



Castle Rock  
**PARKS &  
RECREATION**  
March 2024  
Monthly Report





# UPCOMING

## *Events*

View up-to-date information at [CRgov.com/Events](https://CRgov.com/Events).



### **EARTH DAY WILLOW CONSERVATION PROJECT**

9 to 11 a.m.  
Hier and Gannon Open Space



### **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](https://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

sit 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



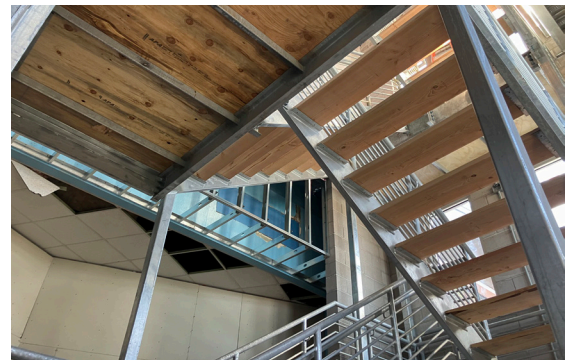
Front Range Trail in Castle Rock, this network provides an essential connection from McMurdo Gulch

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

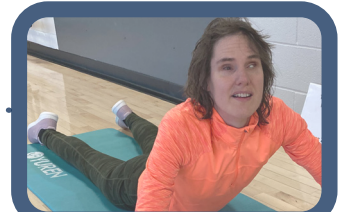


**92**

Therapeutic  
Rec  
participants

**9**

Therapeutic  
Rec  
events



# MARCH OPERATIONS

## *By the Numbers*

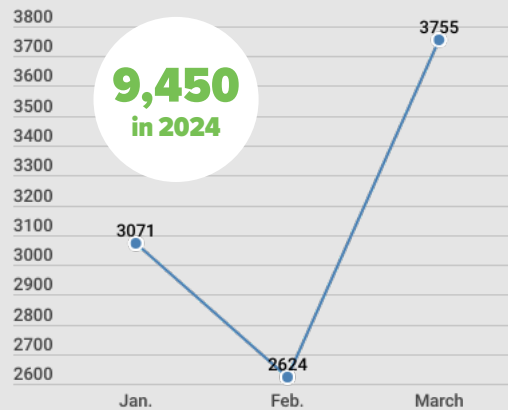
### Parks Maintenance and Operations

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



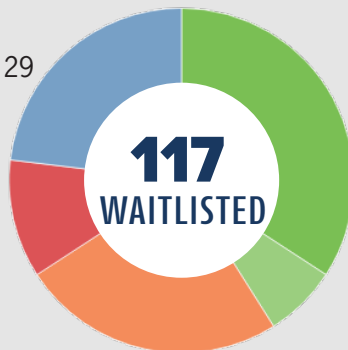
This data represents the number of online program registrations completed via the RockREC app or the desktop version of the site, Recreation.CRgov.com

### 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



**364**  
volunteers



**728**  
volunteer hours



**9**  
events



**216**  
trash bags collected

### Recreation Operations



increase in  
MAC  
daily  
admissions over  
March 2023



increase in  
Q1 2024  
programming  
over  
Q1 2023



children  
registered  
for 2024  
summer  
camps

### 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.

**3**  
trolley  
rentals



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.

**8**  
pavilion  
rentals

