



Castle Rock PARKS & RECREATION

March 2024
Monthly Report



UPCOMING

Events

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

APRIL
20
EARTH DAY WILLOW CONSERVATION PROJECT
9 to 11 a.m.
Hier and Gannon Open Space

APRIL
26
WILD IN OUR TOWN
4:30 to 6 p.m.
Philip and Jerry Miller Library

CAPITAL PROJECT UPDATES

Parks, Open Space, Trails and Facilities

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.

WIRELESS CELL TOWER APPROVED FOR BUTTERFIELD CROSSING PARK

Town Council approved a property lease agreement with T-Mobile for a wireless communication tower at Butterfield Crossing Park. Through the agreement, T-Mobile would construct, operate and maintain their communications equipment within a stealth telecom structure. The facility would



serve as an addition to the existing northern locker room of Butterfield Crossing Pool. The proposed tower would

be 35 feet tall, and the proposed wireless communication facility is designed to fit within the existing topography. The tower is also designed to match the aesthetics of surrounding structures, mirroring the neutral palette, roofline detail and windows of Butterfield Crossing Pool. The wireless communication equipment would be housed inside the tower and not visible to the public.

WOODLANDS TRAIL

The Woodlands Bowl Open Space asphalt trail was removed and replaced with concrete in March. Now part of the Colorado



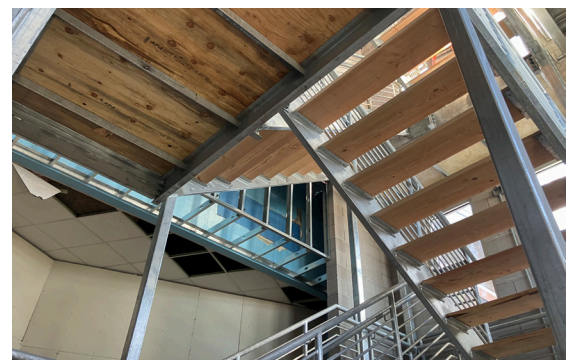
Front Range Trail in Castle Rock, this network provides an essential connection from McMurdo Gulch

to the east with Hangman's Gulch to the west. Throughout the month, the contractor closed segments to complete the project, while allowing pedestrian traffic to continue use. Parking for Woodlands Trail is available at the Castle Rock Recreation Center.

SLIDE TOWER STRUCTURE RENOVATION

Town Council approved the second amendment to the construction contract with Saunders to expand the scope of work for the Slide Tower Reconstruction project. The amendment will address the structural column in the southeast corner of the leisure pool area, which needs to be removed and replaced due to corrosion.

This work was not part of the original bid as it was discovered during renovation,



but is essential to maintain future structural integrity. A corner of the exterior of the building will be removed, followed by a portion of the hot tub. The contractor will then place a concrete pilaster and a new structurally sound column and reinstall the hot tub. The ceiling tiles in the leisure pool area will also all be removed and replaced, and additional miscellaneous items completed to address other unforeseen conditions that the original contract and contingency did not cover. Throughout March, the leisure pool slides were installed and gel coated. Staff anticipate reopening the pool this month and completing the entire project in May.

COBBLESTONE RANCH PARK

While weather has delayed the contractor's ability to quickly address construction defects on site, SaBell's has continued to make progress with soil removal and compaction after physically clearing out snow. Staff anticipate new concrete placement throughout April, prior to landscape installation this spring.

NEW AND NOTEWORTHY

Upcoming Programs and Events

COLORADO BLUEBIRD PROJECT: HELPING CASTLE ROCK'S BLUEBIRD POPULATION SOAR

Nest box monitoring for the 2024 season of the Colorado Bluebird Project commenced on April 1st. Across 32 sites, a total of 209 boxes are being monitored by a dedicated team of 90 volunteers and five partner schools, with monitoring efforts slated to continue through mid-August.

In February, volunteers participated in an informative open house and training session, equipping them with the necessary skills to effectively monitor the boxes throughout the season.

This year marks the 18th consecutive year of data collection for the project, with volunteers diligently monitoring bluebird populations as part of the Town's POST Partners Volunteer Program, under the guidance of the Denver Audubon Society. The overarching mission of the Colorado Bluebird Project remains steadfast: to enhance the well-being of bluebirds statewide and to educate and engage the public in conservation efforts.

FOUNDATION'S TWILIGHT ON THE TRAILS EVENT TO RETURN THIS SPRING

The Castle Rock Parks and Trails Foundation is gearing up to host their second Twilight on the Trails event at Metzler Family Open Space. The exclusive, sunset event will feature a guided nature hike, a tour of the 1880's homestead, wine tasting, charcuterie, live music and a silent auction. Twilight on the Trails will be held from 6 to 9 p.m. Thursday, May 30. Purchase tickets through their website at [GetOutdoorsCastleRock.org](https://www.getoutdoorscastlerock.org).

DYNAMIC NEW GROUP FITNESS CLASSES ADDED TO WEEKLY SCHEDULE

In March, the Fitness and Wellness Division expanded its offerings with the introduction of two dynamic group fitness classes. On Wednesdays at 10:15 a.m., the TRX Fusion class combines TRX suspension training with functional exercises, catering to all fitness levels and providing a comprehensive workout targeting strength, stability, and flexibility. Meanwhile, Tuesdays at 9 a.m. bring Aqua Barre, a unique low-impact experience blending barre techniques with aquatic elements, utilizing weights, noodles, and poolside "barres" to sculpt and strengthen the body. These innovative additions offer diverse options to our community, catering to both those seeking intensity and those prioritizing gentler yet effective workouts.

Photo: Shaun Wisely



PROGRAM PARTICIPATION

Summary

14
Wellness
Walk
participants



141
adults enrolled
in pottery
or dance



107
youth enrolled
in dance, KidzArt,
KidStage or fencing

164
enrolled in
Adventure Club
Preschool



32
enrolled in
Toddler
Time



180
Middle School
Madness
participants

50
enrolled in
school break
camps



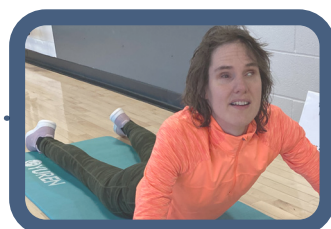
2,318
group fitness
program
attendees

82
personal
training
sessions



92
Therapeutic
Rec
participants

9
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events



MARCH OPERATIONS

By the Numbers

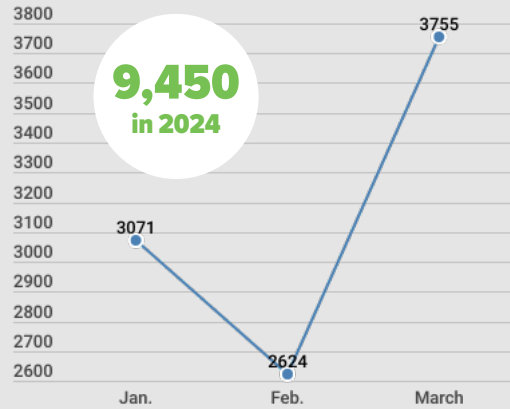
Parks Maintenance and Operations

This month the Parks Maintenance and Operations division spent:

- Over 500 hours on snow removal;
- 162 hours on field maintenance;
- 20 hours on construction and special projects;
- 5 hours on weed management; and
- 18.5 hours assembling flower boxes.



RockREC Registrations



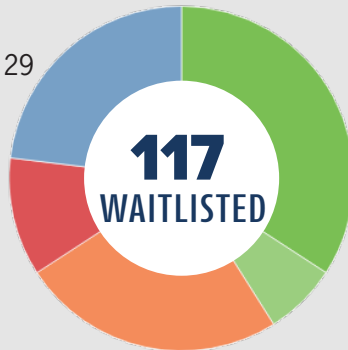
This data represents the number of online program registrations completed via the RockREC app or the desktop version of the site, Recreation.CRgov.com

Waitlisted Programs

Due to space limitations, 117 enrollees were waitlisted for programs in March.

- Adventure Club Preschool: 29
- Toddler Time: 13
- School break camps: 27
- Adult Pottery: 40
- KidStage: 8

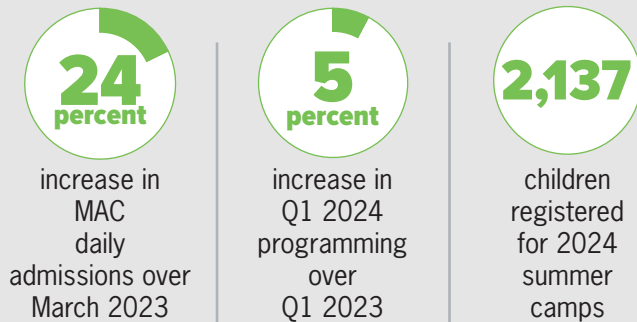
This total does not include the 1,323 children waitlisted for summer camps.



POST Partners Volunteer Program



Recreation Operations



Park Pavilion and Trolley Rentals

The Town Trolley is available for rent for a variety of events, including field trips, historic landmark tours, weddings, nights on the town, and special event parking transportation.



Pavilions at Town parks are also available for rent throughout the year, with the rest being available on a first-come, first-served basis. Rental numbers for both assets typically slow with colder weather.

