

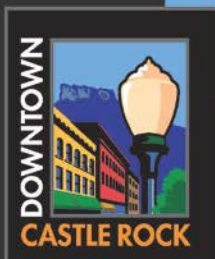


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UPCOMING PARKS AND RECREATION EVENTS

- **Sunday, May 17**
 - Tri the Rock, youth triathlon, Butterfield Park and Pool, 7 a.m. - Noon
- **Wednesday, May 27**
 - 4th Annual National Senior Health & Fitness Day, Festival Park, 8:30 – 10 a.m.
- **Saturday, May 30**
 - Castle Rock Half Marathon, Festival Park/Downtown/EPC Trail, 7 a.m. – 2 p.m.
- **Saturday, June 6**
 - National Trails Day STEP summer program kicks-off
- **Saturday, June 13**
 - REAL Climb for Change, Philip S. Miller Park Challenge Hill, 8 – 11 a.m.
- **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 p.m. – 10 p.m. Meet at Butterfield Park pavilion



FESTIVAL PARK REDESIGN

Help create our future park

Interactive open house

Thursday, May 7 at 6 p.m.
Municipal Court Room, 100 Perry St.
Thursday, June 4 at 5:30 p.m.
Art On The Edge Art Center, 314 Wilcox St.

Interactive community presentations

Join us at our booth before the movie

Saturday, June 6 at 5:30 p.m.
Starlight Movie: Big Hero 6
Friday, July 3 at 5:30 p.m.
Starlight Movie: Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day

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Festival Park Redesign

Design Workshop has been selected as the Consultant for the redesign of Festival Park. The design contract is within the estimated budget of \$150,000. Budget and funding mechanisms for construction will be developed later in 2015 to allow for the completion of final design and construction documents once the scope of the first phase of the project is identified and approved by Town Council. The redesign of Festival Park falls within the DDA's plan of development and is an appropriate use of the DDA's Tax Increment Financing (TIF) mechanism. The cost for the design of the projects will ultimately be funded through a line of credit at First Bank, secured by TIF dollars. Until that line of credit is finalized, funding will be available in the General Fund and subsequently repaid through the Line of Credit and TIF money.

The scope of the contract with Design Workshop includes the following major items (1) site analysis and stakeholder input, (2) design options and (3) final design and construction estimates. Additional funding will need to be approved later in 2015 to allow for the completion of construction documents and construction of the project; if so desired by Town Council. Total cost for this portion of the project is \$142,700. Festival Park is a part of a larger vision for downtown Castle Rock. It is intended to be the northern border of a larger Civic Plaza as described in the Downtown Master Plan. It will take several years to come to complete fruition, however, this project is a crucial first step in achieving that vision.

The Downtown Master Plan anticipates significant growth in residential development, and employment. In addition, it supports the attraction of young, well-educated, employed individuals living and working in the Downtown area. We want to create an environment where people want to live and work in a unique urban center. Great public spaces like Festival Park, are essential for the health and prosperity of such urban centers.

The vision also outlines a need for linked open spaces, and notes the potential for east-west connections between Festival Park, East Plum Creek Trail and the Douglas County Fairgrounds.

Festival Park is a small triangle shaped tract of land centrally located in the Downtown core area bordered by three streets, Town Hall and a creek. We envision that the park will serve as a public gathering place, and venue for various events. The park will serve to boost the vitality of adjacent businesses and provide a safe and clean urban park that promotes active civic life.

Residents can also share their contribution (#CRFestivalPark) and/or find information at crgov.com/FestivalPark, or follow on Facebook at /CRgov or on Twitter @CRgov.





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Join the Summer Trails Exploration Program!

PREPARED BY BARBARA SPAGNUOLO, NATURAL RESOURCE SPECIALIST

Saturday, June 6, 2015, marks American Hiking Society's 23rd annual celebration of National Trails Day®, which is America's largest trail and outdoor celebration—a day devoted to appreciating America's trails and the hard-working individuals who build and maintain them. In honor of this day, the Parks and Recreation Department will be kicking off the exploration of the wonderful local paved and soft-surface trails right here in Castle Rock through the new Summer Trails Exploration Program (STEP). Castle Rock residents are encouraged to explore one (or all) 12 designated trails between National Trails Day and Labor Day this summer. By registering in STEP, all participants will receive a free giveaway. Upon redemption of your completed trails list (up to 12 sites), plus photographic proof at each location, participants will get one raffle ticket for each property/trail visit that is entered into a drawing for a fantastic grand prize. The more sites you visit the more chances you have to win the grand prize. Get outside, go for a hike and explore! There's an adventure waiting right in Castle Rock. For more information on this program, please contact Barbara Spagnuolo at bspagnuolo@crgov.com or 720-733-2294. Visit CRgov.com/STEP.

Climb 4 Change – REAL Fundraiser, Saturday, June 13

The Town's special needs program, R.E.A.L. (Recreation, Empowerment and Active Living) is holding their first annual Climb 4 Change fundraising race and climb-a-thon at the Challenge Hill at Philip S. Miller Park on Saturday, June 13 in conjunction with National Get Outdoors Day. It's a race up the 200-step Challenge Hill or a leisurely stroll to climb as many stairs as you can. You can choose to be a participant in the race or collect pledges to support members of our community who have disabilities and wish to lead active lives. You can participate individually, create a team, or be a sponsor. Members of the top fundraising team will receive a great prize. All registered participants who raise the minimum pledge will receive a tech t-shirt. For more information, visit crgov.com/climb.



Earth Day (Willow Conservation Project)

Volunteers worked to complete the annual Earth Day Willow Conservation Project. Almost 50 individuals, mostly Boy and Girl Scouts, but also families and local teenagers, helped harvest hundreds of willow stakes from healthy riparian habitat near Festival Park that were transplanted to a disturbed drainage within Philip S. Miller Park to the east of the MAC. Almost 450



individual willow stakes were planted in the park and will regrow to establish shrubs along the drainage.

Recreation Center- 9News Health Fair

PREPARED BY MIKE KILMAN, FACILITY SUPERVISOR

On April 24, the **9News Health Fair** was held at the Recreation Center. The program offers over 20 free and low-cost critical health screenings. Approved by 9Health Fair's Medical Advisory Committee, free health-related information from hundreds of local medical organizations was available for people to access as well. This program would not be able to survive without the support of over 100 volunteers and the entire staff at the Recreation Center.

This year the site hosted close to 600 individuals, which was down from 800 last year. According to Judy Hopper, event coordinator, the drop in participation may be contributed to new locations which now offer the fair including Sky Ridge Hospital which did not offer the fair last year.

Ridgeline Rampage on April 25

PREPARED BY RAINA BRIDGMAN, OUTDOOR COORDINATOR

The 6th annual "Ridgeline Rampage" was held on April 25. Due to some complaints from the community regarding traffic and congestion last year, efforts were made this year to improve things. Staff worked closely with CRPD to distribute as much parking and resulting traffic away from the Bison Park area. Parking adjacent to Paintbrush Park and The Grange were utilized. Additionally, the "finish" of the race was on the east end of the course this year, rather than the west end, eliminating riders going through the neighborhood at the end of their race to get back to the park. All of these efforts and others proved to be a success as there were no complaints regarding traffic and congestion this year. The race had more than 500 participants this year (same as last year). Additional photos: <http://www.inmotionsep.com/Site-Pages/Rocky-Mountain-Endurance-Serie>





MILLER ACTIVITY COMPLEX

MAC Birthday Parties

PREPARED BY MARCY JONES, YOUTH ACTIVITY COORDINATOR

April 2015 MAC Birthday Parties	
Leisure Pool / Climbing Structure	48
Trampoline	3
Trampoline + Leisure Pool / Climbing Structure	12
Jumping Castle	1
Jumping Castle + Leisure Pool / Climbing Structure	3
Sports Theme Party	7
Sports Theme Party + Trampoline	2
Bump Soccer	2
Total Birthday Parties	78
Revenue	\$12,547.00

Facilities

PREPARED BY MIKE KILMAN, FACILITIES SUPERVISOR

The Miller Activity Complex has quickly become a “hot spot” for private group facility rentals. In April, the MAC hosted several large groups ranging from elementary age to adult. These special events included Aspen View Academy Mother/Son Night, Kiowa High School After-Prom and the John Adsit Fundraising event.

The John Adsit fundraising event included bump soccer, pizza, ice cream and a silent auction which raised over \$25,000.

Gina Braidman, Aspen View Academy Event Coordinator commented, “I want to thank you and your staff for allowing us to host such an amazing event. All the Moms were thrilled and the boys had an awesome time.” There were approximately 145 moms and 210 boys.

MAC Indoor Facility Rentals and Athletics

PREPARED BY NICOLE STEHLIK, ATHLETICS SUPERVISOR

Adult Soccer – The league is running smoothly and teams are inquiring about a summer outdoor league. Women’s drop-in was added on Sunday and the first night was successful with hopes it will continue to grow. The Tuesday lunch time drop in session has caught steam and they average around 20 players over the lunch hour.



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Men’s Flag Football – The Arena league has started with four teams. Teams seem to be enjoying the change of pace and having a different type of league compared to the traditional flag rules.

Adult Lacrosse – Staff has contacted area adult sports agencies that have been playing and renting area facilities in south Denver in an attempt to build Town adult leagues that would begin this summer.

Youth Sports

Blastball - Started with two classes running on Monday and Wednesday nights.

Soccer Buddies - This program is still expanding and an additional field has been added for them on Saturdays to run morning camps.



MAC Facility Rentals Utilization Information

- **Weekday Prime Hours of 4 - 10 p.m.:**
109 reservations utilized 218 out of 396 hours for 55% utilization
- **Weekend Building Hours:**
63 reservations utilized 122 out of 288 hours for 42% utilization
 - ❖ 166 total reservations
 - ❖ 398 reservation hours
 - ❖ 4,304 people on the fields only

PARK PLANNING & CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

Philip S. Miller Park

PREPARED BY JEFF SMULLEN, SUPERINTENDENT OF PLANNING AND CONSTRUCTION

Phase 2 Construction

During the month of April, MW Golden Constructors completed the foundations for the restroom and site walls in the core plaza. The mill house foundations have been delayed due to wet soils caused by heavy rains, but are formed and ready to pour as soon as conditions allow. Amphitheater walls have also been



excavated and are awaiting foundations. In addition, the utilities contractor is working to extend gas lines, water lines and storm sewer pipe. Excavation is complete for these areas and formwork installation is ongoing.

Adventure Playground

The adventure playground is now complete. Sod was installed April 15 and the playground is open for use. A dedication will be held once the Epic Adventure Tower is complete.



Epic Adventure Tower

The steel superstructure for the Epic Adventure Tower is complete and the contractor is working to install railings, the roof and the activities that will attach to the Tower, such as the climbing wall, zip lines and auto belay drops. Completion is planned for early June 2015. The Epic Adventure Tower is owned and operated by Castle Rock Zip Line Tours.

Philip S. Miller Park Trails

Trails planner Rich Havel, performed detailed design and layout for a concrete trail that will extend through a natural ridge on the property as it connects the adventure playground to the amphitheater. This path will be constructed by MW Golden as part of the phase two park project; however, the design was to be performed in house to ensure minimal disturbance to the natural terrain and vegetation. The design was forwarded to the surveyor and will be constructed this summer.

Wolfensberger Pedestrian Bridge

PREPARED BY RICH HAVEL, TRAILS PLANNER

The Wolfensberger Pedestrian Bridge Project is included in the three year strategic plan with funding proposed for 2016. In order to prepare for the project, staff has been working on project planning and recently distributed a design/build RFP on the Town's e-purchasing website. Three general contractors / engineering firms submitted proposals and SaBell's Enterprises provided the most competitive estimate for the

project. The design / build project delivery system was selected to minimize risk, to prepare for the 2016 budget process and provide flexibility in construction. At this time, only the design portion of this two part contract was authorized. This will allow the design to be completed by July so that accurate costs can be included in the 2016 budget. In addition, this timeframe will also provide flexibility to Town Council if Council wishes to move forward in 2015 to take advantage of cost savings that would result from performing the work at an earlier date. A second contract for construction will be presented to Town Council for action once funding is in place.

Challenge Hill- (PSM Haul and Hike)

PREPARED BY KENT LANSVILLE, PARKS II MAINTENANCE TECHNICIAN

The Challenge Hill at Philip S. Miller Park is used by many outdoor enthusiasts of the Town of Castle Rock. The popular amenity, which opened October 25, 2014, is a great way to increase heart rate while enjoying the beautiful landscape along Plum Creek Parkway.

The parks team was challenged with the task of moving seven tons of topsoil up the stairs, seeding the sides of the stairs and ensuring the soil is stabilized. With a creative approach, the parks team developed a "PSM Haul and Hike" that encouraged the stair enthusiasts to assist in the Challenge Hill re-veg by carrying buckets up the stairs and dump at pre-determined flags. These flags were strategically placed alongside the stairs in areas where erosion was most apparent. These enthusiasts helped move seven tons of topsoil up the stairs within seven days; what an incredible accomplishment by the community! Additionally, biodegradable erosion blankets were placed on the hillside which helped keep the dry land pasture seed in place. With the participation of the staircase enthusiasts, the erosion plan was completed.

