



PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

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UPCOMING PARKS AND RECREATION EVENTS

- **Thursday, September 8**
 - Free Concert, **FACE** (Acapella Group), Amphitheater at
 - Philip S. Miller Park, 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.
- **Saturday, September 10**
 - Pooch Plunge, Butterfield Pool, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.
- **Friday, September 16**
 - Glow for R.E.A.L., a Zumba special needs fundraising event, the Amphitheater at Philip S. Miller Park, 7:30 – 9:30 p.m.
- **Saturday, September 24**
 - Public Lands Day: Hike and Help at Quarry Mesa Open Space, 8 a.m. - 12 p.m.
- **Saturday, October 8**
 - liveBIG 5k, 10k and Family Adventure Run, Philip S. Miller Park, 7:30 a.m. – noon
 - All proceeds from the race will benefit the Castle Rock Parks and Trail Foundation
- **Sunday, October 9**
 - Colorado Runner Ultra Marathon Ridgeline Trail Race – 50K, 13.1M, 12K, Philip S. Miller Park, 7 a.m. – 4 p.m.
- **Saturday, October 15**
 - Relay for Life, Philip S. Miller Park, 11 a.m. – 11:00 p.m., meet at the turf field.
- **Saturday, October 29**
 - Spooktacular 2016, enjoy Halloween inspired, family-friendly activities at the Miller Activity Complex, 1 - 3 p.m.



Parks and Recreation Benefiting Community through Events

Parks and Recreation staff are excited to offer several events this fall that will benefit the local community.

On Friday, September 16 at 7:30 p.m., people will gather for glow-in-the-dark Zumba at the Philip S. Miller Amphitheater. All proceeds from the fitness event, **Glow For R.E.A.L.**, will benefit the Recreation Empowerment and Active Living program. R.E.A.L

provides social activities, outdoor adventures, family programs, and adaptive sports to youth with cognitive and physical disabilities.

Staff are also busy preparing for and the **liveBIG 5k, 10, and Family Adventure Run** on Saturday, October 8. The mission of liveBIG seeks to educate and promote outdoor education opportunities for youth. All proceeds will benefit Castle Rock Parks and Trails Foundation. This nonprofit organization works to improve parks, trails, and open space in Castle Rock.



The Town is partnering once again with Douglas Land Conservancy (DLC) to celebrate **National Public Land's Day** by offering a guided geology and local history hike followed by an opportunity to help maintain trails at Quarry Mesa Open Space. This property is protected by a permanent Conservation Easement held by DLC. The event is on Saturday, September 24 from 8 a.m. to noon, all ages are welcome, and snacks, water, work gloves and equipment will be provided. If interested, participants are asked to RSVP online at www.CRgov.com/HHD.

R.E.A.L. (Recreation, Empowerment & Active Living) Special Needs Program

PREPARED BY JAMIE EGLSEDER, SPECIAL NEEDS PROGRAM COORDINATOR

In August, the R.E.A.L. Tuesday Night Club went for a hike and spent an evening with Amy Klein, an artist from the Kidz Art program. Klein brought her mobile painting studio to the Recreation Center and guided the group through painting dream catchers. Klein patiently worked with R.E.A.L. staff and participants to ensure that all were successful, including a visually impaired young woman. It was truly a fantastic and enjoyable experience for everyone involved.



August also saw the start of the R.E.A.L. 5K Training Program. Runners of all abilities met weekly for a group run in preparation for the Hot Chocolate 5K in Denver in October. This program requires a lot of volunteers to be able to provide one-on-one

support for each participant throughout training. Regardless, volunteer turnout has been successful and the community volunteers have been exceptionally encouraging.

Lastly, the R.E.A.L. program enjoyed a night out at the Miller Activity Complex (MAC), where staff held a trampoline extravaganza. Seven families attended the event and loved it!

Special Programs and Events

PREPARED BY HEATHER ROSSITER, SPECIAL PROGRAMS SUPERVISOR

It was another busy month for Philip S. Miller Park and the new amphitheater. The Tunes for Trails, Perks for Parks free concert featuring Vehicle was on August 18. Their variety was fantastic, playing music from all genres and eras, and they entertained the crowd by inviting kids from the audience to join them on stage for a group drum session.



On August 20, REI hosted their Singletrack Swarhray and it was a huge success. Over 1,242 people came to enjoy the fresh air and live music. This free event featured musical performances by Euforequestra, Brent Cowles, and The BeatServer, as well as local Upslope beer, bike demos from Ghost and Cannondale, vendors, giveaways, games, a relaxing outdoor lounge in the REI Village, and more. Overall, REI provided 600 bike demos. John, their event coordinator, said, "this was the largest amount of bikes we have ever had taken out on demo." The nonprofit Colorado Mountain Bike Association (COMBA) received all proceeds from beer sales and ZOIC t-shirt sales. They also sold 32 memberships on-site, which is the most memberships they have ever sold at a single event.



Fitness

PREPARED BY COURTNEY GLASS, FITNESS AND WELLNESS COORDINATOR

August was an exciting time for fitness. During the Recreation Center maintenance closure, the fitness area received 37 brand new exercise machines. The new equipment is made up of 14 treadmills, eight ellipticals, six upright bikes, five recumbent bikes, two flex striders and two power mills. Fitness staff are excited to offer this state of the art equipment to Recreation Center patrons.



In addition to the new equipment, group fitness saw exceptional growth as compared to 2015 with a 15.7% increase in community participation.

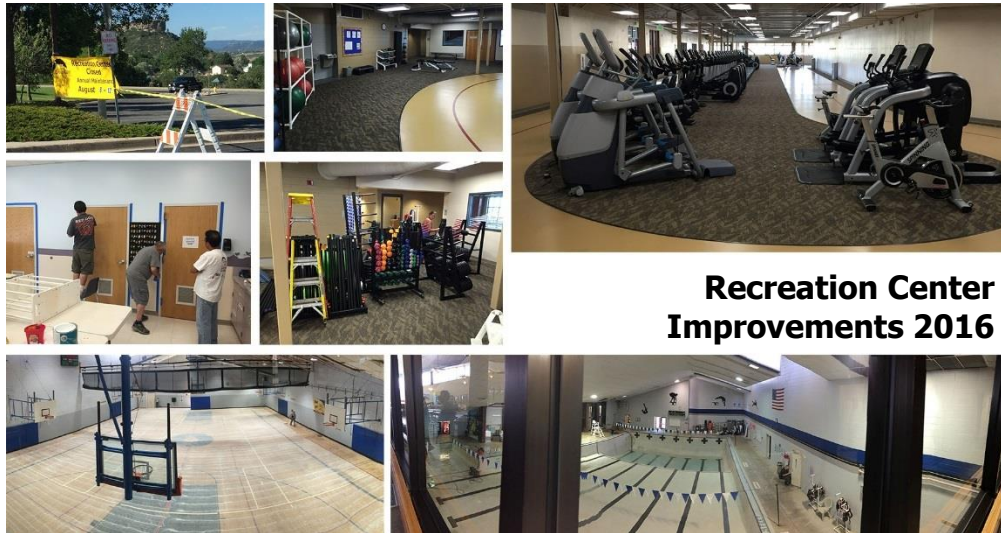
Group Fitness	Total Attendance
August 2015	4,849
August 2016	5,613

Recreation Center Operations

PREPARED BY DAN WAHL, RECREATION FACILITIES SUPERVISOR

August presents an annual opportunity to address larger impact improvements and maintenance projects for the Castle Rock Recreation Center. This year, the Recreation Center was able to focus on the following improvements with the help of dedicated staff as well as 15 community volunteers, who contributed 380 hours of labor.

- Fresh coats of paint in a majority of the activity areas in the facility
- Ceiling tile replacement in areas where new roofing has progressed
- Wood floor sanding and refinishing in Panorama Hall, the basketball court, the fitness studio, and the racquetball courts
- Cardio equipment replacement
- Interior/exterior window washing
- Updating facility signage
- Repairing basketball goals
- Repairing and resurfacing water slide stairs
- Creating functional stretching spaces in fitness areas
- Deep cleaning of facility surfaces, carpeting, and equipment



Recreation Center Improvements 2016

In addition to the facility refresh, two major projects are continuing in the Recreation Center, roof replacement and elevator modernization.

MAC Operations

PREPARED BY DAN WAHL, FACILITIES SUPERVISOR

The MAC had another great month for participation. With the school year starting and the free time available to local youth, August 2016 showed a 3% increase in the number of daily admissions for the month when compared to August 2015. The trampoline also had a great month when compared to 2015 with a 7% increase in daily admissions.

PARKS, OPEN SPACE AND TRAILS – PLANNING AND CONSTRUCTION DIVISION

PREPARED BY BRIAN PETERSON, MANAGER OF PARK PLANNING AND CONSTRUCTION

Parks and Open Space Rezoning

The Parks and Recreation Department is improving procedures by rezoning its park spaces. The purpose of this action is to better align the permitted uses allowed within zones with the types of facilities that currently exist within Town park properties. This action will also ensure that park zoning is consistent with new parks and open space zone districts. Not all properties will be rezoned at once because of the survey and legal cost associated with the task. Instead, staff will focus on properties that have planned construction projects or have existing zoning that is inconsistent with current uses.

The first rezoning will include Rock Park (currently zoned residential), Philip S. Miller Park (has a mix of planned development zoning) and Festival Park (currently zoned business) which has a planned 2017 renovation project. The remaining properties will

be completed when staff time and funding are available. In order to complete the rezoning, Land Survey Plats (LSP's) are required. In July, staff solicited for surveying firms to provide LSP's and has awarded the contract to Survey Systems. LSP's are to be completed by the end of August at which point staff will meet with the Town's Development Services to begin preparing the needed documentation to finalize the project.

Parks Maintenance and Operations Facility Study

Parks Maintenance and Operations is currently located at the Castle Rock Service Center on Castleton Drive. The space has been shared with the Public Works Department for almost 20 years; however, personnel and equipment growth have created the need for additional space. Park staff will need to move into a new space in 2018 and is beginning the planning process to move the project forward.

Festival Park

The bid package for the Festival Park redesign was distributed August 9, and bids were due on September 13. The design team will review these and present results at the September Parks and Recreation Commission meeting on September 21. A contract for construction will be presented to Town Council on October 18. Staff is also working with the Town Hall expansion project to provide coordination between the two projects.



Miller Activity Complex (MAC) Improvements

Brian Peterson, Park Planning and Construction Manager, has continued to work with various contractors and subcontractors from the Philip S. Miller Park Phase 1 and Phase 2 projects to resolve both design and construction issues. Over the past month, Peterson worked with subcontractors to fix the large circulation fans over the indoor synthetic turf athletic field, scheduled roof repairs to eliminate leaking along the metal building dormers, and coordinated the replacement of the top wood cap along the Miller Activity Complex (MAC) safety rail.



TRAIL PROJECTS

PREPARED BY RICH HAVEL, TRAILS PLANNER

Park Concrete Sidewalk Improvements

With Butterfield Park and Memmen Ridge trail concrete repair and replacement completed, the contractor mobilized to Founders Park in early August. Because the park is heavily used by students to reach Rock Ridge Elementary, the contractor ramped up labor to expedite completion prior to the beginning of the school year. Within two weeks, Perfect Patch Asphalt had removed 836 square yards of concrete and had placed 550 square yards with new sidewalk. Access was limited on the site so the contractor utilized a team of four concrete



buggy haulers allowing the project to be completed ahead of time and on budget. The repairs will be monitored during the one year warranty.

East Plum Creek Trail Extension

The southern extension of the East Plum Creek Trail is a planned two mile trail beginning at its current ending at South Perry Street and will continue to Crystal Valley Parkway. This project will complete the Town's southern portion of the trail while the Lanterns development will construct the final link to the Town's southern limits where it will tie into Douglas County's planned trail system.

Most of the project will be built on Town owned open space. However, there are two private property owners the Town will need to acquire easements from in order to complete the project. Staff has met with the property owners and both are willing to work with the Town for property acquisition. Legal descriptions and appraisals will be ordered in September to prepare for easement and/or deed documents. Final closing is anticipated to occur shortly after the first of the year in 2017.

Funding for the project will come from the Annual Trail Improvements account. Additionally, the Town has applied for a \$1,000,000 State Trails grant through Great Outdoors Colorado to assist in constructing the project. Grant awards will be announced in October 2016. Final design will be completed in 2017 with construction beginning in 2018.

Mitchell Creek Trail Connection

Staff continue to work with the Founders District to extend the Mitchell Creek Trail west to Ridge Road, as well as completing connection from the Mitchell Creek Trail to Tabor Court (both located in Founders Village). Plans have been submitted and approved for construction, and permits have been issued for the project. The District will be releasing a notice to bid in September and award a contract for construction in October. Construction will begin in October 2016 and will be completed in May 2017. Staff will provide project oversight and coordination between the District and the Town.

Red Hawk Ridge Golf Course Improvements

With the first phase of cart path improvements completed, staff began preparing for the second phase of improvements which will include new concrete cart paths along holes four, eight, nine, 10, 12 and 16. Staff have completed construction and GESC (grading erosion and sediment control) plans, and have submitted them for Town review and permitting. The Town will continue to use the services of T2 Construction Inc., who completed the first phase and has agreed to hold the same unit costs for the second phase. Construction will begin early fall and be completed by the end of 2016 pending favorable weather.

Hangman's Gulch Trail and Stormwater Improvements

In an effort to provide for water quality, improvement protection and maintenance concerns, the Town's Stormwater Division has identified the need to complete additional master planned improvements along the Hangman's Gulch storm channel from Liggett Road to the confluence of East Plum Creek. The project will be managed by the Stormwater Division with Parks oversight related to the Hangman's Gulch trail improvements. Town staff met with the contracted engineering firm Enginuity on August 10 to



review and discuss alternative analysis of improvements for the project. Final design will be completed in early 2017 with construction beginning March 2017.



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POST PARTNERS VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

PREPARED BY LISA SORBO, PROGRAM COORDINATOR

Keepers of the Rock – The Keepers of the Rock volunteer group was featured in the summer 2016 edition of American Trails Magazine, a nonprofit organization dedicated to quality trails and greenways. Lisa Sorbo, POST Partners Program Coordinator, wrote and submitted the article highlighting the program's success at maintaining Rock Park's open space while providing first time juvenile offenders with community service hours. In August alone, eight Teen Court participants helped to carry crusher fines and applied them along 120 feet of the Paul Hill Trail. They also conducted trail side work and removed two bags worth of knapweed. Keepers contributed a total of 62 volunteer hours to the maintenance and upkeep of Rock Park this month.



A memorial bench dedication was held in memory of former employee Carol George. Representatives from the family, the Deputy Town Manager's office, and the Fire Department spoke at the dedication. A small gathering was held at the Millhouse at Philip S. Miller Park, which is located next to the pond where Carol's bench is located.

Red Hawk Ridge Golf Course

PREPARED BY BOB PERSICHETTI, HEAD GOLF PROFESSIONAL



Operations

While the golf course fell short of the budgeted goal for total revenue in August, the \$502,140 in revenue marks only the fifth time the golf course has achieved over \$500K in total revenue in a given month. The shortfall is largely attributed to the way the weekend days fell in July and August (July had 15 weekend days and August had 12). If July and August are combined, the total revenue exceeds the budget for the two months by \$11,191. The golf course is tracking ahead of prior year revenue by \$19,279 YTD but is behind budgeted projections by \$37,754. It is encouraging that the average income per golfer is up by \$1.33 over prior year considering tournament rounds are slightly down. As usual during this time of the year, the fall weather will play a significant role in how the golf course will finish financially.

Staff will work with Finance in September to update the year-end projections for both revenue and expenditures. At this time, expenditures look to be tracking below budget and staff will continue to work hard to control expenses while still providing outstanding

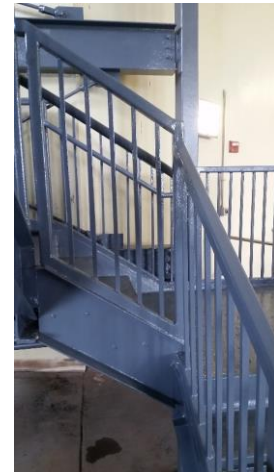
service and playing conditions.

	Current Month	Budget	Previous Year	Year to Date	Previous Year
Total Revenue	\$502,140	\$526,610	\$513,152	\$2,101,261	\$2,081,982
Total Rounds	6,302	6,300	6,135	25,804	25,991
Avg. Income/Player	\$79.68	\$83.59	\$83.64	\$81.43	\$80.10
Golf Shop Sales	\$32,355	\$34,839	\$33,905	\$142,133	\$143,964
F&B Sales	\$85,684	\$99,288	\$95,797	\$370,795	\$364,562

Aquatics

PREPARED BY ZACH MORRIS, AQUATICS SUPERVISOR

The waterslide tower at the Recreation Center has experienced corrosion issues. Staff contracted Enecon, a polymer technology company, to remove the old surface coatings and apply a new extremely durable polymer composite that has been primarily utilized in Naval military vessels and on corrosive industrial applications. Preparation for the application of the product included sandblasting all surfaces to remove corrosion and surface coatings. Staff is confident in the process and believe that the product will be a lasting solution to the problem.





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Pavilions Reservations

PREPARED BY TARA MCGRAW, PARKS SR. OFFICE ASSISTANT

Park Pavilions	Bookings	Reserved Hours	Estimated Attendance
Bison Park	11	57.50	565
Butterfield Crossing Park	11	55	714
Centennial Park	2	9	60
Festival Park	9	30	2,470
Founders Park	9	61	568
Matney Park	8	45	334
Metzler Ranch Park	6	41.5	329
Philip S. Miller Park	50	278	3,039
Rhyolite Regional Park	10	59.50	747
Rock Park	2	10	512
Wrangler Park	6	40	633
Totals	124	686.5	9,971