

The Cornerstone Tribute: Nomination Form

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Name of individual or organization nominated:

Dennis Carnahan

Address: 1430 Fox Canyon Lane

Castle Rock, CO 80104

Contact number: _____

Individual or Organization making the nomination:

Town of Castle Rock Parks & Recreation Department POST Partners Program

Address: 1375 W. Plum Creek Parkway

Castle Rock, CO 80109

Contact number: 303-814-7456

Check the appropriate Cornerstone(s) the nominee has supported:

Town identity Community planning Community services Local economy

Explain in detail, how the Nominee has supported the above-named Cornerstone Tribute. Attach separate sheet if necessary.

Dennis Carnahan is a founding member of Keepers of the Rock – the group that maintains Rock Park through the Town’s POST Partners Volunteer Program. He has been with Keepers of the Rock since 2004, consistently volunteering one Saturday a month between April and November for the last 16 years, always with enthusiasm, dedication and energy for this voluntarism.

Keepers of the Rock is an all-volunteer group that adopted the Town of Castle Rock’s namesake, Rock Park, as part of the Town’s POST Partners Volunteer Program, in hopes of making significant improvements to the area and have been successful in doing just that. The group conducts monthly restoration days at Rock Park in cooperation with Castle Rock Teen Court. Together, they accomplish amazing work. This has included maintaining 1.4 miles of trail and 62 acres of open space, repairing retaining walls, closing and restoring social trails, removing trash and noxious weeds and performing erosion control.

As Crew Leader since 2008, Dennis Carnahan leads teen crews and takes the time to teach the youth the importance that their trail building and restoration activities can have on the overall conservation efforts. Dennis' upbeat attitude and enthusiasm for conservation and stewardship has had a positive effect on many individuals in the Teen Court program, who respond with appreciation and hard work.

Dennis' significant effort to influence and improve the quality of their community through parks, recreation and community services has led to numerous honors throughout Colorado. Recently, the Colorado Parks and Recreation Association honored Dennis as a Community Champion; Denver 7 News honored Dennis as one of its Everyday Heroes; and the American Trails Magazine highlighted his unique leadership to the community.

Everything Dennis does is above the scope of his duties, it seems as though he never goes home. You can find him at the park every day doing some kind of activity that is making it an enjoyable place for everyone that visits. He regularly attends Parks and Recreation Commission meetings to update the members of the group's efforts. As one of the Town's most dedicated volunteers, Dennis Carnahan truly represents one of the main goals of the POST Partners Volunteer Program, which is to build community pride in the Town's parks, opens space, and trail areas. This park would not look as good as it does if we did not have Dennis.

We are nominating Dennis Carnahan for a Cornerstone Tribute for his tireless dedication to preserving The Rock.

As Dennis likes to say to everyone around him, "Thanks for all you do!"

Submit Nominations to:

Castle Rock Town Clerk
100 North Wilcox Street
Castle Rock, Colorado 80104