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UPCOMING PARKS AND RECREATION EVENTS

- **Saturday, October 17**
 - liveBig, Philip S. Miller Park, 7:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.
- **Saturday, October 24**
 - Spooktacular, Miller Activity Complex, 1-3 p.m.
- **Saturday, October 24**
 - Rail Jam 2015, Philip S. Miller Park (near the Adventure Playground), 3:30 p.m. – 9 p.m.
- **Saturday, November 7**
 - Big Rock Bowl Flag football tourney, Philip S. Miller Park, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.
- **Saturday, December 12**
 - Cyclocross Race, Rhyolite Regional Park, 6 a.m. – 4 p.m.
- **December 26 – January 31**
 - Christmas Tree Recycling Event, drop of locations will be at Centennial, Founders, Metzler Ranch and Paintbrush parks. Mulch from recycled trees will only be available at Founders, Metzler Ranch and Paintbrush parks through March 31 or when gone. Call 720-733-2260 for more information.



Accreditation of Park and Recreation Agencies

PREPARED BY EILEEN MATHESON, RECREATION MANAGER

The Town of Castle Rock Parks and Recreation joined the ranks of elite parks and recreation agencies and departments across the country by earning accreditation through the Commission for Accreditation of Park and Recreation Agencies (CAPRA) and the National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA). This distinguished accomplishment was awarded on September 14, during the 2015 NRPA Annual Conference in Las Vegas, NV.

CAPRA accreditation is the only national accreditation for park and recreation agencies, and is a measure of the overall quality of operation, management and service to the community. This mark of distinction indicates that we, as an agency have met rigorous standards related to the management and administration of lands, facilities, resources, programs, safety and services.

As part of the accreditation process, staff had to demonstrate compliance with 151 recognized standards and document all policies and procedures. Often the process helps identify efficiencies and heighten areas of accountability, all of which translate into higher quality service and operation to benefit the community.

The process for accreditation involved a formal application, self-assessments, a site visit by a team of trained visitors that results in a written report, and a hearing with the



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commission to grant accreditation. The Parks and Recreation Department, must uphold the standards by submitting an Annual Report which will be reviewed again in five years. A great deal of time, effort and work went into achieving this distinction and is an honor held by less than 150 agencies in the country.

Live Big

PREPARED BY RAINA BRIDGMAN, OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES/LEAGUE COORDINATOR



The second annual live BIG 10K-5K-Family Adventure Run will be held October 17 at Philip S. Miller Park. Registration numbers are steady and it is expected that overall participation will exceed last year's totals. Race Director, Raina Bridgman is working diligently to make the event one that will attract participants from year to year. Several new obstacles will be added to the course this year to keep the event new and exciting.

Facilities

PREPARED BY MIKE KILMAN, FACILITIES SUPERVISOR

The MAC

The Miller Activity Complex's first Douglas County School District summer break was a resounding success. Over 25,000 customers visited the complex during the break. 62% percent of them were youth.

The summer programs offered at the MAC were very popular with students. These programs included soccer, learn to bike programs, cheerleading, speed & agility camps, football camps, youth gymnastics, baseball, lacrosse and learn to swim programs.

Recreation Center

Attendance continues to increase over the years during the Douglas County School District summer break. During previous years, the Recreation Center averaged 50,000 visits. This past summer there were over 69,000 customers who utilized the facility. Summer programs included volleyball, basketball, gymnastics, art classes, kid's pottery, horseback riding and multiple martial arts disciplines. Overall, the Recreation Center was very busy with students from throughout the district.



Golf Operations

PREPARED BY BOB PERSICHETTI – HEAD GOLF PROFESSIONAL

The \$409,837 in total revenue for the month marks the first time the golf course fund was able to achieve over \$400,000 in total revenue in the month of September. It is also \$47,000 over the 10-year average for the month of September. Staff continues to push for more rounds played each year and the golf course is on track to exceed prior year's round count by over 1,000 rounds. The increase in rounds is attributable to the growth in the local population, the marketing efforts of the staff, and the consistent product quality and



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service levels the golfers have become accustomed to at Red Hawk Ridge. The golf course is experiencing growth in all major revenue categories over prior year and is on track to set a record for annual revenue totals in 2015. Trends in the Colorado golf industry are very positive as most golf courses are experiencing growth over prior years. It is a positive sign that the health of the golf industry is following the health trends of the general economy.

Staff will begin the process of procuring bids for several capital improvement projects scheduled to begin in the spring of 2016. These projects include completing the wall-to-wall cart paths, renovating all bunkers, construction of two on-course restrooms, practice facility improvements and clubhouse improvements. The improvements will all lead to customer satisfaction and potential future growth in revenue.

	Current Month	Budget	Previous Year	Year to Date	Previous Year
Total Revenue	\$409,837	\$389,382	\$398,265	\$2,491,819	\$2,420,422
Total Rounds	5,358	4,955	5,058	31,349	30,381
Avg. Income/Player	\$76.49	\$78.67	\$78.74	\$79.49	\$79.67
Golf Shop Sales	\$25,476	\$24,532	\$24,766	\$169,440	\$162,925
Food/Beverage Sales	\$69,486	\$57,638	\$58,835	\$434,048	\$407,669

Clubhouse Grill

PREPARED BY BOB PERSICHETTI – HEAD GOLF PROFESSIONAL

The food and beverage operation continues to outperform budgeted expectations. The \$69,486 in total revenue set a record for the month of September and exceeded budget by nearly \$12,000. Staff implemented a new menu in September and it is receiving great reviews. In addition to the new menu, staff is promoting music on the patio nights and private parties as a way to drive additional revenue.

While the division is operating at a high level, it does not come without its challenges. Recruiting and retaining quality staff continues to be a challenge and management will work to improve in this area over the winter months. The size of the kitchen and limited storage will also be a barrier to future growth. Reorganizing the kitchen and storage is a priority for the winter months and funds have been approved to add a second walk-in refrigerator to help mitigate some of the storage issues. Staff is excited to take on the challenges of growing the Food and Beverage revenue in 2016.

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Total Revenue	\$69,486	\$57,638	\$58,835	\$434,048	\$407,669
Avg. Income/Player	\$12.97	\$11.63	\$11.63	\$13.85	\$13.42



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STEP - Summer Trails Exploration Program

PREPARED BY BARBARA SPAGNUOLO, NATURAL RESOURCE SPECIALIST

The summer-long Summer Trails Exploration Program concluded on Labor Day, Monday, September 7. Participants have submitted tracking logs, which document the completion of the designated hikes included in the STEP program. Everyone participating will be receiving an age-appropriate outdoor-themed gift. Participants over 12 will receive a t-shirt, kids under 12 will receive a keychain carabineer with compass, and the littlest hikers will receive a sand pail with shovel featuring the STEP logo. It's our way of saying "Thanks for exploring!" Almost 700 individuals of all ages and hiking abilities took up the initiative to get outside and hike more this summer by exploring the many miles of soft-surface and paved trails in Castle Rock, proving the goal of the program, which was to encourage outdoor exercise and provide Castle Rock residents with an awareness of the many scenic hiking opportunities found right in their own backyard, was successful.

In addition to the participation gift, there was also a grand prize drawing with the winner receiving a Columbia Trail Pursuit 30L Backpack as well as a pair of retractable trekking poles from High Gear and an American Hiking Society National Trails Day standard kit, which includes various outdoor gear. Participants could also submit photos for a photo contest. The photo contest winner will get a Columbia Alpine Escape Thermal Tote for outdoor picnics plus a family four-pack of day passes to the Recreation Center.

At the conclusion of the program, participants were asked to provide their feedback via an online survey, with many offering valuable insight on the overall goal of the program. Feedback has been very positive and encouraging, such as these quotes:

"The STEP was a perfect excuse to get out and learn more about trails around town."

"I learned about a lot of new trails I hadn't been on before."

"Great trails, great program and lots of fun. Thank you this was a great way to find out about all these wonderful trails, most I had no idea about."

"It was a fun adventure finding and hiking all the different trails."





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Miller Activity Complex

MAC Birthday Parties

PREPARED BY MARCY JONES, YOUTH ACTIVITY COORDINATOR

September 2015 MAC Birthday Parties	
Leisure pool / Climbing Structure	35
Trampoline + Leisure Pool / Climbing Structure	10
Jumping Castle + Leisure Pool / Climbing Structure	4
Jumping Castle	1
Trampoline	5
Sports Theme Party	2
Sports Theme Party + Leisure Pool / Climbing Structure	3
Bump Soccer	2
Total Parties	62
Revenue	\$10,415.00

Fitness

PREPARED BY COURTNEY GLASS, FITNESS/WELLNESS COORDINATOR

MAC Fitness has picked up in attendance now that summer is over. Programs are nearly at capacity.

Program	Session Dates	Attendance	R/NR	Gross Revenue
Aero Fit	Sept. 15- Oct. 29	14	10/4	\$1145
FIT Moms	Sept. 14- Oct. 28	10	10/0	\$665
Power Hour Boot Camp	Sept. 14- Oct. 28	9	9/0	\$675

MAC Indoor Facility Rentals and Athletics

PREPARED BY NICOLE STEHLIK, ATHLETICS SUPERVISOR

Adult Sports

Adult soccer will have around 30 teams in the fall session. The program is close to getting enough teams to run a Sunday women's 4v4 league.

Youth Sports

The youth camps and clinics were very successful this last month, as well as the registration for October. October will be the last month of holding evening clinics until spring break due to field reservations. The Super Tot program is gradually increasing which is great to see that gaining traction in October. Archery will hold its first session

next month with 50 kids already registered for those classes. Colorado Soccer Buddies continually sets the bar for youth with over 200 kids registered for fall sessions.

MAC Facility Rentals

Colorado Mammoth are holding youth leagues and looking into the MAC as a venue for the program. The program would be Sunday afternoon's, which is about the only time left to reserve during the late fall/winter time. This would be a great addition to the facility and could turn into a yearly agreement with the organization along with additional summer camps.

Utilization Information

147 total Reservations
310 reservation hours
4,000 people on the fields only

Parks, Open Space and Trails – Planning and Construction Division

Philip S. Miller Park

PREPARED BY JEFF SMULLEN, SUPERINTENDENT OF PLANNING AND CONSTRUCTION

MW Golden Constructors continues to work toward the completion of phase two of Philip S. Miller Park, which will add four picnic pavilions, restrooms that will be open all year, over a one mile of accessible paved trail loop, millhouse events pavilion with a 125 person capacity, pond, outdoor amphitheater with covered stage, 110 parking spaces, public art, additional trees and grassy play areas. New opportunities for play, picnicking, walking, running, concerts, weddings, special events and more will be available as a result of the improvements.



In September, Chevcon continued with the placement of concrete walks, completed curb and gutter, amphitheater walls and started splash pad concrete work. Aggregate Industries paved the south parking lot addition and light pole bases were to be installed



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along the north parking lot. All foundations for picnic pavilions were completed and Colorado Rock and Water has set the vault, plumbing, pond liner, boulders and poured the colored concrete pond edge. Millhouse framing is complete and plumbing, electrical and mechanical systems are being installed both at the millhouse and restroom building. The restroom building insulation is complete and the building has been sheathed and is ready for siding. The stonework on site walls throughout the project is substantially complete and the splash pad plumbing with 15 spray features are installed and ready for concrete surface.

In October, a majority of concrete flatwork will be completed, the roadway and parking lot will be paved and irrigation work will begin. The park buildings will also be closed in and interior work will continue.

Trail Projects

PREPARED BY RICH HAVEL, TRAILS PLANNER

Diamond Ridge Entry Improvements

On September 16, Sabell's Enterprises completed the last remaining punch list items related to the Founders, Crowfoot and Ridge Road sidewalk projects. The work included asphalt placement at the intersection of Crowfoot Valley Road and Diamond Ridge Parkway. Crews began early in the day and completed the repair later that afternoon. With the asphalt repair finished, staff has submitted to the contractor a project completion notification entering the project into a one-year warranty period. This time next year, staff will revisit the project to insure all improvements are in good working condition.

East Plum Creek Trail South

In August, preliminary base map information necessary to design the East Plum Creek Trail from its terminus at South Perry Street to Crystal Valley Parkway was completed. Funding for final design is not available until 2017; however, Rich Havel, Trails Planner has begun the preliminary design that will be used to identify land acquisition needs as well as engineering assistance needs for floodplain, hydraulic and structural analysis. The preliminary design work will also allow staff to begin the process of engaging the Army Corps of Engineers, Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and Union Pacific Railroad for compliance with federal regulations and right of way issues.





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Ridgeline Open Space Trail Maintenance

The above normal precipitation in May and June has resulted in overgrowth of vegetation creating sightline for trail users. On September 12, staff led a group of eight volunteers to catch up on much needed corridor clearing. Most of the trouble spots were located on the eastern portion of the open space property which includes over five miles of trail. Crews pruned and cut back scrub oak and vegetation as well as clearing trail drainages of debris along the five mile stretch of trail. Although time did not allow the group to complete maintenance on the western portion of the property, it was a successful day and the volunteers felt good at what was accomplished. Staff and the volunteers will focus efforts on the remaining western section during the final workday outing in October.

Wolfensberger Pedestrian Bridge

The Wolfensberger Pedestrian Bridge Project will connect Philip S. Miller Park and Ridgeline Open Space creating a continuous 17-mile native-surface trail on a combined 650 acres.

This important connection will provide a safe, grade separated crossing between the properties, create a gateway into Castle Rock and provide the ability to run large special events from Philip S. Miller Park. This connection is also an important component of a large future trail loop connecting the East Plum Creek Trail with The Meadows neighborhoods and Downtown Castle Rock.

The project will include a 155-foot long under-hung arch pedestrian bridge that is designed to span a regional drainage swale and Wolfensberger Road. The bridge will be similar to the Crystal Valley Parkway pedestrian bridge. However, the Wolfensberger Bridge will be 25 feet longer and will have a weathering steel finish to match the natural character of the surrounding open space.

In order to move toward project completion, the design team has finished the first draft of the construction documents and on September 2, construction plans were submitted for the Town's initial review. Comments and redlines were returned to the engineering team, HCL, September 17. The Town's redlines and comments were minor, corrections and additions to the plan set were completed and were resubmitted for second review on September 30. Staff anticipates having the final approved plans and permits during the week of October 5.

Project submittals and shop drawings for the bridge structure have been reviewed and approved by staff in September. Submittals for wing wall railing and the geo-synthetic reinforced soil used to backfill and support the bridge abutments and walls are still required. With the approval of shop drawing for the bridge completed, the bridge has



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been placed in production and will be completed on November 24. The project is currently on schedule to be completed with the Philip S. Miller Park Phase 2 improvements.