

Your Town Talk



July 2017

Good to Know

Cowboys, horses and steer – Castle Rock is known for its western heritage. Make sure that history is alive and well, and don't miss the latest summer event to celebrate Douglas County's long-standing tradition – the Douglas County Fair and Rodeo.

The Western Heritage Welcome is a tribute to the historic Douglas County Fair and Rodeo. Cowboys and city folk alike are invited to join the celebration from 6 to 9 p.m. Friday, July 28, in Downtown Castle Rock.

Watch as cowhands drive a herd of longhorn steer and cattle through Downtown. Starting at Rock Park, the herd will continue along Perry Street before completing its journey at the dirt lot just south of Briccy's Coffee.

Following the cattle drive, join the authentic Chuck Wagon Cook-Off in the dirt lot. Cowboy cooks will be preparing a taste of the Old West using slow-cooked, wood-fire methods. Plus, don't miss cowboy cocktails and all things from the American frontier.

More at CRgov.com/WesternHeritage.

The celebration continues:

Douglas County Fair and Rodeo

July 29 through Aug. 6

Get tickets at douglascountyfairandrodeo.com

Douglas County Fair and Rodeo Parade

9 a.m. Saturday, July 29

Downtown Castle Rock
castlerock.org

Boots & Brews

11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, July 29

Douglas County Building lawn
downtowncastlerock.com

Have a question? Get an answer at CRgov.com/facts

If you have questions about what's happening in your Town, your local government wants to make sure you get an accurate answer.

CRgov.com is like a virtual Town Hall, with plenty of information about happenings in Town. A new "Fact or Fiction?" section of the website launched in June to answer your questions in one place. Visit CRgov.com/facts.

On the page, you'll find answers to frequently asked questions. If you have a question and you aren't seeing it there, just ask! The Web page also includes ways to submit a question – either by email or by submitting an online form.

The Town will continue to update this page as questions come in, or are posted on social media. It's important to know the Town reserves the right to rephrase inflammatory questions before posting. Questions that include profane, discriminatory, abusive or potentially malicious language or personal attacks will not be posted.

Three road projects get underway this month

Warm summer weather means cookouts, July 4 celebrations and fun at the pool. For road crews, summer temperatures are perfect for making improvements to our street system, and three projects will get underway in July.

Third and Perry streets roundabout

Starting after the July 4 holiday, crews will be working Downtown at Third and Perry streets on a project to improve access through the intersection by installing a mini roundabout. Construction is expected to begin on July 5 and wrap up by the end of August. Sign up for weekly email updates at CRgov.com/PerryRoundabout.

Coachline Road restoration

Crews are expected to start work to replace concrete panels and smooth out the pavement on Coachline Road on July 5. To do this work safely, some lane closures and realignments will be necessary. Although the Town anticipates keeping two-way traffic open at all times, flagging may be required for short periods to allow equipment to maneuver. Please give utmost attention to cone zones, flaggers and message boards in the area. Work is expected to last through September, though weather can impact schedules.

Plum Creek Parkway Bridge work

On July 10, crews are expected to start maintenance work on the Plum Creek Parkway Bridge over the railroad. In addition to maintenance on some of the support structures, crews will also work on the bridge deck. Three lanes of traffic will be maintained. Please pay extra attention as you drive through this cone zone. Work is expected to last through mid-August, though crews will take a break for the annual Douglas County Fair and Rodeo.

Keep up with Parks and Recreation

The summer months are known for spending time outdoors. Whether you're looking to explore a new trail, join a new fitness class, or need something to entertain the kids, Castle Rock Parks and Recreation has something for everyone. Stay up-to-date on everything that's happening with personal email notifications. Sign up for event updates, fitness previews and more at CRgov.com/notifyme.

Police host National Night Out event

Castle Rock remains one of the safest places to raise a family. Get to know your local public safety personnel at this year's National Night Out event Tuesday, Aug. 1

The event runs from 5 to 8 p.m. at Philip S. Miller Park. It will include a K-9 demonstration, a chance to learn about the various police divisions like SWAT and investigations, tours of police and fire vehicles, free hotdogs and hamburgers, and much more.

The National Association of Town Watch, a nonprofit organization dedicated to crime-prevention programs like neighborhood watch, started National Night Out in 1984 as an effort to promote involvement in crime-prevention activities. The event is hosted annually on the first Tuesday in August.

Learn more about the national event online, natw.org. Questions about Castle Rock's event? Contact the Police Department, police@CRgov.com, or 303-663-6100, or visit CRgov.com/nightout.



Festival Park Reimagined – update

Driving through Downtown, you'll notice Festival Park is booming with activity. On the south side of Sellars Gulch, the boulder retaining wall is complete. Seeding and erosion-control blankets have also been added along the shores of the gulch to allow for revegetation.

In the center of the park, crews have placed concrete for a portion of the large concrete wall support and are continuing to dig the remaining portion of this wall.

Coming up, rock work will continue on the south side of the gulch. Additionally, crews will continue their work on the large wall in the middle of the site. More segments will be dug so additional concrete supports can be placed. Once the concrete support is placed, the actual wall itself will be constructed.

Also in the next couple of weeks, utility crews will begin installing sewer, water and stormwater lines that will service various amenities at the park.

Construction is expected to be complete this fall. Stay up-to-date on the progress at CRgov.com/FestivalPark. Or, sign up for email updates at CRgov.com/NotifyMe.



Water conservation and efficiency tip
CRgov.com/WaterWiser

Have you seen water pooling on the sidewalk and have no idea where it came from? The primary cause is from overwatering. However, it may not be coming from you!

Here are some tips to reduce that excessive water:

- 1) Reset your irrigation timer to cycle and soak. You could also attend a Water Wiser workshop or check out the Run Time Calculator on CRconserve.com.
- 2) Make sure drainage is directed away from your home and into your yard. Downspouts and sump pump outlets should not be combined, nor directed toward the sidewalk.
- 3) Plant flowers and shrubs to soak up that water.
- 4) Visit CRgov.com/stormwater for more tips and to talk with a stormwater representative.



Summer Concert Series

Get your tickets!

Visit CRgov.com/PSMConcerts.

Events in Castle Rock

July 11: Coffee with a Cop, 10-11 a.m., Lost Coffee, 390 Perry St. Get to know your local police officers in a relaxed atmosphere.

July 12, 19, 26: Fun in the Sun, 11 a.m.-2 p.m., Douglas County Fairgrounds Field 4. Formerly known as "Splash in the Park," this is the same kid-oriented event, which has moved from Festival Park due to construction. Activities include a free bounce house and water activities.

July 15: 14th Annual Castle Rock WineFest, 2-8 p.m., Butterfield Park, 3952 W. Butterfield Crossing Drive. Presented by the Castle Rock Chamber of Commerce, this event offers more than two dozen wineries and more than 180 wine varieties.

July 19: Raptors Over the Rock, 5:30-7:30 p.m., Amphitheater at Philip S. Miller Park. Join nature educators from the Douglas Land Conservancy and the Town of Castle Rock to learn about raptors. Free, but donations suggested.

July 20: Castle Rock Fire and Rescue Open House and Cookout, 4:30-7 p.m. Station No. 155 along Crowfoot Valley Road. Come hungry as firefighters grill out for this open house! Come for the food but stay for the education.

July 20: Tunes for Trails/Perks for Parks Concert - FACE, 6-9 p.m., Amphitheater at Philip S. Miller Park. The concert is free, and craft beer, cocktails and delectable delights will be available for purchase.

July 28: Western Heritage Welcome: 6-9 p.m. Our Town's Western Heritage Welcome weekend begins with a longhorn steer drive from Rock Park through Historic Downtown along Perry Street. That starts at 6 p.m. Then, join a Chuck Wagon Cookoff in the dirt lot near Briccy's Coffee at Miller Court and Perry Street.

July 29: Douglas County Fair Parade, 9-11 a.m. in Downtown Castle Rock. Sponsored by the Castle Rock Chamber of Commerce.

July 29: Boots & Brews, 11 a.m.-4 p.m., on the lawn at 305 Wilcox St. Stay Downtown after the Fair Parade for activities, fun and beer. Make sure to wear your cowboy boots.

Aug. 5: Pedal the Moon, meet at 7 p.m.; depart at 8 p.m., NEW LOCATION - Founders Park Pavilion, 4671 Enderud Blvd. Where the fun is as full as the moon! All ages welcome on this fun-filled 5-mile bike ride under the light of a full moon.

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On the Web: Water Quality Report

Castle Rock's drinking water is safe, clean, reliable and meets all Federal and State regulations. Castle Rock Water closely monitors water quality. Learn more in the 2017 Water Quality Report at CRgov.com/WaterQualityReport. Or, take a tour of the Plum Creek Water Purification Facility to see the remarkable process first hand. Register for a free tour at CRgov.com/WaterTours.