

## UPCOMING PARKS AND RECREATION EVENTS

- **Free Fitness Fridays**
  - o June 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30 from 8-9 a.m. - Amphitheater at Philip S. Miller Park
- **Yoga in the Park**
  - o Jun 4, 11, 18 and 25 from 9-10 a.m. - Amphitheater at Philip S. Miller Park
- **Kids/Family Yoga**
  - o June 14, 15, 21, 22, 28 and 29 from 8-9 a.m. - Amphitheater at Philip S. Miller Park
- **Tunes for Trails/Perks for Parks Free Concert "Boogie Machine"**
  - o June 29, 6-9 p.m. - the Amphitheater at Philip S. Miller Park
- **2017 Summer Concert Series - Philharmonic**
  - o July 2 at 7 p.m. - the Amphitheater at Philip S. Miller Park
- **Raptors Over the Rock**
  - o July 19, 5:30-6:30 p.m. - the Amphitheater at Philip S. Miller Park
- **Tunes for Trails / Perks for Parks Free Concert "F.A.C.E."**
  - o July 20, 6-9 p.m. - the Amphitheater at Philip S. Miller Park
- **Western Heritage Welcome**
  - o July 28, 6-9 p.m. at Steer Drive - along Perry Street; Chuck Wagon Cook-off - dirt lot near Brizzi's Coffee along Miller Ct. and Perry Street
- **Pedal the Moon**
  - o Aug. 5, 7:30-11 p.m. at Founders Park
- **2017 Summer Concert Series - Little River Band**
  - o Aug. 26 at 7 p.m. - the Amphitheater at Philip S. Miller Park



## Annual Climb4Change event raised thousands for special needs programming

The third annual Climb4Change was held at the Challenge Hill at Philip S. Miller Park on Saturday, May 13. This year featured 140 registered participants running up 200-steps of 178-vertical feet to raise funds and awareness for the Town's Adaptive Recreation



program, REAL  
(Recreation,  
Empowerment and  
Active Living).

With the help of over 40  
volunteers, as well as  
generous sponsorships  
and donations received,  
the event raised nearly  
\$8,000 to ensure that  
recreation is accessible  
and affordable to youth  
with cognitive and  
physical disabilities.  
Funds will help support  
families who are

financially taxed due to the costs associated with chronic disabilities through  
sponsorship opportunities and modified programming.



For the first time, a celebration of awareness was included in the event. This represented an important step in garnering support from community members. To further foster this awareness, several families that participated in the event posted pictures and statements on social media. One family specifically posted a picture of a sign that said, "Different, Not Less - Thank You REAL."





## **PARKS, OPEN SPACE AND TRAILS – PLANNING AND CONSTRUCTION DIVISION**

PREPARED BY BRIAN PETERSON, MANAGER OF PARK PLANNING AND CONSTRUCTION

### **Festival Park**

Festival Park continues to move forward despite the spring showers and the multiple obstacles that the contractor encountered both above and below the ground. May was a busy month as crews worked diligently on the tedious placement of boulders in and around the gulch and river steps. All bridge abutments were completed and are now ready for the arrival of the two pedestrian bridges that will be installed in June. Underground drainage was placed to direct the flow of storm water near Second and Perry streets, and workers completed concrete work for a future seat wall. Irrigation main and branch lines were initiated, as well as underground electrical.



## **Operation and Maintenance Facility**

Staff continued to work with the selected architect, HB&A, to plan the design for the new Operation and Maintenance Facility. The facility will be shared by the Town's Park Maintenance and Facilities Divisions. The building's site is located at the end of Caprice Street at the old waste water treatment plant.

In May, Park Planning and Construction Manager, Brian Peterson, reviewed two designs to assess which layout will best meet the functional demands of staff and will best fit the topography of the land. The architect also provided some early numbers to estimate costs for both layouts. A final design decision will be made in the coming months.

## **Lighting Improvements at the Amphitheater**

In May, four additional pedestrian light poles were installed at the Amphitheater at Philip S. Miller Park. The supplemental lighting will offer improved illumination for pedestrians and at special events. A fifth pole was installed to provide three LED flood lights. The LED lights will be turned on to help signify when an event is complete, help people gather personal items and vacate the area safely.

## **TRAIL PROJECTS**

PREPARED BY RICH HAVEL, TRAILS PLANNER

### **East Plum Creek Trail Southern Extension**



The extension of the East Plum Creek Trail is a two-mile segment that will lengthen the trail south of Perry Street near Safeway to Crystal Valley Parkway. Most of the southern extension will be on Town owned open space, however, the Department will need to acquire two privately owned parcels. Staff and property owners have arranged fee purchase agreements and both agreements were sent to respective owners for signatures and execution. Final closing dates are scheduled in June.



## **Douglas Lane Tributary Improvements**

Castle Rock Water and Parks and Recreation joined forces to complete trail and stormwater improvements located in the Heckendorf Ranch neighborhood along the Douglas Lane Tributary. Trail improvements will include the Union Pacific Railroad underpass at the projects westerly limit, as well as retaining walls and trail construction to Crystal Valley Pkwy, and will be a part of the East Plum Creek Southern trail extension. The design for this project is currently at 60%. Final design will be completed this summer with construction beginning this fall.

On May 2, the design team met onsite to verify trail alignments to avoid sensitive natural areas and evaluate both creek and drainage crossings. The engineering consultant is studying the drainage effects of the trail improvements to determine floodway impacts and prepare for a Conditional Letter of Map Revision (CLOMR) from the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

## **Mitchell Creek and Tabor Court Trail Connections**

Staff continued to work with the Founders Metropolitan District in Founders Village to connect Mitchell Creek Trail to Ridge Road and Tabor Court. The connections are a joint project, which the District is responsible for funding the design and construction and the Town of Castle Rock is responsible for project management and coordination.



In May, the contractor completed the last remaining 250-linear feet of trail, installed four ADA accessible ramps, finalized backfill and cleared and grubbed the Tabor Court connection to prepare for wall construction. In addition, 310-linear feet of railing was manufactured to be installed in June. Restoration of impacted areas will begin once the railing is installed.

## Castlewood Ranch Neighborhood Connection

The Castlewood Ranch Metro District contacted the Town to request a neighborhood connection from Mitchell Street to both Peabody and Ardmore streets through an existing open space tract. The open space is currently used by Mesa Middle School students to travel to and from school. The completed project will provide improved access for the local neighborhood and a safer commute for students.

In a joint effort, the Town will bid the project for construction, prepare the construction plans for the project, submit the plans for review to Public Works and Castle Rock Water and will provide project management. The District will provide project funding.

Staff completed a draft of grading, erosion and sediment control (GESC) plans and will submit the plans to the District for review and approval. Once the District has approved the plans, staff will submit plans for Public Works and Castle Rock Water's review. The project is anticipated to be completed this summer.

## OPEN SPACE PROJECTS

PREPARED BY BARBARA SPAGNUOLO, NATURAL RESOURCE SPECIALIST

## National Trails Day

Throughout May, staff planned for the Town's inaugural event at the Rueter-Hess Reservoir on June 3, National Trails Day. This event, sponsored by American Hiking Society, is part of a nationally recognized trail awareness program that occurs annually on the first Saturday in June. The program is intended to inspire the public to discover, learn about and celebrate trails. The public is invited to be among the first to visit and explore the future recreational possibilities at the reservoir by participating in guided hikes.

After a press release was issued on May 23, interest in the event dramatically increased. Registration for every guided hike with the exception of one, filled to capacity. As a result, a waitlist was opened and due to the flood of interest, staff decided to provide the option of self-guided hikes. The hikes will be led by Town staff with assistance from the local Meadows Hiking Club.

In addition to the guided hikes, the Parks and Recreation Department, Geocaching Colorado Club, Douglas County Libraries, Parker Water, Castle Rock Water and Castle Rock Parks and Trails Foundation will table to provide information to interested participants. Free snacks and water, and a Kona Shaved Ice truck will be at the event.





## Special Programs and Events

PREPARED BY HEATHER ROSSITER, SPECIAL PROGRAMS SUPERVISOR, AND JENNIFER REINHARDT, EVENTS SPECIALIST

This year's annual youth triathlon, Tri the Rock, was held on May 21. Despite the cold temperatures and snow that took place the days leading up to the race, nearly 450 youth participated in the event. New this year, the Town offered a clinic for first-time racers. The clinic was well received with 60 total participants.



The 2017 Summer Concert Series kicked off on Memorial Day weekend with Super Diamond. Despite the rain that threatened a delay, the first concert went on as planned. Over 400 people braved the chilly temperatures and enjoyed this amazing tribute to Neil Diamond. Super Diamond is a nationally touring act whose roots are based in San Francisco.



Staff continue to prepare for the upcoming concert season. The Town's first country performance at the Amphitheater at Philip S. Miller Park is scheduled for June 10. The duo of Keifer and Shawna Thompson is sure to be a crowd pleaser with modern day country hits.



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### **Red Hawk Ridge Golf Course**

PREPARED BY BOB PERSICHETTI, HEAD GOLF PROFESSIONAL



#### **Operations**

The timing of the snow storms in May negatively impacted golf revenue for the month. Snow closed the golf course for four days; and eight of the twelve weekend days, and a total of seventeen days in May, had less than favorable golf weather. Total revenue for the month was \$323,896, which is \$6,802 below the 10-year average and \$32,368 below prior year. Heading into the golf season, the golf fund is \$20,553 ahead of budget and \$95,600 ahead of the same period in 2016. The average income per player year to date is \$2.95 below the average in 2016. This drop is expected when shoulder season rounds increase. Overall, the golf fund is in a healthy position through the first five months of the year.

Red Hawk typically hosts a club demo day in May. Unfortunately, both dates and two additional tournaments were cancelled due to the inclement weather. These cancellations led to a decline in sales at the golf shop sales and revenue fell below budget. Club demo day is rescheduled for June and the tournament season will be in full swing which will help golf shop sales rebound in the future.

	<b>Current Month</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Previous Year</b>	<b>Year to Date</b>	<b>Previous Year</b>
Total Revenue	\$323,896	\$391,988	\$356,264	\$703,105	\$607,505
Total Rounds	3,989	4,625	4,224	8,979	7,476
Avg. Income/Player	\$81.20	\$84.75	\$84.34	\$78.31	\$81.26
Golf Shop Sales	\$16,500	\$28,259	\$25,825	\$43,538	\$45,198
F&B Sales	\$47,050	\$58,969	\$64,524	\$106,715	\$101,666