



PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

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UPCOMING PARKS AND RECREATION EVENTS

- **August 10-14**
 - Recreation Center closed for maintenance
- **August 10-16**
 - Recreation Center gym and racquetball courts closed
- **Saturday, August 29**
 - Pedal the Moon, family bike ride along East Plum Creek Trail, 8:30 – 10 p.m. Meet at Butterfield Park pavilion
- **Saturday, September 12**
 - Pooch Plunge, Butterfield Pool, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.
- **Monday, September 23**
 - Volunteer Bluebird Recognition Pot luck, Public Service Training Facility, 6 - 8 p.m.
- **Saturday, October 3**
 - Cyclocross Race, Rhyolite Regional Park, 6 a.m. – 4 p.m.
- **Saturday, October 17**
 - liveBig, Philip S. Miller Park, 7:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.
- **Saturday, October**
 - Spooktacular, Recreation Center, 1-3 p.m.
- **Saturday, November and Sunday, November**
 - Big Rock Bowl, flag football tournament, Bison Park, 9 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
- **Saturday, December 12**
 - Cyclocross Race, Rhyolite Regional Park, 6 a.m. – 4 p.m.



PEDAL THE MOON WHERE THE FUN IS AS FULL AS THE MOON!

PREPARED BY JOHN JORGENSEN, OPEN SPACE SUPERVISOR

The sixth annual fun filled bike ride on August 29 will begin at Butterfield Park and proceed south along the East Plum Creek Trail to finish at Festival Park in Downtown Castle Rock. This ride will take place on mostly flat terrain and is geared for riders of all ages. Registered riders will have a chance to win fabulous prizes including three new cruiser bikes! Winners must be present to win. All riders must wear a helmet and have a front headlamp and blinking rear light. Riders are encouraged to light and decorate their bikes.

Adventure Playground and Trails Award

PREPARED BY BARBARA SPAGNUOLO, NATURAL RESOURCE SPECIALIST

In July, the Town was awarded a Colorado Lottery Starburst Award for the Philip S. Miller Park Adventure Playground & Trail System project. Starburst Awards recognize excellence in the use of Lottery funds for community and conservation projects. Winners are chosen based on the creativity of the project, the economic and social impact on the community, and whether the project achieved its goal. This is the Town's third Starburst Award with the other awards for the Quarry Mesa acquisition in 2008 and East Plum Creek Trail (phase 4) in 2009. The award will be presented to Town Council by Lottery representatives in September or October.



Parks, Open Space and Trails – Planning and Construction Division

Philip S. Miller Park

PREPARED BY JEFF SMULLEN, SUPERINTENDENT OF PLANNING AND CONSTRUCTION

MW Golden Constructors continues to build momentum on phase 2 construction. The restroom masonry and structural steel are now complete. The pool company continues to install plumbing and equipment for the core plaza splash pad and final grading for the core plaza is underway.

The millhouse is now ready for vertical construction. In July, all underground utilities were completed and the foundation was backfilled. The floor framing, decking and lightweight concrete floors were installed and the structural steel is in place. Walls and roof framing will be completed in August.

All amphitheater concrete footings are complete and the masonry subcontractor is building the walls for the seating areas. The large boulders that will be incorporated into the amphitheater were also delivered to the site and are ready for installation as soon as the masonry walls are complete.



JBL Excavating has cleared, grubbed and graded the concrete trail that will connect the adventure playground to the millhouse and amphitheater area. This path will create over a one mile accessible trail loop connecting all of the major amenities within Philip S. Miller Park.



Parks, Recreation, Open Space and Trails Master Plan

Staff is working to finalize the 2015 Parks, Recreation, Open Space and Trails Master Plan. This document was last updated in 2002. The Master Plan is expected to be completed by early August and will be presented to Council for consideration in September.

Trail Projects

PREPARED BY RICH HAVEL, TRAILS PLANNER

Wolfensberger Pedestrian Bridge

Engineering and design plans have been completed for the pedestrian bridge with only minor modifications from the original concept plan. Changes included differences in topographical data collected from the field by the engineering team; those changes reflected an elevation adjustment and in turn increased the height of both the abutment and wing walls of the structure. With the increased wall sizes also came an increase in the project costs of approximately \$45,000. The total project cost with engineering and design is \$658,750 with an add alternate of \$44,000 for a Rhyolite stone facing for the exposed concrete walls to match existing monument entry structures nearby.

The project has been identified to be constructed in 2016. However, if the project is constructed in 2015, the Town will save \$56,850 in costs. Staff will present the project to Council for approval to be constructed in 2015 on August 18. If approved, the pedestrian bridge will be completed by the end of this year.

Open Space Projects

Colorado Bluebird Project

PREPARED BY BARBARA SPAGNUOLO, NATURAL RESOURCE SPECIALIST

Weekly monitoring of the bluebird nest boxes is wrapping up for the 2015 season. Based on limited nesting activity at the end of July, volunteers will likely not need to check boxes after the first week of August. In fact, at least six of the 26 sites have already concluded monitoring. During the month of August, monitoring will end at all sites and boxes will be cleaned of any old nesting material and an inventory of the



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condition of all 162 boxes will be made to assess repair or replacement issues needed during the winter.

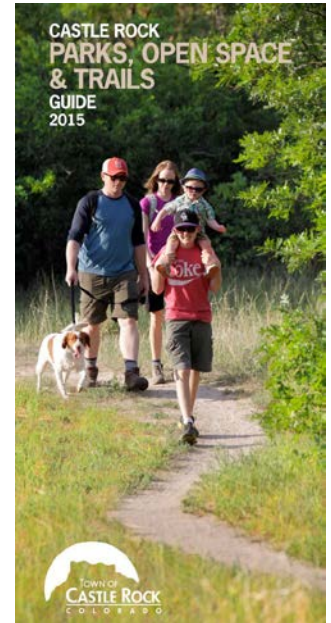
Great Outdoors Colorado (GOCO) Recognition

Park staff installed GOCO signs at locations around town that have received GOCO funds, including Philip S. Miller Park Adventure Playground area, Paintbrush Park, Gateway Mesa Open Space and Quarry Mesa. It is a GOCO requirement to have signs acknowledging the use of GOCO funds installed at all entrances and exits, as well as at multiple points along any trails.

Parks, Trails and Open Space Map

PREPARED BY BARBARA SPAGNUOLO, NATURAL RESOURCE SPECIALIST

The Town-wide parks, open space and trails folding map were finalized this month. Spradlin Printing in Parker is printing the folding maps, which should be available in a few weeks. Copies will be distributed to Town Hall, the Recreation Center, the MAC, the Chamber of Commerce, local hotels, residential builder offices and other businesses at their request.



Prebble's Meadow Jumping Mouse Habitat Conservation Plan Coordination (PMJM HCP)

PREPARED BY BARBARA SPAGNUOLO, NATURAL RESOURCE SPECIALIST

Following the heavy rains in June, the Utilities Department will be initiating several repair and maintenance projects to exposed water, stormwater lines or bridge abutments within the Riparian Conservation Zone. All of these projects require coordination under the Habitat Conservation Plan for project planning, reporting, impact tracking, existing site/condition documentation and best management practices implementation to minimize disturbance.



STEP - Summer Trails Exploration Program

PREPARED BY BARBARA SPAGNUOLO, NATURAL RESOURCE SPECIALIST

Since June 6, more than 630 participants have been exploring the Town's trails through the free Summer Trails Exploration Program. The breakdown of participants is 448 adults and 188 children under the age of 12. We have a wide variety of ages in the program, from infants under the age of one to a number of individuals in their 70's out there enjoying our trails. We've been getting great photos submitted for the





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photo contest as well as some great feedback. Here is one great quote to share:

"My husband and I just recently retired and found these local hikes to be a fun adventure. We enjoyed exploring all the local open space and trails in Castle Rock. It was an eye-opener to know all the open space area available to Castle Rock residents. We look forward to expanding our hikes to our surrounding mountain area. Thanks for the fun and the inspiration to enjoy the outdoors through hikes." – Debbie McGee

For more information on this program and a list of participating trails, please visit www.CRgov.com/STEP or call 720-733-2294.

Miller Activity Complex

Facilities

PREPARED BY MIKE KILMAN, FACILITIES SUPERVISOR

The Miller Activity Complex hosted the American Cancer Society "Relay for Life" on Saturday, July 25. The event which was held at various locations throughout Castle Rock in the past was moved to the park because of the multiple amenities offered at the facility, which the relay organizers were able to utilize.

Over 350 participants raised money for the American Cancer Society while honoring survivors and their families during various events including their survivor lap, caregivers lap, luminaria/fight back ceremony and survivor dinner. The relay utilized both the outdoor and indoor turf areas. The indoor facility was used for the survivor dinner, which hosted over 75 survivors.

The event organizer was very pleased with the new location especially since there were many residents attending the park for other reasons who had the chance to obtain information about the relay and the American Cancer Society.

MAC Indoor Facility Rentals and Athletics

PREPARED BY NICOLE STEHLIK, ATHLETICS SUPERVISOR

Adult Sports

Adult soccer has 20 teams in two divisions. Fall registration will begin in September.

Youth Sports

All summer camps ended in July. August is a slow month as children are returning to school. Camps will begin again in September.



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MAC Facility Rentals Utilization Information

July seems to be the month where the organizations start soliciting for indoor space.

- ❖ 208 total reservations
- ❖ 470 reservation hours
- ❖ 5,413 people on the fields only

MAC Birthday Parties

PREPARED BY MARCY JONES, YOUTH ACTIVITY COORDINATOR

July 2015 MAC Birthday Parties	
Leisure Pool / Climbing Structure	22
Trampoline	1
Trampoline + Leisure Pool / Climbing Structure	8
Sports Theme Party & Trampoline	1
Batting Cages	1
Bump Soccer	3
Total Birthday Parties	36
Revenue	\$6,726.00