



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



UPCOMING

Events

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

FEB
7
**COLORADO BLUEBIRD PROJECT
INFORMATIONAL OPEN HOUSE**
7 to 8 p.m.
Millhouse at Philip S. Miller Park

FEB
29
**COLORADO BLUEBIRD PROJECT
VOLUNTEER MONITOR TRAINING**
6:30 to 8 p.m.
Millhouse at Philip S. Miller Park

FEB
21
**COLORADO BLUEBIRD PROJECT
VOLUNTEER MONITOR TRAINING**
4 to 5:30 p.m.
Millhouse at Philip S. Miller Park

MAR
27
**TRAIL MAINTENANCE KICK-OFF
MEETING**
6:30 to 7:30 p.m.
Miller Activity Complex

CAPITAL PROJECT UPDATES

Parks, Open Space & Trails

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.

SLIDE TOWER STRUCTURE RENOVATION

The Recreation Center's Leisure Pool remains closed as crews work to finalize upgrades to the pool and its chemical rooms. The concrete masonry tower to hold the slide tower was completed, and the contractor erected the steel inside the tower. Weatherproofing the tower's exterior began and crews are installing window frames for future window installation. Aquatics Division staff anticipate reopening the leisure pool and the steam room to the public in February, while the slide tower and hot tub will remain closed until the project's full completion in spring.



RED HAWK RIDGE TO UPDATE EQUIPMENT

Town Council approved an equipment and services acquisition agreement with Colorado Golf & Turf, Inc. to purchase new equipment for Red Hawk Ridge Golf Course. The lease for the course's current golf cars expired in 2022 and the fleet is now in need of replacement. The purchase will allow the course to provide up-to-date cars and maintain the first-class experience that customers have come to expect at Red Hawk Ridge. The purchase will include 84 Club Car brand golf cars, 2 beverage cars, 1 utility range picker, 5 carryall cars and 1 six-passenger transport car.



CAPITAL PROJECT UPDATES

Parks, Open Space & Trails



EMERALD PARK

Staff continued to work with engineers on revising and correcting the grading plans due to a surveying error. Below-grade utilities are placed and the post-tensioned concrete slab for the pickleball courts will soon be installed.

MITCHELL GULCH PARK RENOVATION

Security cameras were installed, and the pump track and punch-list items will soon be completed depending on weather and snow melt. Once the pump track is completed, fencing will be removed from the playground area, while fencing will remain around the tennis courts until the courts are completed and opened this spring.



COBBLESTONE RANCH PARK

Repair work on the concrete, sewer and supporting soil at Cobblestone Ranch Park commenced on Monday, Jan. 22. The project's scope of work will include demolishing and clearing necessary areas, importing and compacting soil for appropriate drainage, completing irrigation modifications to reconnect the system following soil corrections, placing new concrete and curbs, replanting and reseeding landscaped areas and placing new sod as necessary. The project will be completed by spring 2024.

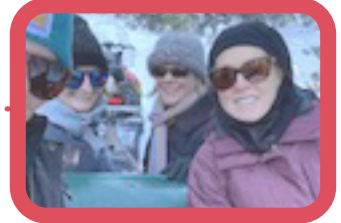


PROGRAM PARTICIPATION

Summary

5

dog sledding
participants in
Breckenridge



141

adults enrolled
in pottery
or dance



107

youth enrolled
in dance, KidzArt,
KidStage or fencing

163

enrolled in
Adventure Club
Preschool



24

enrolled in
Toddler
Time



133

Middle School
Madness
participants

62

enrolled in
school break
camps



2,686

group fitness
program
attendees

64

personal
training
sessions



STAFFING AND OPERATIONAL

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Staffing Updates

TEAM WELCOMES NEW SPECIAL PROGRAMS AND EVENTS SENIOR SUPERVISOR

The Parks and Recreation Department is pleased to introduce Erika Alsobrook as the new Recreation Special Programs and Events Senior Supervisor. With a rich history in event planning, strategic coordination and project management, Erika brings a wealth of experience to our team. Her previous roles in event coordination and project management have equipped her with the skills and expertise necessary to excel in her new position.

As the Recreation Special Programs and Events Senior Supervisor, Erika will oversee the planning, execution and management of a diverse range of programs and events within Castle Rock, including community favorites such as the Summer Concert Series and Western Heritage Welcome. Her responsibilities will include developing and implementing policies, coordinating with internal and external partners to ensure the success of signature community events and more. With her strategic mindset and commitment to excellence, Erika will play a pivotal role in enhancing the vibrancy and inclusivity of Castle Rock's events, fostering community engagement and promoting economic development in Castle Rock. We are excited to have Erika on board and look forward to the valuable contributions she will make to our department and the community at large.



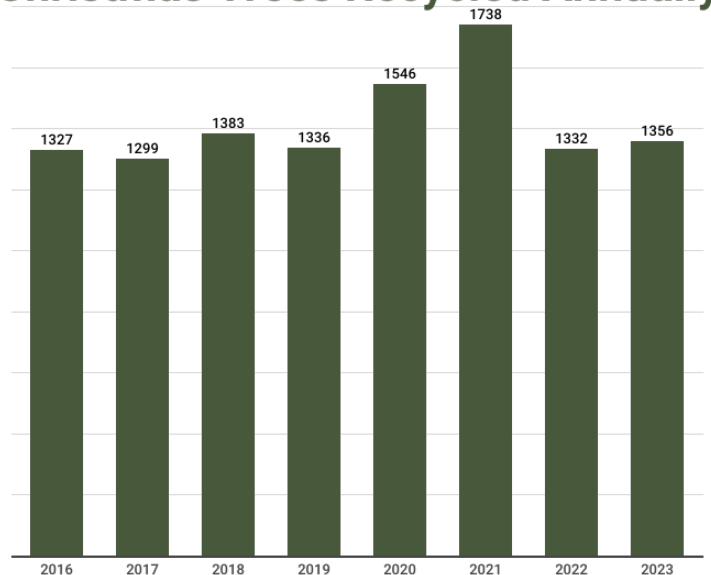
Leaving an Impact

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS TREE RECYCLING UPDATE

For nearly two decades, the Park Operations and Maintenance team has recycled Christmas trees for Castle Rock residents. From Dec. 26 through Jan. 31, Park Operations and Maintenance staff recycled 1,356 trees dropped off at Metzler Ranch, Founders and Paintbrush parks and the Douglas County Fairgrounds.

The mulch is used in Town-owned parks and other landscaped areas. Beginning in April, the mulch will also be available to residents on a first-come, first-served basis. The mulch can be picked up on Saturdays from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Douglas County slash-mulch site on Caprice Drive.

Christmas Trees Recycled Annually



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Fitness in the New Year

FITNESS BINGO CHALLENGE IS BACK

Fitness enthusiasts and novices alike can start the year off trying new things at the Recreation Center as part of the Fitness Bingo Challenge! Back for its fourth year, Fitness Bingo Challenge participants complete various fitness challenges to earn Bingo stamps. As of Feb. 1, 52 people have completed one Bingo row and 15 have completed the entire Bingo board. The challenge ends on Valentine's Day. Those who complete one row are awarded with a fanny pack featuring the Fitness and Wellness division's logo, and those who fill the entire board receive a Nike short-sleeve dry fit top.

ONE DAY SALE SPARKS SPIKE IN PERSONAL TRAINING PURCHASES

On Dec. 20, 2023, the department rolled out a limited-time offer, featuring a one-day sale on facility memberships, passes and personal training sessions. Marking a significant 20% discount from regular prices, this promotion aimed to incentivize fitness enthusiasts to invest in their health and wellness. The response was remarkable, resulting in a total of \$7,340 in sales for personal training sessions and packages. Here's the breakdown of the sales generated during this promotional event:

- 24 30-minute buddy sessions sold;
- 106 30-minute individual sessions sold;
- 50 60-minute individual sessions sold;
- 8 Reformer buddy sessions sold; and
- 66 individual Reformer sessions sold.



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Therapeutic Recreation Offerings

EMPOWERING MONTH FOR THERAPEUTIC RECREATION PARTICIPANTS

In January, our Therapeutic Recreation program continued its mission to enrich the lives of individuals with disabilities through engaging recreational activities. We proudly facilitated four diverse programs: Beyond Boundaries Adaptive Skiing saw 10 participants hitting the slopes, while 16 individuals took part in Special Olympics basketball. Additionally, five participants enjoyed an outing to a Denver Nuggets game and seven individuals joined our Time to Move program, promoting fitness and camaraderie through various exercise methods.

GRANT TO ENABLE THERAPEUTIC RECREATION PARTICIPANTS TO LEARN TO RIDE A BIKE

The Therapeutic Recreation Program was recently awarded a \$12,000 grant from the Metropolitan Football Stadium District (MFSD). The funds will be used to host an iCan Bike camp this summer.

Many individuals with disabilities never experience the thrill of independently riding a two-wheel bicycle during their lifetime. For example, recent research shows that over 80% of people with Autism and 90% of people with Down syndrome never learn to ride a two-wheel bicycle. The iCan Bike program will provide Therapeutic Recreation participants the opportunity to learn how to ride a bike this summer. The five day camp is takes place at the end of July at the Castle Rock Recreation Center.

iCan Shine is a non-profit organization that teaches individuals with disabilities to ride a conventional two-wheel bicycle using adapted bike equipment through its iCan Bike program. iCan Bike uses customized adapted equipment, trained professionals and volunteers. With 75 minutes of instruction over five days, approximately 80% of riders learn to ride a conventional bicycle independently by the end of camp. The remaining 20% often make great progress towards that goal.

[Learn more about the iCanBike summer camp program here.](#)



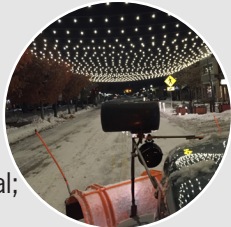
JANUARY OPERATIONS

By the Numbers

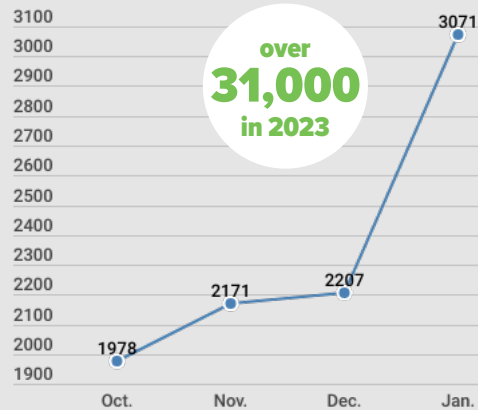
Parks Maintenance and Operations

This month the Parks Maintenance and Operations division spent

- 115 hours on snow removal;
- 82 hours on holiday light removal;
- 10 hours on field maintenance;
- 24 hours on irrigation operations;
- 5 hours on construction projects, including trail closure and sign installations; and
- 4 staff members obtained their CDL permits.



RockREC Registrations

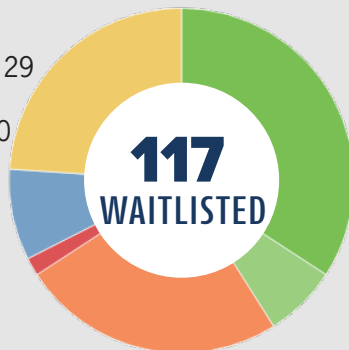


This data represents the number of online program registrations completed via the RockREC app or the desktop version of the site, Recreation.CRgov.com

Waitlisted Programs

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

- Adventure Club Preschool: 29
- Toddler Time: 2
- Middle School Madness: 10
- School break camps: 28
- Adult Pottery: 40
- KidStage: 8



POST Partners Volunteer Program



136
volunteers



272
volunteer
hours



8
events



64
trash bags
collected



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.

2
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.

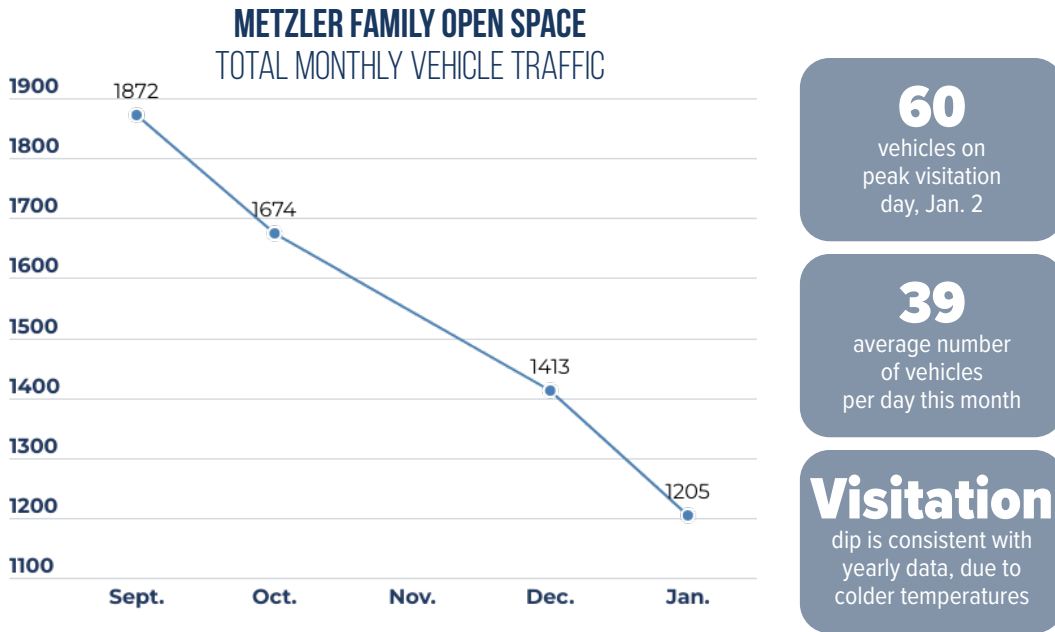


VEHICLE COUNTER

Summary

January Visitation Data

The data below is collected through TRAFx, a state-of-the-art vehicle counter collection software. Due to muddy conditions, unpaved trails closed effective Jan. 22 and remained closed into February. Although there is a posted announcement regarding trail closures, over 100 trail users were counted at Metzler Family Open Space using trail counting software from Jan. 23 through 31.



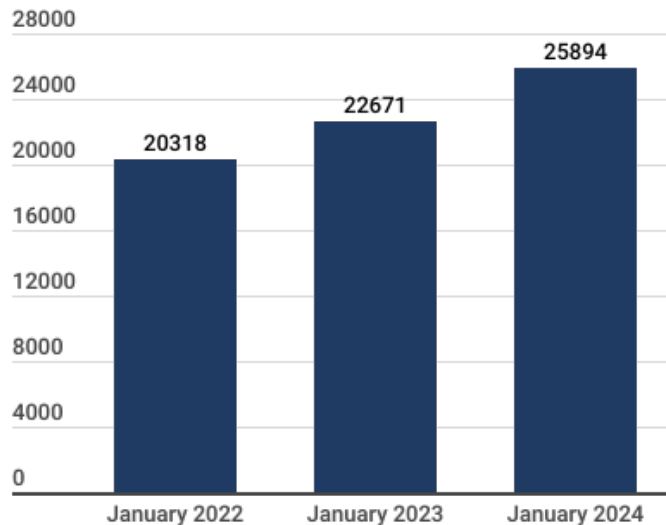
PHILIP S. MILLER PARK

JANUARY TRAFFIC YEAR-OVER-YEAR

1,352
vehicles on
peak visitation
day, Jan. 27

843
average number
of vehicles
per day this month

14%+
increase in traffic
in comparison to
January 2023



SUMMER CAMPS

Looking Ahead to Summer 2024

Summer camp registration for our 2024 programs kicked off on Jan. 15, showing robust demand for engaging and diverse camp experiences tailored to children's interests. From half-day to full-day options, our week-long camps aim to keep kids active and engaged throughout the summer break. With some camps already selling out, families are eager to secure their spots in our exciting array of activities.

SUMMER CAMPS 2024 PREVIEW

11
weeks of
summer
camps
18
camp
offerings



472
campers
waitlisted
as of
Feb. 5



1,100
registrations
on opening
day, Jan. 15



25+ camp
offerings sold out
as of Feb. 5



1,594
registrations
during the
first week

