

Your Town

Talk

May 2021

Ready to rock!

Summer is a special time of year in Castle Rock — warm nights, great memories and amazing community events. And, we have good news. Live music is back! Rock the summer season with a whole host of community events. Here's a sneak peek:

Summer Concert Series

Tickets are on sale now for Castle Rock's premier live music events. Nestled in the beautiful setting of Philip S. Miller Park, The Amphitheater is the perfect place to spend a summer night. Check out the 2021 lineup:

- **38 Special** — Saturday, June 19
- **Parmalee** — Saturday, July 10
- **The Beach Boys** — Thursday, Aug. 5
- **Castle Rock Summer Jam featuring Sublime with Rome** — Saturday, Aug. 21
- **Super Diamond with The Denver Pops** — Saturday, Sept. 11

Get tickets and more information at CRgov.com/PSMConcerts.

Festival Park Farmers Market

Head to Festival Park every Sunday for fresh produce, local vendors and more. The Festival Park Farmers Market will have unique, handmade products from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Sundays from May through September. More information is available at CRgov.com/FarmersMarket.

Date Night — Murder Mystery

Don't miss this interactive, murder mystery comedy, dinner show Friday, May 21. Solve a hilarious crime while you feast on a four-course dinner buffet at The Millhouse at Philip S. Miller Park. Reservations are required. Head to CRgov.com/DateNight for more.

First Fridays

If Friday can't come fast enough, we have the perfect way to celebrate. The First Fridays event series is back for 2021! On the first Friday of the month, June through September, head to Festival Park to enjoy live music, food, cocktails and more. Start off the night with the free First Fridays 5K, then don't miss the chance to make family memories Downtown. More at CRgov.com/FirstFridays.

Good to Know

Change lives with Climb4Change

This spring, changing up your workout could impact someone's life. Don't miss Climb4Change Saturday, May 22.

Professionally timed events will be held from 6:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on the Challenge Hill at Philip S. Miller Park. The 200 steps offer a great workout and a great way to give back to the Castle Rock community. The Climb4Change events are:

- **Power Hour**
- **ClimbNRun 5K/10K**
- **Trail Reps**
- **Race to the Top**
- **Run4Fun (non-timed)**

Climb4Change raises money and awareness for the Town's adaptive recreation program. The program supports members of the community, and their families, who have cognitive and physical disabilities and helps them live an active lifestyle.

Learn more about the event at CRgov.com/Climb4Change.

Uncover Castle Rock's story

It's about the journey, not the destination. Discover the history behind Castle Rock and the journey our community has taken with Scavenge the Rock. In celebration of Historic Preservation Month, uncover the stories that have helped shape our Town, and participate in a scavenger hunt that will be fun for the entire family.

A partnership among the Castle Rock Museum, Downtown Merchants Association, Historic Preservation Board and the Town, this scavenger hunt is designed to help participants learn about the history of our Town.

Here's how to play along: Between Saturday, May 1, and Friday, June 4, pick up a clue sheet at the Castle Rock Museum, 420 Elbert St. The museum is open from noon to 5 p.m. Wednesdays through Fridays and 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturdays. Spend the afternoon, or weekend, trying to answer the questions and complete the scavenger hunt. Return the completed clue sheet to the museum for a chance to win prizes — including gift cards, concert tickets and more!

More information is available on the museum's website, castlerockhistoricalsociety.org.

Paving the way for a vibrant Downtown

As our Downtown continues to flourish, you will notice several construction projects taking place this spring and summer.

A roundabout is under construction at Wilcox and South streets, and work is expected to continue through June. During most of the construction, Wilcox Street will be fully closed between First and Phelps streets. View a detour map and project updates at CRgov.com/WilcoxRoundabout.

Also, four Downtown alleyways will be reconstructed to improve access, safety and drainage. Motorists and pedestrians can expect full closures of these alleys through July. Additional alley improvements will be explored as the Town kicks off a Downtown Alley Master Plan later this year. The goal of the plan is to create a bicycle- and pedestrian-friendly environment. Stay tuned for opportunities to provide feedback on this plan.

Preparing for drought conditions

Colorado is in a drought, the third in the last two decades. Winter and spring have not brought the level of water needed to replenish the land, the reservoirs and our water supplies. Castle Rock Water, however, is prepared. When renewable water from East Plum Creek is low, we can ramp up groundwater pumping, as well as increase imported water and reuse water. We have diversified our sources to have a strong water portfolio. But, we still ask our customers to conserve.

With 50% of our water going toward irrigation, Castle Rock Water relies on customers' adherence to the watering schedules. Watering intermittently, and in the cooler hours of the evening, helps reduce water waste and evaporation.

Summer conditions are expected to be dry, so Castle Rock Water is preparing for the possibility of implementing our Drought Management Plan. This plan outlines when additional conservation measures are needed. Stage 1 is a voluntary request to reduce irrigation for an anticipated 10% water savings. While we hope not to get to Stage 2, this stage is a mandatory reduction of watering to two times a week, for an anticipated 25% water savings. Find the Drought Management Plan at CRgov.com/WaterPlans.



Water conservation and efficiency tip
CRconserve.com

Irrigation season is finally here. So, keep in mind, water schedules are in effect May 1 through Sept. 30. These staggered watering days apply to all Castle Rock Water customers. Additionally, residents should only water before 8 a.m. or after 8 p.m. Nonresidential customers are permitted to water between midnight and 8 a.m. These schedules help customers water during the cooler evening hours, when less evaporation takes place. Plus, your plants don't need water every day. A good soaking, and then drying out, allows plant roots to dig deeper into the moist soil. This creates a healthier and more drought-resistant plant. Watering every day will keep the roots close to the surface, allowing more evaporation and requiring even more water. Watering schedules aren't about restricting water, but being more efficient with water! Visit CRconserve.com/WaterSchedule.

Events in Castle Rock CRgov.com/Events

May 8: International Youth Ballet, 6:30 to 8 p.m., The Amphitheater at Philip S. Miller Park.

May 9, 16, 23, 30 & June 6: Festival Park Farmer's Market, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Festival Park.

May 21: Date Night — Murder Mystery, 6:30 to 10 p.m., The Millhouse at Philip S. Miller Park. Join us for an interactive murder mystery comedy dinner show.

May 22: Climb4Change, 6:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., Trails and Challenge Hill at Philip S. Miller Park.

May 31: Memorial Day, Town offices closed; Recreation Center open 5 a.m. to 2 p.m.; MAC open 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

June 4: Fitness Fridays, 8 to 9 a.m., The Amphitheater at Philip S. Miller Park.

June 4: First Fridays, Festival Park. On the first Friday of the month, June through September, head to Festival Park to enjoy live music, food trucks, cocktails and more. Start off the night with the First Fridays 5K, then enjoy the time Downtown.

June 5: National Trails Day, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Gateway Mesa Open Space. Celebrate National Trails Day by breaking ground on the final section of the Legacy Trail.

June 6: Elephant Rock, 6 a.m. to 6 p.m., Douglas County Fairgrounds. Elephant Rock is a true Colorado cycling classic, dating back more than 30 years. More information at rollmassif.com/elephantrock.

June 6: Yoga in the Park, 9 to 10 a.m., The Amphitheater at Philip S. Miller Park.

Headed Downtown? Check out CRgov.com/DowntownParking for area parking information before you go.

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On the Web: Youth camps now registering

Summer break is right around the corner. Keep your kids busy while school is out. It's not too late to register for a youth summer camp. Choose from athletic camps, the Great Outdoors or a more traditional day-camp experience. More information is at CRgov.com/Camps.