

Your Town *News From Around the Rock* Talk

SEPTEMBER 2022

GOOD TO KNOW Summer events highlights

School is back in session, and the summer season is coming to a close. But, before the season completely winds down, celebrate the last few weeks of warm weather with several Town events planned for September.

FESTIVAL PARK FARMERS MARKET Sundays through Sept. 25, 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

Don't miss the final weeks of locally raised meats, farm-fresh eggs, and a variety of fresh produce, baked goods and artisan-made products. Hosted by The Local Colorado, the farmers market supports local businesses and agriculture.

TRI THE ROCK Sunday, Sept. 11, 6-10:30 a.m.

Come for a day of fun, food and prizes. This annual youth triathlon is for young athletes ages 5 to 18. More information and registration is available at CRgov.com/TriTheRock.

TUNES FOR TRAILS, PERKS FOR PARKS - GROOVEALICIOUS Thursday, Sept. 15, 6:30-9 p.m.

Give the summer season a proper send-off and support a good cause. Donations and a portion of liquor sales benefit the Castle Rock Parks and Trails Foundation. Learn more at CRgov.com/TrailTunes.



PUBLIC LANDS DAY Saturday, Sept. 24, 8-11:30 a.m.

Celebrate all things outdoors with a hike at Castle Rock's newest open space, Metzler Family Open Space. Register for one of three guided hikes. More information at CRgov.com/PublicLandsDay.

District 2, 4 open houses scheduled in September

September brings the final two Town Council open houses of 2022. The first provides the chance for District 2 residents in northeast Castle Rock to visit with Councilmember Laura Cavey while checking out the Town's newest park. The event will be from 4 to 6 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 13, at Cobblestone Ranch Park, 8571 Castle Oaks Drive.

The final open house of the year is for residents of District 4 in north-central Castle Rock and Downtown and will be held at Festival Park. Councilmember Desiree LaFleur will be at the event from 4 to 6 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 29.



Councilmember Cavey Councilmember LaFleur

The open houses are a chance for residents to meet and ask questions of their area's Councilmember and of Town staff. Information will be on display about each Town department and upcoming projects. There also will be free Kona Ice.

The park locations are weather permitting. In the event of inclement weather, the events will move to Fire Stations 155 and 151, respectively. Follow the Town on social media for real-time updates.

Water purification facility grand re-opening event offers tours, workshops and games

You turn on the tap, and clean water readily flows. We often take for granted how easily we can access high-quality drinking water. Behind the scenes, Castle Rock Water has a complex, state-of-the-art facility that processes water to high standards before it reaches your faucet.

The Plum Creek Water Purification Facility is open for tours, and you can see the impressive water treatment process firsthand at the grand re-opening celebration. Join us from 4 to 7 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 21, at 1929 Liggett Road, to see how 6 million gallons of water is treated daily to high standards. You'll learn about the advanced filtration process that attacks particles on a molecular scale.

In addition to seeing the water treatment process, you'll have the chance to ask our water engineers, planners and professionals about reuse water, long-term supply plans and conservation.

Mini workshops will be held every 30 minutes. You'll learn how to program your irrigation controller, get tips for winterization and find out about backflow prevention devices. Each workshop offers hands-on examples.

Activities for children will also be provided, like Bottle Bash, bubbles and watercolors. Gourmet hot dogs, salad and an ice cream sundae bar will be available for a quick, tasty bite.

CRPD seeks emergency contacts

The Castle Rock Police Department needs your company's emergency contacts, otherwise known as key holders.

A key holder is a business owner, employee or other trusted individual who has been given permission to access a business. When your company signs up for the Key Holder Program, CRPD can quickly contact an authorized individual to:

- Gain access to the business
- Alert them about an open or unlocked door that was discovered
- Ensure the building is properly secured in the event of an alarm activation
- Inform them of criminal activity that was found



Having this information on file and up to date is crucial to ensure a timely response. Registration takes less than five minutes.

For more information or to enroll in CRPD's Key Holder Program, visit CRgov.com/KeyHolder.

Fifth Street improvements project update

Join us for an open house for the Fifth Street improvements project from 4 to 6 p.m. Monday, Oct. 3, at Town Hall, 100 N. Wilcox St. At this open house, project information will be shared and the community will have opportunities to gain insight into the project's progress and provide feedback. This project will widen Fifth Street, from Gilbert Street to Founders Parkway to improve safety for the traveling public, reduce congestion and increase pedestrian access. The project design is scheduled for completion in late 2022. Construction is estimated to begin in 2023, with completion in 2024. For project information, visit CRgov.com/FifthStreet.

September is National Preparedness Month

September is recognized as National Preparedness Month to remind Americans to be ready for any disaster that could affect them, their homes, communities or businesses.

Can you answer "yes" to these preparedness questions?

- Do you know what emergencies or disasters are most likely to occur in your community?
- Do you have a family disaster plan and have you practiced it?
- Do you have a 72-hour survival kit?

Being prepared for disasters starts at home. Castle Rock Fire and Rescue urges you to make a plan today. Your family may not be together if a disaster strikes, so it's important to plan for a variety of circumstances. Preparedness resources can be found at CRgov.com/FamilyPreparedness.



Water conservation and efficiency tip:
CRconserve.com

Tips to help landscapes bounce back next spring:

1) Water fewer days for deeper roots, which is important for winter plant survival. **2)** Aerate to relieve compaction and reduce thatch. **3)** Fertilize with a slow-release (no-phosphorous) fertilizer. **4)** Replenish mulch around trees, shrubs and perennials to stabilize temperatures, retain moisture and reduce weeds. **5)** Wrap young, smooth-bark tree trunks to prevent sunscald and ice buildup. **6)** Before the first freeze, drain and blow out your irrigation system. Attend the Sept. 22 winterization workshop for more tips. Find details and register at CRconserve.com.

EVENTS

CRgov.com/Events

- Sept. 4, 18 & 25: Festival Park Farmers Market**, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Festival Park
- Sept. 6: Town Council meeting**, 6 p.m., Town Hall Council Chambers
- Sept. 10: Castle Rock Artfest**, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., Festival Park
- Sept. 11: Festival Park Farmers Market**, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Wilcox Building lawn
- Sept. 11: Castle Rock Artfest**, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Festival Park
- Sept. 11: Tri the Rock**, 6 to 10:30 a.m., Castle Rock Recreation Center
- Sept. 13: District 2 open house with Councilmember Cavey**, 4 to 6 p.m., Cobblestone Ranch Park
- Sept. 13: Animals Around the Rock**, 6 to 7 p.m., The Millhouse at Philip S. Miller Park
- Sept. 15: Tunes for Trails/Perks for Parks: Groovealicious**, 6:30 to 9 p.m., The Amphitheater at PSM Park
- Sept. 16: Glow Dance Party**, 6:30 to 9 p.m., The Amphitheater at PSM Park
- Sept. 17: Castle Rock Oktoberfest**, 1 to 9 p.m., Wilcox Square
- Sept. 20: Town Council meeting**, 6 p.m., Town Hall Council Chambers
- Sept. 21: Castle Rock Water open house**, 4 to 7 p.m., Plum Creek Water Purification Facility
- Sept. 24: National Public Lands Day**, 8 a.m. to 11:30 p.m., meet at Metzler Ranch Park
- Sept. 29: District 4 open house with Councilmember LaFleur**, 4 to 6 p.m., Festival Park
- Oct. 1: Castle Rock Trail Festival and Live Big Run**, 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., PSM Park
- Oct. 4: Town Council meeting**, 6 p.m., Town Hall Council Chambers



Join the Town team

If you love what you do, you will never work a day in your life. The Town of Castle Rock wants to add to its incredible team which loves its job serving the community. Find open positions at CRgov.com/Jobs.