



Castle Rock  
**PARKS &  
RECREATION**  
October 2023  
Monthly Report





# UPCOMING

## *Events*

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

NOVEMBER

18

**STARLIGHTING**  
2 to 6 p.m.  
Downtown Castle Rock and Festival Park

DECEMBER

1

**FESTIVAL PARK STARLIGHT MARKET**  
3 to 8 p.m.  
Festival Park

DECEMBER

2

**FESTIVAL PARK STARLIGHT MARKET**  
11 a.m. to 7 p.m.  
Festival Park

DECEMBER

2

**REINDEER GAMES**  
1 to 4 p.m.  
Philip S. Miller Park

DECEMBER

9

**STORYTELLERS & S'MORES**  
5 to 7 p.m.  
Festival Park

# CAPITAL PROJECT UPDATES

## *Parks, Open Space & Trails*

The updates below summarize the 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).

### COLORADO FRONT RANGE TRAIL THROUGH CASTLE ROCK

The Colorado Front Range Trail in Castle Rock officially opened to the public in October with a festive grand opening event. Over 50 people attended to run a free 5K, enjoy complimentary refreshments and giveaways, and explore new geocaches and an Agents of Discovery mission hosted by the Castle Rock Parks and Trails Foundation. The new network provides a regional connection from Castle Rock to Denver through the Cherry Creek Regional Trail. Users can also travel from Cobblestone Ranch to Downtown Castle and further south to Lowell Ranch. The project was funded in part through a grant award from the Great Outdoors Colorado's Connect Initiative program, whose mission was to help partners fill gaps in networks across the state to provide safer, close-to-home recreation opportunities.

### PLUM CREEK NEIGHBORHOOD PARK NAMING

Nearly 500 open-ended suggestions and 230 naming preferences were received through a questionnaire to gather public input to name the Town's next neighborhood park in Plum Creek. Among the suggestions and preferences, Emerald Park emerged as a top choice. A Town staff naming committee reviewed the input and recommended to the Parks and Recreation Commission that the park be named Emerald Park or a variant thereof. The commission unanimously supported this selection on Oct. 18, and Town Council approved a resolution to formally adopt Emerald Park as the name on Nov. 7. Site construction continues with grading and sanitary and storm utility installation. Once wet utilities are complete, the contractor will begin to put in electric and prep the site for concrete placement.

### MITCHELL GULCH PARK RENOVATION PROJECT

Construction continues at Mitchell Gulch Park with efforts focused on assembling and installing site furnishings. The pour-in-place playground surfacing installation and the fine grading work are complete, along with the installation of park lights. The majority of landscaping and trees are also installed, except for a few varieties that are temperature dependent.

### SLIDE TOWER STRUCTURE RENOVATION PROJECT

The Recreation Center's Leisure Pool will remain closed through mid-December to repair broken valves and allow contractors access above the area for the slide tower structure renovation project. Scaffolding was placed to work on the trusses and underside of the decking. Sections of the exterior slides were removed and interior demolition of the walls was also ongoing throughout October.



# OCTOBER OPERATIONS

## *By the Numbers*

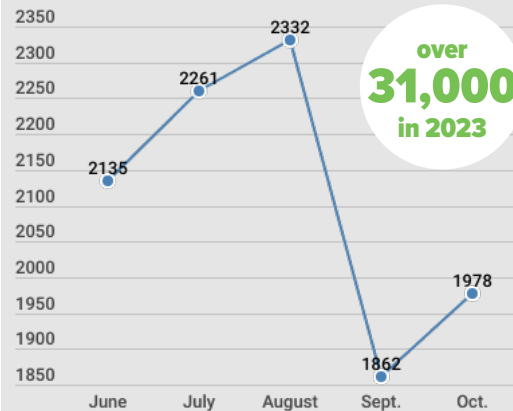
### Parks Maintenance and Operations

This month the Parks Maintenance and Operations division spent

- 324 hours on holiday lighting;
- 132 hours on snow removal;
- 124 hours on field maintenance;
- 150 hours on mowing operations; and
- 132 hours on irrigation maintenance.

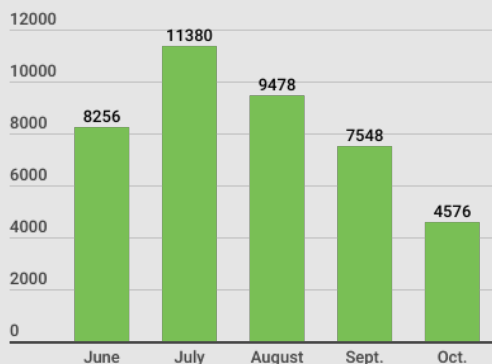


### RockREC Registrations



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

### Red Hawk Ridge Golf Course



### POST Partners Volunteer Program



**69**  
volunteers



**278**  
volunteer hours



**7**  
events



**22**  
trash bags collected

### Facility Operations



increase in birthday parties hosted over October 2022



increase in membership monthly billing at MAC & Rec Center over Nov. 1, 2022



Programming at Cantril in full swing with Spanish classes, fall break camps and art offerings

### 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.

**4**

trolley rentals



**24**

pavilion 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 rise with warmer weather.



# COMMUNITY EVENTS

## Summary



**10.07**

### CASTLE ROCK TRAIL FESTIVAL AND LIVEBIG FAMILY ADVENTURE RUN

Nearly 330 racers explored Castle Rock's beautiful trails and supported a great cause at the annual trail running event. The event raised over \$15,000 for the department's Therapeutic Recreation program.

### COLORADO FRONT RANGE TRAIL RIBBON CUTTING AND 5K

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**10.14**



**10.21**

### SPOOKTACULAR

Over 3,000 guests celebrated Halloween at Philip S. Miller Park, where the atmosphere buzzed with sugar-filled excitement! Activities included carnival-style games, photo ops, and plenty of opportunities to fill up on candy and Halloween-themed treats.

### FALL FESTIVAL FEAT. CREEPY CRAWLIES AROUND THE ROCK

Visitors to the department's environmental education table learned facts about "scary" things from the outdoors. Nature's Educators provided a variety of live animals appropriate for the spooky season, including a boa constrictor, Western Screech-Owl, scorpion, salamander, toad and tarantula.

**10.22**



**SUNDAYS**

### FESTIVAL PARK FARMERS MARKET

The Festival Park Farmers Market wrapped up for the season on Sunday, Oct. 22 with the Fall Festival. The series hosted thousands throughout the summer, where visitors could choose from locally raised meats, fresh produce, baked goods and artisan-made products.

### MILLHOUSE AND AMPHITHEATER EVENT RENTALS

October was a busy month for special events held within Philip S. Miller Park. Roughly 5,200 visitors attended weddings, celebrations of life, meetings or large events.

### FACILITY RENTALS





# PROGRAM IMPACT

## Summary



**74**

Middle School  
Madness  
participants

**30**

Rock Rec  
Fall Break Camp  
participants



**134**

adults enrolled  
in pottery, dance or  
Spanish



**138**

youth enrolled  
in dance, KidzArt,  
KidStage or fencing

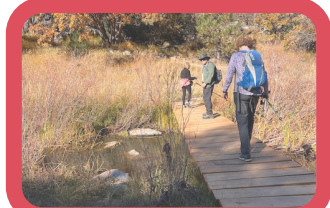
**162**

enrolled in  
Adventure Club  
Preschool



**13**

enrolled in  
Toddler  
Time



**5**

hikes throughout  
the month with 15  
participants



**19**

Adaptive Swim Lesson  
participants in the  
Sept./Oct. session



**7**

Therapeutic Rec  
volleyball  
participants



**1,803**

group fitness  
program  
attendees

**60**

personal  
training  
sessions



**174**

group or private  
Learn to Swim  
participants



**107**

Learn to Swim  
program  
offerings



# PROGRAM IMPACT

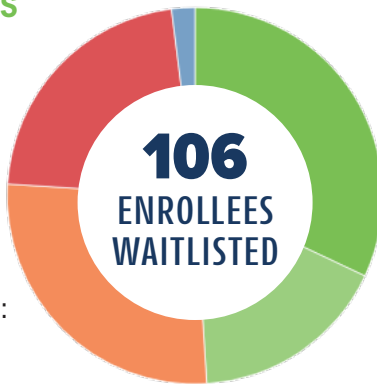
## Summary

### October Updates and Waitlist Data

#### WAITLISTED PROGRAMS

Due to space limitations, over 100 enrollees were waitlisted for programs in October.

- Fall Break Camps: 22%
- Learn to Swim: 2%
- Adult Pottery: 32%
- KidStage: 17%
- Adventure Club Preschool: 27%



#### PUBLIC ART STRATEGIC PLAN APPROVED BY TOWN COUNCIL

The Public Art Commission visioned and wrote a public art strategic plan to expand upon the vision and goals of previous Town art plans, while integrating the future dreams and aspirations of a growing community. The plan was formally adopted by Town Council on Nov. 7. The commission conducted community questionnaires, held on-the-street interviews with residents and visitors, completed stakeholder interviews with community leaders and local organizations and hosted a master planning workshop. Input analysis resulted in the formation of six thematic goals, each with their own set of strategic objectives. Learn more about the details of the plan at [CRgov.com/PublicArtPlan](https://CRgov.com/PublicArtPlan).

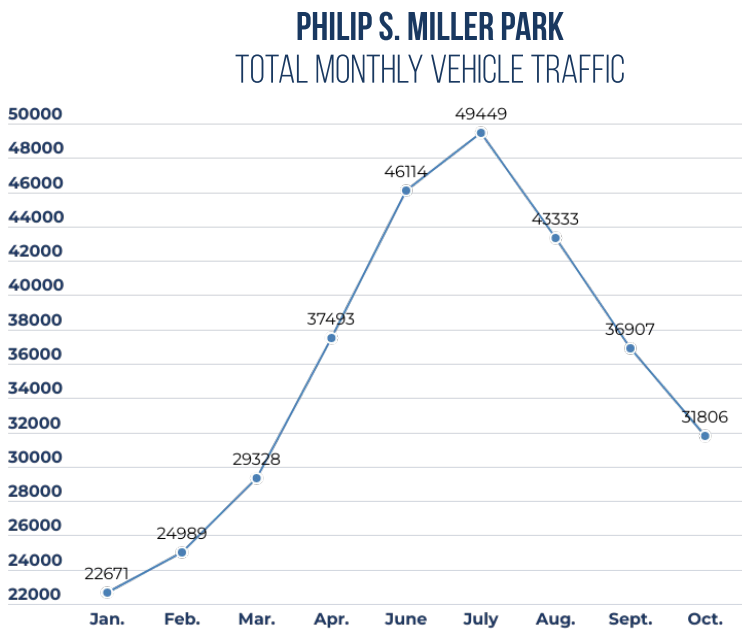


# VEHICLE COUNTER

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### OCTOBER VISITATION DATA

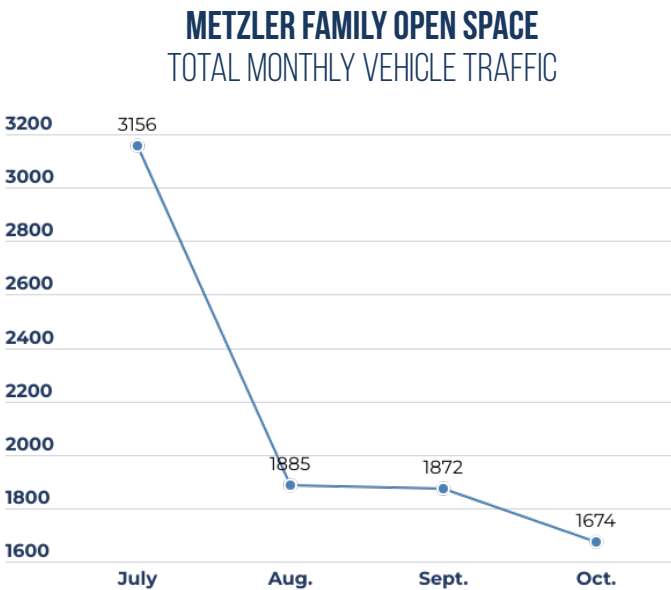
The data below is collected through TRAFX, a state-of-the-art vehicle counter collection software. A new vehicle traffic counter was installed in June at Metzler Family Open Space, therefore historical data is limited to the last four months.



**1,983**  
vehicles on  
peak visitation  
day, Oct. 21

**1,180**  
average number  
of vehicles  
per day in 2023

**31,806**  
total vehicles  
in  
October



**90**  
vehicles on  
peak visitation  
day, Oct. 21

**65**  
average number  
of vehicles  
per day this month

**1,674**  
total vehicles  
in  
October