enjoy the outdoors and get some exercise as a family!

Runners can choose their distance between a 5K and a 10K, or choose the liveBIG Family Adventure Run, which includes kid-friendly obstacles. More information and registration is online at CRgov.com/livebig

Oct. 24: Spooktacular, 1-3 p.m.,

MAC at Philip S. Miller Park. Activities include face painting, a jumpy house, games, crafts and contests. Wear your costume!

Oct. 30: Trick or Treat Street, 2-5 p.m.,

Downtown. Dress up in your Halloween best and enjoy a costume contest at the White Pavilion, arts and crafts at Castle Rock Fire and Rescue Headquarters, story time at the County building on Wilcox Street and pony rides, face painting and music at Festival Park. Get details at CRgov.com/tot.



Water conservation and efficiency tip
CRgov.com/waterwiser

Brisk air, dropping temperatures and changing leaves – all signs that fall is in the air. As irrigation season comes to an end, keep winterizing the lawn and sprinkler system top-of-mind. Watch nighttime temperatures carefully. Temperatures below freezing can damage sprinkler system components. Make sure to have the system blown out with low-pressure, high-volume compressed air and open all drains. This will remove any water trapped within the system. Aerate the lawn, apply winterizing fertilizer, use tree wraps and plant hardy bulbs – these steps will all help make sure the lawn survives the winter and is ready for next spring.

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On the Web: Videos!

The Town knows your time is valuable. Get important information quickly with new videos featured on CRgov.com/watch. Get tips to conserve water, guidelines to the Town's parks and trails, and reasons to shop local. Plus, get to know Mayor Paul Donahue, Police Chief Jack Cauley and Fire Chief Art Morales in the "I am a Rock" video series.