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UPCOMING PARKS AND RECREATION EVENTS

- **Friday, February 12**
 - Daddy Daughter Ball, Douglas County Events Center, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.
- **Monday, February 29**
 - Colorado Bluebird Project Open House, Town Hall – Council Chambers, 7 - 8 p.m.
- **Wednesday, March 9**
 - Colorado Bluebird Project Nest Box Monitoring Training, Public Safety Training Facility, 7 - 8:30 p.m.
- **Tuesday, March 29**
 - Ridgeline Wranglers Season Kick-off Informational Meeting, The Grange, 7 - 8 p.m.
- **Wednesday, April 6**
 - Rhyolite Bike Park Dirt Crew Season Kick-off Informational Meeting, Philip S. Miller Library, 7 - 8 p.m.
- **Saturday, April 16**
 - Earth Day Wetlands Harvest and Planting, Festival and Philip S. Miller Parks, 9 a.m. – Noon
- **Wednesday, April 20**
 - Wild In Our Town, Town Hall Council Chambers, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.
- **Wednesday, April 27**
 - Race the MAC Series Kickoff, Philip S. Miller Park, 5 – 8 p.m.
- **Saturday, April 30**
 - Ridgeline Rampage Mountain Bike Race, Philip S. Miller Park/Ridgeline Open Space, all day



**Ridgeline
Wranglers**



Annual Christmas Tree Recycling

PREPARED BY CANDY KELLER, SENIOR MAINTENANCE TECHNICIAN

As part of the annual Christmas Tree Recycling Program, Christmas trees were collected at four locations including Centennial, Founders, Metzler Ranch and Paintbrush parks. Additional locations were added as a convenience for residents to have multiple drop off sites. There have been 2,005 trees chipped so far this year, including 453 at Founders, 927 trees at Paintbrush, 110 trees at Centennial, and 515 at Metzler Ranch parks. Mulch is still available for pickup. It continues to be another successful year for the Christmas tree recycling program.

Hoopla – Youth Basketball Tournament

PREPARED BY SCOTT SMEETON, ATHLETICS SUPERVISOR

All full-time staff and many part-time staff members spent much of the last half of January planning for the 10th annual Hoopla youth basketball event. The Hoopla event

is held the last week of January and features 3 on 3 games, skills challenge competitions. The event culminated on Saturday, January 30 with the All League (All-Star) games for fifth through eighth grade boys and girls. The selection process for the All League Players is as follows: respective teams go through a four week voting process in which opposing coaches and game officials vote for two players from each team who exemplify good sportsmanship, teamwork, hustle and high level of play. Coaches of each team are presented with the players who are selected and provide their input to ensure all players meet the criteria and approve of those selected. Prior to each All League Game players are announced and given medals with their name, which designate their selection to their respective team. Players and parents really enjoy this!



Special Events

PREPARED BY JENNIFER MARTIN, SPECIAL PROGRAMS SUPERVISOR

The Parks and Recreation team have been formalizing event policies and procedures for Philip S. Miller Park including the amphitheater, millhouse, pavilions and trails. In addition, the team has been partnering / collaborating to simplify the event application process, policies and procedures, fees and calendaring of Town wide events as well. These events include organized activities for 75 or more people that involve street closures or include event components requiring the coordination of a number of Town departments or other agencies such as the use of alcohol, on-site cooking, food sales, or large-scale temporary structures will be reviewed through the Town wide Special Event Permit Process. Examples include festivals, parades, runs/walks, farmer's markets and other planned group activities.

The Town accepted applications for 2016 events through January 15 for the 2016 calendar year. More than 75 applications were received and are being reviewed by the



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Town's Special Event Committee. There were 26 applications for Philip S. Miller Park. Applicants are in the process of being notified of their application status. Events range from cycling events, trail running races, festivals and family friendly activities. In addition, we are still receiving daily phone calls with multiple requests for reserving the millhouse for private parties, meetings, weddings, graduations, church services, etc.

Once applicants are approved for special events, event information will be placed online, with the exception of private parties.

Applications for the 2017 year will be accepted beginning September 7, 2016.

MILLER ACTIVITY COMPLEX

MAC Facilities

PREPARED BY MIKE KILMAN, FACILITIES SUPERVISOR

In 2015 Toddler Gymnastics was moved from the Recreation Center to the Miller Activity Complex. This program introduces balancing, tumbling, hanging and agility skills, which help children develop a love of physical activity and pride in their achievements.

Strength, flexibility and agility are increased as teachers introduce gymnastic skills. Safe spotting techniques build communication skills and increase self-esteem and confidence. Relays, complex games and beginning sports skills lead to increased strength, enhanced motor ability and improved hand-eye coordination.

In addition to having fun with structured games, fascinating adventures, and pre-gymnastics, program participants gain fine and gross motor proficiency and strengthen manipulative skills.

While the program was being offered at the Recreation Center the class was held in the gymnasium. In 2014 there were 259 participants.

In 2015 at the Miller Activity Complex, where the class is offered on the indoor turf, the toddler gymnastics program had 603 participants. Parents love the friendly environment of the Miller Activity Complex, frequently commenting on their ability to stay and play on the children's play structure and trampoline after the class is over.



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MAC Birthday Parties

PREPARED BY MARCY JONES, YOUTH ACTIVITY COORDINATOR

January 2016 MAC Birthday Parties	
Leisure Pool / Climbing Structure	43
Trampoline	3
Trampoline + Leisure Pool / Climbing Structure	18
Jumping Castle	1
Jumping Castle + Leisure Pool / Climbing Structure	0
Turf	2
Turf + Leisure Pool / Climbing Structure	0
Turf + Trampoline	1
Turf + Trampoline + Leisure Pool / Climbing Structure	0
Bump Soccer	1
Batting Cages	0
Total Birthday Parties	69
Total Revenue	\$11,749

MAC Fitness

PREPARED BY COURTNEY GLASS, FITNESS / WELLNESS COORDINATOR

All sessions of fee-based fitness classes at the MAC in January filled quickly.

January Classes	Attendance	Gross Revenue
AeroFit	9	\$795
FIT Moms	11	\$770
Power Hour Boot Camp	11	\$785
TRX (60 minutes)	8	\$520

Indoor Field Rentals and Athletics

PREPARED BY NICOLE STEHLIK, ATHLETICS SUPERVISOR

Staff has received almost the same amount of money toward facility rentals as received last year, despite there being less reservation time due to additional adult and youth soccer programming. There has been an increase in the number of contracts receiving discounts due to the larger amount of reservation hours.



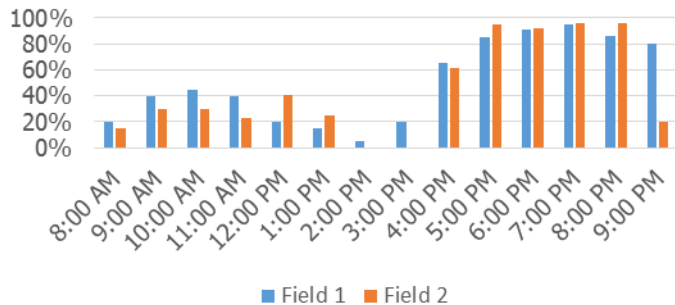
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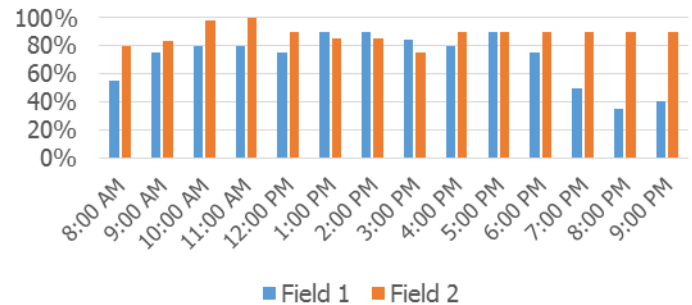
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Weekday Field Utilization



Weekend Field Utilization



Athletics

Adult Sports

Adult soccer finished taking registration and games are underway. Staff hit another record for team registration. Registration counts increased by two teams which is partially due to the women's division exceeding expectations by jumping from four to seven teams. In comparison to last year the program has increased by six teams for the same season.

Youth Sports

Youth soccer has experienced growth. Registration increased by four teams from last season and by two teams from last year for the same season. Staff increased the fees this season to align them with the market for similar offerings since offering the introductory season. The increase in fees raised over \$5,000 more in revenue.

Colorado Soccer Buddies continues to produce solid numbers for their soccer camps.

As the first sport camp held at the MAC, 15 kids enrolled beginning in November 2014. Registration has increased drastically with 200 kids enrolled in January. They have been creative in utilizing blow-up dividers on the fields in order to create more space and assist keeping the kids confined to certain areas as most of the programs are designated for toddler to lower elementary age children.



PARKS, OPEN SPACE AND TRAILS – PLANNING AND CONSTRUCTION DIVISION

Philip S. Miller Park

PREPARED BY JEFF SMULLEN, MANAGER OF PARK PLANNING AND CONSTRUCTION

MW Golden Constructors is nearing substantial completion of Phase two improvements with the exception of landscape and irrigation. All concrete work, the restroom, Millhouse and pavilions are complete. Remaining work includes landscape and irrigation, finish grading and the amphitheater stage canopy fabric.

Irrigation mainline installation is ongoing and trees and sod will be installed as irrigation and weather permits. The amphitheater stage canopy fabric is scheduled for February 22.



Festival Park

Design Workshop, design consultant to the Festival Park project, is preparing to send 60 percent design drawings to a third party construction contractor for estimating services. Estimates will be used to gauge the probable cost of the project and determine whether improvements fall within the approved budget, or to determine if modifications must be made to the plans before they reach a higher level of detail. In addition, the project civil engineering consultant is working to address discrepancies in

the floodplain modeling and to ensure improvements planned for Sellar's Gulch are compatible with storm water requirements.

Red Hawk Ridge Golf Course Improvements

PREPARED BY RICH HAVEL, TRAILS PLANNER

As a premier municipally owned and managed golf course, golf staff has continued to look at ways to improve upon the course's high standards. In late October, park and golf staff met to discuss what improvements will be made to the facility; these items include realigning and replacing cart paths with concrete as well as adding and replacing restrooms from portable units to composting restrooms.

Four contractors submitted bids for concrete cart path work and T2 Construction submitted the low responsive bid in the amount of \$133,439.58 to construct new concrete cart paths along holes one, two and 18 and the driving range. T2 Construction provided excellent references and can meet the Town's schedule to compete the project. Construction will begin on March 15 and if weather permits will be completed on April 15.

Wolfensberger Pedestrian Bridge

The Wolfensberger Bridge Project will link Philip S. Miller Park with Ridgeline Open Space, creating a continuous 17-mile trail loop on a connected 650 acres of park and open space property. The project will provide an important link on a future major trail loop through Town, increasing opportunities for special events and enhance the experience of trail users as well as safety concerns of crossing a major roadway.



In early January weather was favorable to allow the contractor to construct foundation forms, place rebar mats and pour 95 cubic yards of concrete to complete abutment and wall footings. Additionally, three quarters of the abutments and wing walls have been constructed totaling an additional 80 cubic yards of concrete. The project is currently on schedule to be completed with the Philip S. Miller Park Phase two improvements this spring pending good weather conditions.



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2016 Colorado Bluebird Project

PREPARED BY BARBARA SPAGNUOLO, NATURAL RESOURCES SPECIALIST AND LISA SORBO, POST PROGRAM COORDINATOR

January kicks off the Colorado Bluebird Project with educational presentations to participating schools. In January, the overview component to this project was provided to students at five local schools that are participating in this project: Castle Rock Elementary, Clear Sky Elementary, Flagstone Elementary, Mesa Middle School and Renaissance Magnet School. This month, Natural Resource Specialist, Barbara Spagnuolo, and POST Partner Program Coordinator, Lisa Sorbo gave overview presentations about the Bluebird Project to each of the schools. Students were given POST Partner water bottle as thank you gifts for their participation in the program. Parks staff will return to these schools for a second presentation on monitoring techniques, duties and responsibilities in February.

Also coming in February, the general public is invited to attend the Bluebird Project Open House to learn more about how they can directly help bluebirds and the Town of Castle Rock with this project. Volunteers are needed to help monitor their nesting boxes and breeding activity from April through August. The Open House is on Monday, February 29 from 7 to 8 p.m. at Town Hall.