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### **Magazine ranks Castle Rock among 10 best in nation for families**

Town of Castle Rock residents can stand up and take a collective bow on Tuesday, July 10, the day that Family Circle magazine unveils its "10 Best Towns for Families."

That's because the Town of Castle Rock made Family Circle's list – the first of its kind for the national magazine celebrating women and families.

The magazine's 10 Best Towns for Families article appears in the August edition, which hits newsstands nationwide on July 10. The article shares the results of the magazine's quest to identify "the best communities across the country that combine big-city opportunities with suburban charm" and "an ideal blend of affordable houses, good jobs, top-rated schools, wide-open spaces and a lot less stress."

"That describes Castle Rock perfectly," Castle Rock Mayor Randy Reed said of the results of Family Circle's investigation. "If you asked 100 people why they moved to Castle Rock, 95 percent of them would probably cite the community's small-town charm and family friendliness."

Reed said while it's great to be recognized nationally as a great place for families, it's reward enough to experience family life in Castle Rock. "Every time I walk out my front door I think about how fortunate I am to have landed here 20 years ago with my wife and two daughters."

To come up with its 10 Best Towns for Families, Family Circle partnered with On Board, a New York City research firm providing real estate and demographic data to assemble a list of 1,850 places with populations between 15,000 and 150,000 and a high concentration of households with an average income of \$65,000. That list was pared to 800 based on criteria such as cost of living, jobs, schools, health care, air quality, green space and crime rate. Family Circle assessed which towns best met those standards and ranked them according to state. The winners were selected from the highest-rated towns in the top 10 states nationwide. The other nine "10 Best Towns for Families" are:

- Diamond Bar, California
- Morton Grove, Illinois
- Cedar Park, Texas
- Derby, Kansas
- Kennesaw, Georgia

- Cooper City, Florida
- Madison, Mississippi
- Franklin, Massachusetts
- Chanhassen, Minnesota

Family Circle Magazine's "10 best Towns for Families" honor is the latest in a string of national rankings awarded Castle Rock in recent years. In 2006, BusinessWeek magazine named Castle Rock No. 9 of the top 25 "best and most affordable suburbs in the United States." In a 2005 CNN Money Magazine report on the best places to live, Castle Rock ranked No. 1 in job growth.

### **About the Town of Castle Rock, Colo.**

- Home to slightly more than 42,000 people
- Located midway between Denver and Colorado Springs on Colorado's Front Range
- Encompasses 33 square miles
- Elevation 6,202 feet
- More than 1,000 acres of open space
- 16 neighborhood and community parks
- 30 miles of paved trail, 13 miles of soft-surface trail and 104 miles of connector sidewalks
- Founded 1874, incorporated 1881, celebrated 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2006
- Our climate is among the nation's best, with more than 300 days of sunshine.
- Web Site: [www.CRgov.com](http://www.CRgov.com)

### **About Family Circle**

Published 15 times a year by Meredith Corporation, with a circulation of 3.9 million and 20 million readers, *Family Circle* is one of the most widely read monthly magazines in the world. *Family Circle* provides smart, relevant advice, sensible solutions, and inspiration in a voice that encourages and celebrates success in its pages and online at [www.familycircle.com](http://www.familycircle.com). *Family Circle* has always been committed to women's issues and in 1973 became the first women's magazine to fully underwrite a professional women's sporting event, the Family Circle Cup, an annual women's tennis tournament held in April in Charleston, S.C., at *Family Circle* Magazine Stadium. Family Circle also partners with CBS Television's *The Early Show* for a monthly on-air segment with Hannah Storm called "In the Family Circle."