



Castle Rock
**PARKS &
RECREATION**
July 2022



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Upcoming Events

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AUG
12
SUMMER CONCERT SERIES FEAT. SCOTTY MCCREERY
6 - 10 p.m.
The Amphitheater at Philip S. Miller Park

AUG
15-19
ANNUAL RECREATION CENTER MAINTENANCE CLOSURE

AUG
18
TUNES FOR TRAILS FREE CONCERT FEAT. SPINPHONY
6:30 - 9 p.m.
The Amphitheater at Philip S. Miller Park

AUG
20
THE SUMMER BALL
5 - 8 p.m.
The Amphitheater at Philip S. Miller Park

AUG
27
CLIMB4CHANGE
6:30 a.m.
Philip S. Miller Park trails and Challenge Hill

AUG
27
SUMMER CONCERT SERIES FEAT. KASHMIR, THE LIVE LED ZEPPELIN SHOW WITH THE DENVER POPS ORCHESTRA
6 - 10 p.m.
The Amphitheater at Philip S. Miller Park

SEPT
11
TRI THE ROCK YOUTH TRIATHLON
6 - 10:30 a.m.
Castle Rock Recreation Center

SEPT
13
ANIMALS AROUND THE ROCK: BATTY ABOUT CASTLE ROCK
6 - 7 p.m.
The Millhouse at Philip S. Miller Park

SEPT
15
TUNES FOR TRAILS FREE CONCERT FEAT. GROOVEALICIOUS
6:30 - 9 p.m.
The Amphitheater at Philip S. Miller Park



Recurring Summer Events

Join us for the following events, recurring throughout the summer. View up-to-date information at CRgov.com/Events.

LOCAL & FRESH PRODUCE
EVERY SUNDAY

FARMERS MARKET

MAY 9 - SEPT. 26
9 A.M. - 2 P.M.
FESTIVAL PARK

the LOCAL community

COMMUNITY EVENTS
PARKS & RECREATION

Yoga in the Park

Sundays 9 - 10 a.m. | The Amphitheater at Philip S. Miller Park
Mondays 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. | Festival Park

FREE FITNESS FRIDAYS

FREE ADMISSION

The Amphitheater at Philip S. Miller Park
▶ FITNESS FRIDAY 8-9 a.m.



Parks, Open Space & Trails

DEVELOPMENTS CONTINUE AT METZLER FAMILY OPEN SPACE

In 2021, the Estate of Robert F. Metzler donated approximately 60 acres and a homestead and silo near Founders Parkway and Crowfoot Valley Road to the Town.

Born September 5, 1923, Bob Metzler was a cattle rancher, educator, artist, musician, adventurer, developer and philanthropist. Brother to Rosemary Metzler, they were the grandchildren of Irish immigrants Patrick and Margaret Lucas, who were among the first homesteaders in Douglas County.

To honor this donation and the Metzler heritage, the property has been named the Metzler Family Open Space. The site is part of the original Metzler Ranch Planned Unit Development of 770 acres, which was annexed into Castle Rock in 1984. This tract is the last remaining, undeveloped parcel from the original annexation area and was one of the largest land donations the Town of Castle Rock has ever received.

The Town has allocated \$1.6 million for various improvements prior to opening the property to the public by the end of 2022. This spring and summer, contractor Timberline Trailcraft constructed 6 miles of soft-surface trails. In July, the historic and leaning silo was successfully straightened, and Summit Sealants will soon begin to repoint and strengthen the joints of the silo's brick. Designs are also nearly final for the parking lot and entrance on the southeast side of the open space, and staff are developing signage to be placed throughout the site to tell the story of the Metzler family.

Although the property won't officially open until the entrance and parking lot is complete, the Castle Rock Parks and Trails Foundation is hosting a sneak-preview VIP event on Thursday, August 25 from 6-8:30 p.m. Attendees to the event will experience a guided hike on the newly constructed trails, as well as a tour of the homestead and outbuildings and a wine tasting just in time for sunset. All proceeds will benefit the Foundation's efforts of supporting the Possibilities Playground at Butterfield Park. To purchase a ticket and learn more about the work of the Foundation visit [GetOutdoorsCastleRock.org](https://www.getoutdoorscastlerock.org).

PHILIP S. MILLER PARK PLAYLOOP UPDATE

Throughout the summer, a new sidewalk was installed at Philip S. Miller Park to provide an accessible looped connection between the parking area, aerial trekking course and adventure playground. Major project components are complete, including construction of 1,100 linear feet of ADA accessible trail and site vegetation. The areas surrounding the new path will also feature new play structures to expand the park's adventure play experience. Supply issues have delayed some of the new equipment, but staff will continue to install and open the equipment throughout the fall. Porta-lets were also relocated from the parking area to a new pad built adjacent to the path. The project is funded through lease fees paid by the Edge Ziplines and Adventures.



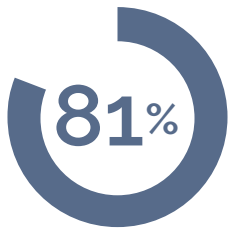


PROPOSED RECREATION FACILITY QUESTIONNAIRE RESULTS

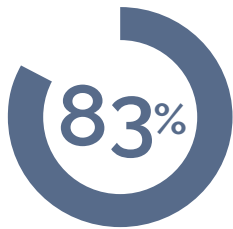
The Castle Rock community supports Town-operated indoor recreation and has for over 30 years, since the Recreation Center was built in 1988 when the population was only 9,000. To continue to maintain quality of life expectations for a growing community, the Parks and Recreation Master Plan and Strategic Plan support the development of a new indoor recreation facility.

Following a recreation feasibility study and a request for proposals in 2021, the Town recently sought resident feedback on a potential public-private partnership that would bring a sports development center of roughly 100,000 square feet featuring aquatics, fitness and gymnasium amenities. The Proposed Sports Development Center questionnaire key findings are shown here. More information on the project can be found at CRgov.com/NewRecFacility.

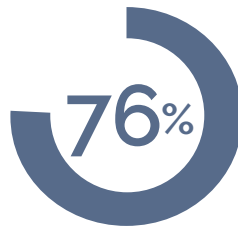
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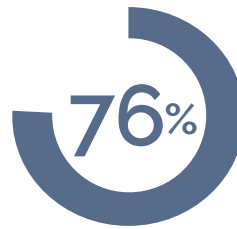
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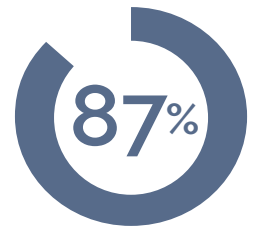
agree with the location of the facility as proposed



believe the proposed concept addresses the current shortage of gymnasium and aquatics space within Castle Rock



believe the proposed partnership with Confluence Companies accomplishes funding strategies identified by the Parks and Recreation Department



agree with the need for a new recreation center, given other parks and recreation and Town priorities

OPPORTUNITIES

When asked if there are other parks and recreation-related amenities or projects of interest, there were a few themes in responses, including:



Tennis: mentioned in 26% of responses



Ice: mentioned in 14% of responses

Other common responses that accounted for <5% of answers included a 50-meter pool, diving well, open space and baseball facilities.

When asked for additional feedback regarding the proposal, there were a few themes in responses, including:



Tennis: mentioned in 20% of responses



Ice: mentioned in 5% of responses

Other common responses that accounted for <5% of answers included a 50-meter pool, diving well, open space, baseball facilities and indoor turf.

ENGAGEMENT



35
number of days questionnaire was open



639
total responses collected



20+
neighborhoods represented



Community Events

JULY EVENTS

Residents remained busy throughout the month at the many community events organized by the Parks and Recreation Department - from free fitness and yoga programs at parks to ongoing farmers markets and educational programs and concerts.

July kicked off with First Fridays featuring Blink 180-TRUE and special guest Ninety Percent 90's. Hundreds came out to experience this southern California's tribute to the world-famous pop-punk band with all the fun and antics. A Color Run 5k was held before the music started and families enjoyed the first Friday of the month close to home at Festival Park with free music, family-friendly festivities and food and drink.

Philip S. Miller Park played host to the Summer Concert Series featuring Nancy Wilson's Heart and vocalist Kimberly Nichole on Friday, July 22, and Junior Varsity Three took the stage on Thursday, July 21 for the free Tunes for Trails concert series. The Amphitheater also offered a free, educational opportunity to learn about local birds of prey at Raptors Over the Rock on July 12. Presented in partnership with the Douglas Land Conservancy, Nature's Educators brought live animal ambassadors and presented information on habitat and behavior.

The month wrapped up with a longhorn cattle drive on July 29 to formally kick-off the Douglas County Fair and Rodeo. Thousands came out as official cowhands steered a heard of Texas Longhorns down Perry Street at the Western Heritage Welcome. Following the cattle drive, event goers enjoyed a variety of western-themed activities like gold mining, old-time photographs and reenactments. The wild-west truly came to life!



Athletics & Adventure

PEDAL THE MOON

On July 16, the Athletics and Adventure Division hosted its annual, family-friendly ride. Over 160 people biked along the East Plum Creek Trail at Pedal the Moon and fun was had by all. Depending on preferred distance, participants departed Castle View or Douglas County high schools and ventured downtown to Festival Park to enjoy festivities. Bike decorating stations were located along the route and showy lights and glow-in-the-dark accessories helped the moon light the way. The International Dark Sky Association set up telescopes for viewing, and food and beverages were available in the park.

