



# PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

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## UPCOMING PARKS AND RECREATION EVENTS

- **Saturday, September 12**
  - Pooch Plunge, Butterfield Pool, 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.
- **Sunday, September 13**
  - Cyclocross Race, Rhyolite Regional Park, all day
- **Monday, September 23**
  - Volunteer Bluebird Recognition Pot luck, Public Service Training Facility, 6 - 8 p.m.
- **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), 5 – 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.



**live BIGRUN**  
5K/10K & Family Adventure Run

**SPOOKTACULAR**

Fun for the little ones. Includes face painting, jumpy houses, games, crafts and contests

**OCT. 24**  
**1-3 P.M.**

Fee: FREE  
Where: Miller Activity Complex

### Castle Rock Parks and Trails Foundation

PREPARED BY LISA SORBO, POST PARTNERS VOLUNTEER PROGRAM COORDINATOR



The Colorado Young Leaders contacted the Foundation to contribute by doing a “service adventure.” Seven members of the organization helped POST resurface the fill in the top 100 steps of the Challenge Hill with Sta-Lok. The “bucket challenge” was a success and many hill-climbers carried up the buckets of fill material for the Young Leaders to dump, spread, and tamp into place. Efforts were coordinated by Jenny Nagel with the Parks and Trails Foundation and Aaron Nagel with the Parks and Recreation Commission contributed his muscle power and leadership to the efforts.





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## STEP - Summer Trails Exploration Program

PREPARED BY BARBARA SPAGNUOLO, NATURAL RESOURCE SPECIALIST

The free Summer Trails Exploration Program will be concluding on Labor Day, Monday, September 7.

Participants will have until September 14 to submit their tracking logs, which documents the completion of all 12 hikes that are included in the STEP program. Grand prize drawings will be held on September 21 but everyone participating will be receiving an age-appropriate outdoor-themed gift, like this navigating carabineer keychain for youth participants. More than 670 individuals 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 that the goal of the program, which was to provide Castle Rock residents with an awareness of the many scenic hiking opportunities found right in their own backyard, was successful.



At the conclusion of the program, participants will be asked to provide their feedback via an online survey, but many have already offered valuable insight on the overall goal of the program, such as this feedback from Wendy Bartlett:

*"We LOVED the opportunity to explore Castle Rock this summer. We found so many amazing trails and can't wait to show out of town guest the views in the future. Thanks again for offering this program to our community. It really got us out of our routine and encouraged us to explore some great trails in our small town."*

## Recreation Center Closure

PREPARED BY MIKE KILMAN, FACILITIES SUPERVISOR

The annual Recreation Center maintenance closure was completed in August. The closure was limited to five days for the facility. The leisure pool was completely drained for acid washing and cleaning. Along with general maintenance and cleaning of the facility, the Panorama Hall, gymnasium, fitness studio and racquetball court wood floors were refinished. The gymnasium, Panorama Hall, north lobby, cardio/track area, main hallway, tunnel, toddler rooms, circuit and weight rooms, and trim were all painted.



The largest project completed during the week was the replacement of all the carpeting throughout the facility including the Senior Center. Customers have been more than positive about the fresh paint and fantastic carpet.



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## Pedal the Moon

JOHN JORGENSEN, OPEN SPACE SUPERVISOR

The 6th annual Pedal the Moon bike ride took place this year on August 29, under the light of a beautiful and bright full moon. Over 300 riders participated in the six-mile bike ride that started at Butterfield Park continued on the East Plum Creek Trail ending at Festival Park. Moon pies and chocolate milk awaited the riders at the finish line, and three lucky entrants received a brand new bicycle!



## Douglas County Mill Levy Grant

PREPARED BY JAMIE EGLSEDER, GROUP LEADER

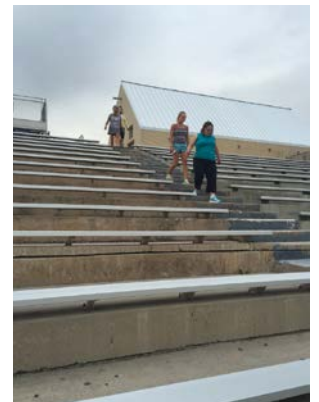
REAL was awarded the Douglas County Mill Levy Grant again for 2016. Funds will be used to offer scholarships, fund additional physical fitness programs, continue to support the peer volunteer program, and fund the REAL swim lesson program. This program offers specialized private lessons at a cost comparable to a group lesson. A portion of grant money will be used to fund family activities that will aim to bring parents together as a community to help, support, and share information. These family events will include three dances, monthly sensory-friendly swim, and three activities yet to be determined.

## 5K Training Program

PREPARED BY JAMIE EGLSEDER, GROUP LEADER



This month, REAL kicked off it's first-ever 5K training program. It's an eight week course that prepares participants to complete the Rock n' Roll 5K in October. Each REAL participant is paired with a peer partner or volunteer who will train and compete with him/her. There are several high school students volunteering in this program, and the relationships made in just the first week were fantastic. Bringing people together with disabilities and those who do not have disabilities is such a positive experience for all and is quickly becoming a very important part of the REAL mission. In addition to the first 5K training session, participants hiked the Blue Loop at Philip S. Miller Park, including the Challenge Hill! Every participant completed the 200 steps and trail at least once while a couple completed it four or five times.



Opportunities available as the program moves forward in 2016 are to increase physical activity for the group. In addition to the hike, 5K training group, and skiing, the REAL coordinator is reaching out to the community by offering a free fitness class once a week to the Wellspring Community Members, and will begin an all-abilities group fitness class in the upcoming months. It is exciting to see the participants being so physically active.





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## Golf Operations

PREPARED BY BOB PERSICHETTI – HEAD GOLF PROFESSIONAL

The golf course set an all-time record for revenue in a month with \$513,092 just beating the previous record set in August 2014 (\$511,092). Revenues fell approximately \$4,000 short of budget for the month and that can be attributed to rain check redemption from rain checks issued during the storms in May and June. Overall, the golf course is having a good year despite the impact of the early season storms that set revenues back approximately \$100,000. The course is currently \$59,825 ahead of the same period for the prior year and \$30,607 behind year to date budget for 2015. The golf course should end the year in decent financial condition as long as the weather in the fall is average.

	Current Month	Budget	Previous Year	Year to Date	Previous Year
<b>Total Revenue</b>	\$513,152	\$518,117	\$511,092	\$2,081,982	\$2,022,157
<b>Total Rounds</b>	6,135	6,195	6,189	25,991	25,323
<b>Avg. Income/Player</b>	\$83.64	\$83.63	\$82.58	\$80.10	\$79.85
<b>Golf Shop Sales</b>	\$33,905	\$35,003	\$35,392	\$143,964	\$138,158
<b>Food/Beverage Sales</b>	\$95,797	\$93,792	\$93,716	\$364,562	\$348,833

## Streetscapes and Grounds

PREPARED BY LYNDSEY MILLER, MAINTENANCE WORKER II

On August 17, staff received a call regarding a leaning tree in Founders Park. Upon arrival, the 50 foot Cottonwood was near the playground and tennis court area. The tree and surrounding area was immediately coned and blocked off to prevent people from



entering the fall zone until staff could return to the site with the proper equipment. It was discovered the tree had fallen due to excessive wind. The crew began the process of cutting the large tree and removing it. All of the branches were cut up and chipped while the larger sections of the trunk were loaded into trucks with equipment and hauled away. When the arborists examined the root area it was discovered that many of the roots beneath the tree were rotten and that is what they believe is the most likely cause of the failure. While it is not extremely uncommon for this to occur in Cottonwood trees, it is nearly impossible to detect before the tree starts to fail.



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## Miller Activity Complex

### Facilities

PREPARED BY MIKE KILMAN, FACILITIES SUPERVISOR

Customers were able to use their Recreation Center pass or punch card at the Miller Activity Complex during the annual maintenance closure of the Recreation Center. There were over 1,500 individuals that took advantage of the complex while the work was being performed at the other location. Many of the seniors and adults enjoyed walking around the indoor turf, playing cards in the lounge and swimming laps.

### Fitness

PREPARED BY COURTNEY GLASS, FITNESS/WELLNESS COORDINATOR

	Dates	Participants	Revenue
<b>Power Hour Boot Camp</b>	Aug. 3-26	9	\$357

Programming at the MAC was scaled down for the summer. Power Hour Boot Camp was the only fitness program offered for the month of August but has consistently been a popular program at the facility over the months.

### MAC Indoor Facility Rentals and Athletics

PREPARED BY NICOLE STEHLIK, ATHLETICS SUPERVISOR

#### **Adult Sports**

Adult Soccer season is coming to an end and fall registration begins on September 14.

#### **Youth Sports**

Most fall camps start in September. The new SuperTot classes being held in the mornings this fall are a little slow to fill up for September, but the October sessions outlook seems bright. The evening classes for Skyhawks, Archery and Fencing have 10 or more children registered, which is a great start for new offerings at The MAC.

#### **MAC Facility Rentals**

August has been the slowest month by far for reservations. September reservations increase dramatically with organizations utilizing the facility for practices and MAC camps that are beginning.

#### **Utilization Information**

126 total Reservations  
284 reservation hours  
3,427 people on the fields only



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Staff began soliciting businesses to place advertisements on the dasher boards surrounding the full size turf for sponsorships depending on the length of time they choose. By the end of September, there should be at least six to eight advertisements, with hopes the number of businesses that participate increase in the near future.

## MAC Birthday Parties

PREPARED BY MARCY JONES, YOUTH ACTIVITY COORDINATOR

August 2015 MAC Birthday Parties	
Leisure pool / Climbing Structure	23
Trampoline + Leisure Pool / Climbing Structure	4
Jumping Castle + Leisure Pool / Climbing Structure	9
Trampoline	2
Sports Theme Party	3
Sports Theme Party + Leisure Pool / Climbing Structure	1
Sports Theme Party + Trampoline	1
Batting Cages	1
Bump Soccer	5
<b>Total Parties</b>	<b>49</b>
<b>Revenue</b>	<b>\$8,270.00</b>

## Parks, Open Space and Trails – Planning and Construction Division

### Philip S. Miller Park

PREPARED BY JEFF SMULLEN, SUPERINTENDENT OF PLANNING AND CONSTRUCTION

August was a productive month for construction. The millhouse framing is well underway and will be completed later this month. The Pool Company has completed plumbing installation for the core plaza splash pad and will begin the backfill and surface concrete in September. Structural steel and insulation is complete at the restroom building as well as rough plumbing inside the building.

All masonry walls are complete at the amphitheater and Chevon is forming and pouring the center seat walls. The amphitheater boulders have also been placed. The concrete sidewalk linking the





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amphitheater with the adventure playground has been poured and backfilled. Pond excavation is complete and the pump system vault placed. CVK Electric has installed approximately 80% of the required site electrical conduit.

In September, Chevcon will continue with the placement of concrete walks, curb and gutter and amphitheater walls. They will also pour the splash pad concrete. Aggregate Industries will pave the south parking lot addition and light poles will be installed along the north parking lot. Work will continue on the restroom, amphitheater and millhouse and foundations will be poured for the picnic pavilions.



## Parks, Recreation, Open Space and Trails Master Plan & 2015 - 2017 Strategic Plan

PREPARED BY JEFF SMULLEN, SUPERINTENDENT OF PLANNING AND CONSTRUCTION

Town Council unanimously approved both the Master Plan and 2015 – 2017 Strategic Plan at the September 1, 2015 meeting. Approval of both plans is important for future budget planning, long-term direction and is a requirement of CAPRA accreditation.

## Trail Projects

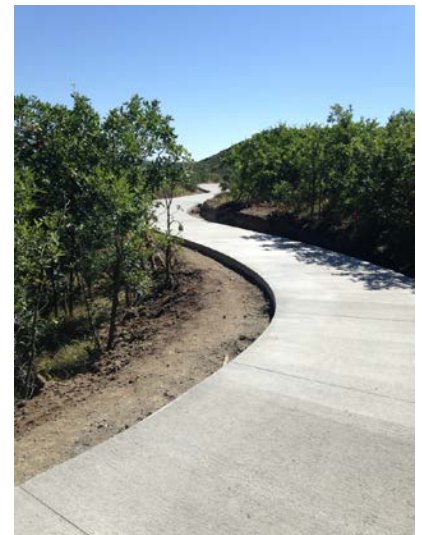
PREPARED BY RICH HAVEL, TRAILS PLANNER

### Philip S. Miller Park Trails

With the final grading completed in July, 1,400 linear feet of concrete have been placed through the natural area of the 1 mile, ADA accessible, loop trail. The remaining section, within the active use area of phase two construction, will be placed along with curb, gutter and other concrete work.

### East Plum Creek Trail South

Staff prepared an AutoCAD base map file to begin in-house development of construction plans for the southern extension of the East Plum Creek Trail to Crystal Valley Parkway slated to be built in 2017-19.







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### Wolfensberger Pedestrian Bridge

On August 18, Town Council approved and awarded a contract to SaBell's Enterprises to construct the Wolfensberger pedestrian bridge in 2015 for a total project cost of \$702,750.00. The bridge will consist of a 155' single span steel bowstring structure with a concrete deck and Rhyolite stone veneering on the concrete wing walls and abutments. The new bridge will be built just west (800') from the intersection of Plum Creek Parkway and Wolfensberger Road.

Final construction documents will be submitted for Town review the first week of September with construction starting in mid-September. The project will be completed by the end of this year; weather permitting. When finished, the bridge will connect Philip S. Miller Park's trail system to Ridgeline Open Space creating over 20 miles of continuous trail allowing the Town to sponsor quality events connecting the properties.

### **Open Space Projects**

PREPARED BY BARBARA SPAGNUOLO, NATURAL RESOURCE SPECIALIST

### Grant Administration

Barbara Spagnuolo researched grant opportunities for upcoming projects. Staff is looking into the possible submission of a Great Outdoors Colorado Grant (GOCO) for 2016 Butterfield Park improvements. The grant timeframe is very aggressive as all materials are due in early November and the design and public outreach has not yet started. GOCO recently changed the grant process to one application period per year. This new schedule is challenging because if this window is missed, the next opportunity to submit would not occur until November 2016.

### Pinebind™

Staff met with the Highlands Ranch Metro District Open Space staff to observe the installation of Pinebind™ on a crusher-fine trail. Pinebind™ is a topical dust control and trail stabilizer made from pine resin. The Parks staff is looking into Pinebind™ as an economical and feasible option to help control erosion issues on Castle Rock soft-surface trails or access roads.

