



Castle Rock
**PARKS &
RECREATION**
January 2023
Monthly Report



UPCOMING

Events

View up-to-date information at CRgov.com/Events.

FEB
16
**COLORADO BLUEBIRD PROJECT
OPEN HOUSE**
7 - 8 p.m.
The Millhouse at Philip S. Miller Park

MARCH
1
**COLORADO BLUEBIRD PROJECT
NEST BOX MONITOR TRAINING**
6:30 - 8 p.m.
The Millhouse at Philip S. Miller Park

APRIL
22
**EARTH DAY VOLUNTEER PROJECT
AND FESTIVAL**
9 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Festival Park

CAPITAL PROJECT UPDATES

Parks, Open Space & Trails

The following updates summarize general progress that occurred throughout the month on capital projects managed through the Parks and Recreation Department; for background information and additional details visit CRgov.com/ProjectUpdates.



MATNEY PARK ATHLETIC FIELD TURF REPLACEMENT

- Town Council approved a services agreement with Academy Sports Turf to replace the synthetic turf athletic field at Matney Park. This project was identified as a priority in the department's 2019-2024 Capital Improvement Plan and will address an 180' by 300' field originally installed in 2007 that has exceeded its projected lifespan of approximately 8-10 years. Academy has commenced work and plans to complete the project as soon as possible to allow for sports use.



METZLER FAMILY OPEN SPACE

- Parking lot construction continued with grading work throughout December and January. Depending on weather, grading will continue with eventual concrete placement. The department plans to have the parking lot completed with new open space signage in place by spring.
- Results of the homestead's water testing were received, indicating that the water is safe for human consumption.



BUTTERFIELD PARK RENOVATION

- Concrete placements continued throughout the month, especially in the playground area, and the remaining playground amenities will be placed throughout February.
- The Facilities Division is currently obtaining bids to reroof the restroom and the poolhouse. Painters will also be contracted to update and refresh these facilities prior to the park's reopening.

CAPITAL PROJECT UPDATES

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SPORTS DEVELOPMENT CENTER AT THE BRICKYARD

- Barker Rinker Seacat Architecture is nearing completion on the schematic design process for the proposed sports development center as part of the Brickyard. The designs will set various drawings to map out the facility's interior and exterior, including plans, elevations and systems. Staff will review the designs with Town Council in first quarter 2023 to obtain feedback on the general direction outlined to date. Staff will also soon meet with the Town's Building Division to review code requirements for the proposed new facility.



COLORADO FRONT RANGE TRAIL AT CASTLE ROCK

- Walls were poured for the river crossing along McMurdo Gulch and the rough grading was completed in the central trail segment.
- Staff are continuing to work with external partner groups, the railroad, the trail designer and the contractor to solidify next steps and ensure the project stays on schedule for respective trail connections, railroad crossings and construction work.
- Concrete will begin to be set this spring as temperatures increase.



PUBLIC ART

- A foundation was poured for a future sculpture installation in the Town Hall Plaza. The sculpture, *Still Wild*, will be installed in late February or early March and will feature 15-foot tall flowers that light up at night. The Public Art Commission will host an unveiling event to formally dedicate the piece on behalf of the Town.

PROGRAM PARTICIPATION

Summary

4

attendees on the Full Moon Hike at Ridgeline Open Space



11

participants in snowshoeing and dogsledding adventures



106

adults enrolled in pottery, Spanish or dance



130

youth enrolled in dance, KidzArt, KidStage or fencing

157

enrolled in Adventure Club Preschool



14

enrolled in Toddler Time

78

Middle School Madness participants



96

enrolled in school break camps



125

Learn to Swim program offerings



260

Learn to Swim program participants



Programs **WAITLISTED**

due to high demand and lack of facility space

27

for camps and Adventure Club Preschool

26

for Learn to Swim

16

for KidStage

15

for pottery

THERAPEUTIC RECREATION

Staffing Updates

TEAM WELCOMES NEW THERAPEUTIC RECREATION SPECIALIST

The Parks and Recreation Department is pleased to announce that Austin Wheatley has joined as the new Therapeutic Recreation Specialist. Hailing from Texas, Austin graduated from the University of Texas at San Antonio with an undergraduate degree in exercise science and a minor in psychology. He further pursued his master's degree in recreation and leisure studies with an emphasis in therapeutic recreation at Texas State University, graduating in the previous year.

Recently certified as a therapeutic recreation specialist (CTRS), Austin is excited for his first professional opportunity in Castle Rock, a beautiful location with a fresh landscape. His passion for exploration and adventure made the opportunity to move to the state all the more appealing. Austin's vision for the Therapeutic Recreation program is to assist participants in achieving their personal health and wellness goals, while continually developing and providing high-quality therapeutic opportunities as the Town's Therapeutic Recreation program evolves.

As he transitions to his new role, Austin looks forward to meeting more participants and their families. Please extend a warm welcome to Austin if you see him around town!



PARKS, OPEN SPACE & Trails

POST Partners Volunteer Program

- 1 memorial bench installed at Cobblestone Ranch Park
- 2 split log benches constructed and installed at Ridgeline Open Space by a scout seeking Eagle rank
- 5 more scouts seeking Eagle rank continued partnership while working on their projects
- Hangman's Gulch Trail was adopted by Douglas County High School's Green Team
- Metzler Ranch Community Park was adopted by the Renaissance Environmental Team
- Metzler Family Open Space was adopted by the Rotary Club of Castle Rock
- Outdoor POST events cancelled due to snow and low temps

The POST Partners Volunteer Program seeks to provide fun, skill-building volunteer opportunities that contribute to the beautification of the Town's parks, open spaces and trails.

Parks Operations and Maintenance



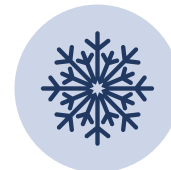
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trolley rentals



166

hours spent building and refurbishing additional flower boxes, in partnership with the Downtown Development Authority, saving \$5,000 in labor costs



460

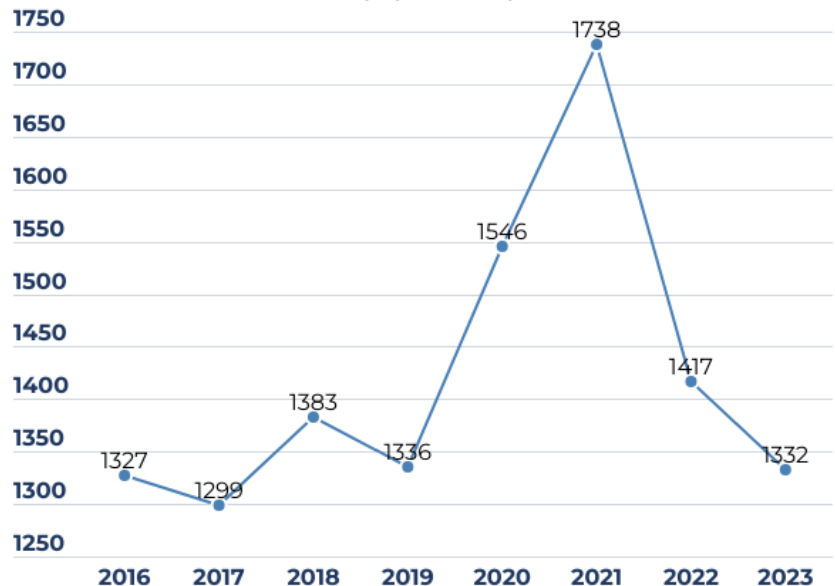
hours spent on snow removal

CHRISTMAS TREE RECYCLING

For nearly two decades, the Park Operations and Maintenance Division has recycled Christmas trees for Castle Rock residents. From Dec. 26 through Jan. 31, the Park Operations and Maintenance team recycled 1,332 trees dropped off at Metzler Ranch, Founders and Paintbrush parks and the Douglas County Fairgrounds.

The mulch is used in Town-owned parks and other landscaped areas. Beginning in April, the mulch will also be available to residents on a first-come, first-served basis through Oct. 31. The mulch can be picked up on Saturdays from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. at the Douglas County slash-mulch site at Caprice Drive.

NUMBER OF TREES RECYCLED ANNUALLY



VEHICLE COUNTER

Summary

GATEWAY MESA OPEN SPACE

The data below is collected through TRAFx, a state-of-the-art vehicle counter collection software.

