



Your Town Talk

News From Around the Rock

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Good to Know

Can do ColoradoScapes

Does your front yard suck? Water, that is. Enter to win the Castle Rock Water ColoradoScape Contest to have the water-efficient front yard of your dreams. The department is giving away a ColoradoScape makeover worth \$8,000.

To enter, post a 15- to 30-second video on social media explaining why you want to transform your front yard to ColoradoScape. Be sure to tag the Town (@CRgov) so that we can find your video. Entries should be posted by Thursday, Aug. 15. A committee will decide the top five finalists. Then, residents will vote for their favorite via social media.

For more information, visit CRconserve.com/ColoradoScapeContest.

Rec Center closure

Gym-goers, fitness buffs and swimmers, mark your calendars. The Castle Rock Recreation Center will be closed Aug. 12-16 for routine maintenance and general cleaning.

During the closure, Recreation Center pass and punch card holders can use their cards for the MAC at Philip S. Miller Park or Butterfield Crossing Pool. The new functional fitness area at the MAC is a great alternative for fitness seekers.

The Recreation Center will reopen for normal business hours on Aug. 17.

Roadwork updates

Summer is the season for road construction, and we want you to be in the know.

Construction is underway at the intersection of Founders Parkway and Allen Way. Through the month of August, motorists can expect delays and single-lane closures. Access will be available to all businesses during construction. For updates, visit CRgov.com/FoundersAllen.

The Town's Pavement Maintenance Program is nearing final stages in The Meadows neighborhood. Residents who were impacted can expect to see a survey about the program – Keep an eye out for a postcard coming to mailboxes in the next few months.

Phenomenal Park opening

Join the celebration! Deputy Zack S. Parrish III Memorial Park is nearly complete, and the grand opening celebration is going to be phenomenal! Join the community from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 17, for an event filled with family fun. Don't miss hot dogs, face painting, giveaways, a hot air balloon glow with s'mores and more!

The 5.5-acre park near Aspen View Academy, 2020 Fiddle Road, honors the public safety profession and the men and women who work to keep our community safe. The park features two play structures, picnic pavilions, a multi-use field, pickle ball and bocce ball courts, cornhole and horseshoe pits. Additionally, a memorial has been built at the park to honor Deputy Parrish and other public safety personnel.

More information is available at CRgov.com/ParrishPark.

Town commits \$2M to ACC campus

Education, industry and community will come together at Arapahoe Community College's new Sturm Collaboration Campus, set to open to students Aug. 19 north of Castle Rock Adventist Hospital.

The Town is playing a significant role in the community aspect of the campus by providing up to \$3 million toward site improvements for the project. The Town formally contributed its first \$2 million toward the campus in a ceremony at the campus this month. A second building is expected in the future; the Town has committed to contribute an additional \$1 million toward the project once that is complete.

Sturm Collaboration Campus will focus on degrees in business, health and technology. Students can complete their degrees through a hybrid of in-person labs, classroom learning, on-the-job learning and online coursework. Additionally, the Sturm Collaboration Campus is serving as an incubator for new apprenticeships. For instance, ACC and Castle Rock partnered to co-create the first Water Operator Apprenticeship in Colorado.

Learn more about Sturm Collaboration Campus at CRgov.com/Campus.

Challenge accepted: CRPD needs your vote

For the Castle Rock Police Department, it's always a "Party in the USA!" While a lot of blood, sweat and tears went into the performance, conquering the Lip Sync Challenge made it all worthwhile. Now, CRPD is in the running for the best lip-sync video in the country, and they need your help! The CBS Special – Lip Sync to the Rescue – will feature the top 10 lip-sync videos. Castle Rock Police needs to get as many votes as possible to make a guest appearance on the show. Head to CRgov.com/VoteCRPD to vote as many times as you can. Help Castle Rock be recognized as one of the safest, and most fun, communities in the country!



Potential new development Downtown

The site of an old liquor store, two former car care centers and Town Hall's parking lot could soon start to give bloom to Downtown Castle Rock's latest redevelopment project.

Encore Castle Rock would bring a mix of office, retail and residential uses – the latter in the form of 124 for-sale condos – to the block immediately south of Town Hall, 100 N. Wilcox St.

The project, which Town Council is anticipated to consider starting this summer, would bring 300 public parking spaces and a new gathering spot in the form of a civic plaza to the community. It would also bring a railroad quiet zone, meaning train engineers would not be required to regularly sound train horns through Downtown.

If approved, the Town would become a financial partner in the project with Confluence Companies, the same developer of the successful Riverwalk project just west of Town Hall. Encore is planned to stand seven stories and feature a timeless design similar to Riverwalk.

Until approved, the project's details remain dynamic. Stay up-to-date on the latest on this potential project at CRgov.com/Encore.

Savor the sounds of summer

Summer's not over yet, and the concerts keep on coming. This August and September, experience live music at some of the most beautiful places in Castle Rock. For full details, visit CRgov.com/Events.

Free Concerts: Tunes for Trails – Thursday, Aug. 15, dance and sing to '90s pop-rock by Junior Varsity Three at the Amphitheater at Philip S. Miller Park.

Enjoy craft beer, wine and food available for purchase from local vendors. First Fridays – Friday, Sept. 6, come Downtown to Festival Park for Artrageous, an interactive art and music experience. This show featuring art, live music, dancing and comedy, is sure to blow you away.

Summer Concert Series: On Sunday, Aug. 11, enjoy a rocking summer night listening to The Guess Who at the Amphitheater at Philip S. Miller Park. Later in the month, on Saturday, Aug. 24, sway under the stars as the Denver Pops Orchestra plays A Beatles Tribute, featuring Mike Masse and the Rubber Souls. To purchase tickets for these concerts, visit CRgov.com/PSMConcerts.



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Water conservation and efficiency tip
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The heat has arrived, and even the plants are feeling it! Before adjusting your irrigation system, here are a few things to keep in mind. Kentucky Bluegrass, which most residents have, is a cool-season grass. That means it's the greenest during spring and fall when conditions are cooler. As temperatures soar over the summer, the cool-weather grass simply becomes dormant to survive and turns brown. To keep grass healthy, do not mow the lawn shorter than 2.5 inches. This helps keep the roots cool. Also, ensure head-to-head coverage of your sprinklers, and double-check that the soil beneath isn't layered with rocks. Consider replacing Kentucky bluegrass turf with a Texas Hybrid, a mix of more drought-tolerant rye, fescue and bluegrass, which does well in hot and dry conditions.

Events in Castle Rock

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Aug. 6: National Night Out, 5 to 8 p.m., The Plaza at Philip S. Miller Park.

Aug. 7: Coffee with a Cop, 9 to 10 a.m., Pegasus Restaurant.

Aug. 8 & 22: Dirt Jumps & Donuts, 6 to 8 p.m., Rhyolite Bike Park.

Aug. 9, 16, 23 & 30: Free Fitness Fridays, 8 to 9 a.m., the Amphitheater at Philip S. Miller Park.

Aug. 9: Street Party & Concert Under the Lights, 6 to 10 p.m., Wilcox Square.

Aug. 10: Reece's Roundup, 7 a.m. to noon, Philip S. Miller Park Trails & Challenge Hill.

Aug. 11, 17 & 25, Sept. 2: Rueter-Hess Paddle Days, 7:45 a.m. to 1 p.m., Rueter-Hess Reservoir.

Aug. 11, 18 & 25, Sept. 1: Farmer's Market, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., Festival Park.

Aug. 11, 18 & 25: Yoga in the Park, 9 to 10 a.m., the Amphitheater at Philip S. Miller Park.

Aug. 11: Summer Concert Series – The Guess Who, 6 to 10 p.m., the Amphitheater at Philip S. Miller Park.

Aug. 12-16: Recreation Center annual maintenance closure.

Aug. 15: Tunes for Trails, Perks for Parks – Junior Varsity Three, 6 to 9 p.m., the Amphitheater at Philip S. Miller Park.

Aug. 16: ACC Sturm Collaboration Campus Grand Opening, 2 to 6 p.m.

Aug. 17: Phenomenal Park Opening and Dedication, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Deputy Zack S. Parrish III Memorial Park.

Aug. 18: Sunday Dinner, 4 to 7 p.m., Festival Park.

Aug. 21: Small Fry Field Day, 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Miller Activity Complex.

Aug. 22: Taste of Douglas County, 5 to 8 p.m., Douglas County Events Center.

Aug. 24: Summer Concert Series – Denver Pops Orchestra, featuring Mike Masse and the Rubber Souls, 7 to 10 p.m., the Amphitheater at Philip S. Miller Park.

Aug. 29: Castle View Football First Responders and Military Appreciation Night, 7 to 10 p.m., Douglas County High School.

Aug. 31: Castle Rock Brew Fest Under the Stars, 4 to 10 p.m., the Amphitheater at Philip S. Miller Park.

Sept. 6: First Fridays – Artrageous Experience, 5 to 9 p.m., Festival Park.