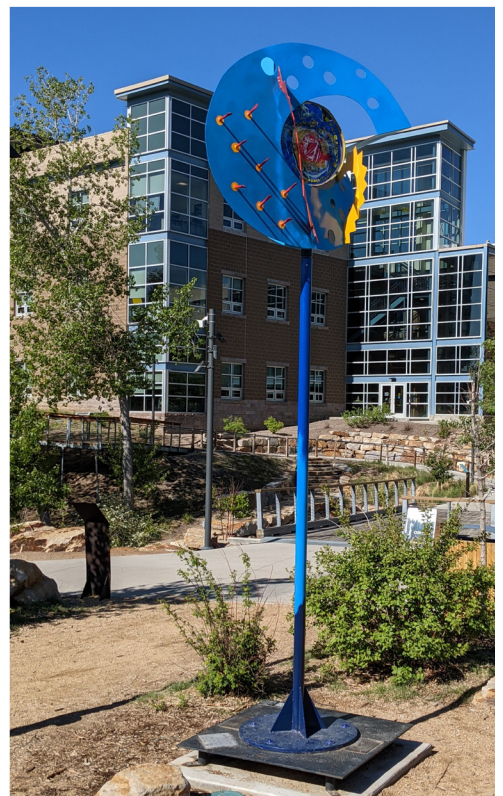




Castle Rock
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June 2022



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Upcoming Events

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

JULY
16
PEDAL THE MOON
7 - 10 p.m.
Castle View High School to Festival Park

JULY
21
TUNES FOR TRAILS FREE CONCERT FEAT. JUNIOR VARSITY THREE
6:30 - 9 p.m.
The Amphitheater at Philip S. Miller Park

JULY
22
SUMMER CONCERT SERIES FEAT. NANCY WILSON OF HEART
6 - 10 p.m.
The Amphitheater at Philip S. Miller Park

JULY
29
WESTERN HERITAGE WELCOME AND CATTLE DRIVE
6 - 8 p.m.
Perry Street and Festival Park

AUG
3
REPTILES UNDER THE ROCK
6 - 7 p.m.
The Amphitheater at Philip S. Miller Park

AUG
5
FIRST FRIDAYS FEAT. BLINK-180 TRUE AND RODEO RUN 5K
5 - 9 p.m.
Festival Park

AUG
6
SUMMER CONCERT SERIES FEAT. THREE DOG NIGHT WITH SPECIAL GUEST DANNY MCGAW
6 - 10 p.m.
The Amphitheater at Philip S. Miller Park

AUG
12
SUMMER CONCERT SERIES FEAT. SCOTTY MCCREERY
6 - 10 p.m.
The Amphitheater at Philip S. Miller Park

AUG
18
TUNES FOR TRAILS FREE CONCERT FEAT. SPINPHONY
6:30 - 9 p.m.
The Amphitheater at Philip S. Miller Park

AUG
20
THE SUMMER BALL
5 - 8 p.m.
The Amphitheater at Philip S. Miller Park

AUG
27
CLIMB4CHANGE
6:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Philip S. Miller Park trails and Challenge Hill

AUG
27
SUMMER CONCERT SERIES FEAT. KASHMIR, THE LIVE LED ZEPPELIN SHOW WITH THE DENVER POPS ORCHESTRA
6 - 10 p.m.
The Amphitheater at Philip S. Miller Park



Recurring Summer Events

Join us for the following events, recurring throughout the summer. View up-to-date information at CRgov.com/Events.

LOCAL & FRESH PRODUCE
EVERY SUNDAY

FARMERS MARKET

MAY 9 - SEPT. 26
9 A.M. - 2 P.M.
FESTIVAL PARK

the LOCAL community

COMMUNITY EVENTS
PARKS & RECREATION

Yoga in the Park

Sundays 9 - 10 a.m. | The Amphitheater at Philip S. Miller Park
Mondays 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. | Festival Park

FREE FITNESS FRIDAYS

FREE ADMISSION

The Amphitheater at Philip S. Miller Park
▶ FITNESS FRIDAY 8-9 a.m.



Parks, Open Space & Trails

COBBLESTONE RANCH PARK GRAND OPENING

On Wednesday, June 29, nearly 1,500 people came to the grand opening event to celebrate Castle Rock's newest neighborhood park in Cobblestone Ranch.

The Town acquired Cobblestone Ranch Regional Park in 2006. Forty acres were dedicated as a part of the Town's Parkland Dedication Requirements and 128 acres purchased for \$2 million to create a future regional destination. The park provides a buffer between Castle Rock and Parker and Douglas County and helps to preserve the Cherry Creek Trail corridor.

The first phase of the regional park features picnic areas, a large playground, a pump track for biking, half-court for basketball, six pickleball courts, a green lawn and other landscaping, sidewalks, a plumbed restroom and off-street parking.

The opening event was a grand celebration with carnival games, aerial performers, stilt walkers, snow cones, live music, a fun 5K, a pickleball tournament and more.

"We're really grateful for residents' involvement in planning this new park," said Councilmember Laura Cavey. "Their input helped create some exciting amenities for the entire northeast area of Castle Rock. Plus, the combination of natural resources, park development and trail connections, will make Cobblestone Ranch Park a draw for the entire community for years to come."

BUTTERFIELD CROSSING PARK

Renovation work continues at Butterfield Crossing Park. In April, Town Council approved a construction contract with American Civil Constructors (ACC) to renovate Butterfield Crossing Park, which has been home to swim meets, sports practices and cherished community events since 1986. Upgraded amenities are to include new basketball and pickleball courts, improved gathering spaces, improved accessibility and lighting, upgraded irrigation, new walking paths and a fitness court.

ACC removed the old courts this spring and placed new courts earlier this month. Work is also continuing on prepping the playground area, placing sidewalk connections and installing electrical. The restroom was demolished and reframed, along

with installing new plumbing. Staff are working to order long lead-time items for the playground and fitness court to ensure the project stays on schedule. The final project is planned for completion in early 2023.



During the planning and visioning phases of the renovation project, public feedback demonstrated a collectively strong desire to not only renovate the park but to create a playground that would serve everyone. The Possibilities Playground will be fully inclusive and offer musical instruments to stimulate senses; a slide that prevents static shock to those with cochlear implants; a merry-go-round, swings and zip lines that can accommodate wheelchairs; a sensory wall with a variety of textures and colors; and more!

The Castle Rock Parks and Trails Foundation is raising money to fully fund the playground and has received pledges for over \$800k of a \$1.3 million goal to date. Donations to fund the playground can be made online at PossibilitiesPlayground.org.

The pool and the athletic fields will remain open throughout construction. The plaza area will remain open to the greatest extent possible, as well as the walkway connection with Meadow View Elementary while school is in session. Parking availability will also be limited.

Learn more and stay informed of project updates at CRgov.com/ParkImprovements.



GOATS TO PROVIDE WEED MANAGEMENT

The Metzler Family Open Space parcel was dedicated to the Town in 2021. Prior to the Town acquiring the 60-acre parcel, cattle grazed on site for an active dairy farm operation. The dairy farm operations ceased several decades ago and the property has been inactive and unoccupied, allowing grasses and noxious weeds to grow and spread. In order to properly manage the property's natural resources, reduce vegetative fuels and control the spread of noxious weeds, the Town is using goats to graze and eliminate undesirable vegetation.

The Town contracted with Goat Green to provide nearly 800 goats, along with two guard dogs, temporary electric fencing and water for the livestock for approximately 19 days. The goats, working in a temporarily fenced-in area, can mow down about one acre per day, browsing the brush and undergrowth of invasive species, weeds, dead brush and leaves, allowing the natural grasses to recover. Goats can reach areas that machines cannot and also provide aeration and natural fertilizer. The goats will remain hard at work through part of July and may be relocated to assist with weed management in other open space areas in Town as well.

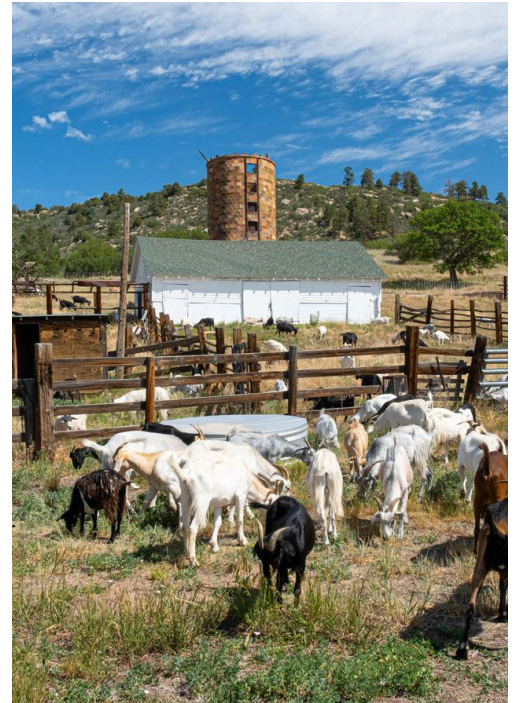
NATIONAL TRAILS DAY EVENTS CONTINUE TO DEVELOP LEGACY

On Saturday, June 4, community volunteers joined forces to celebrate National Trails Day and continue work on one of the Town's newest soft-surface trail additions, Legacy Trail. Sponsored by American Hiking Society, National Trails Day 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, and 2022 marked the fourth consecutive year the Town has celebrated this holiday at Gateway Mesa Open Space.

Legacy Trail will eventually add a 2-mile hiking option, connecting to Chuck's Loop Trail through a mature ponderosa pine and fir forest with unique rock formations and wetland understory. The multiyear-long project is a collaboration between the Town of Castle Rock, the Castle Rock Parks and Trails Foundation – who received a single anonymous \$10,000 donation to support trail development – and Volunteers for Outdoor Colorado, who is providing the volunteer workforce on three trail-building workdays.

Volunteers for Colorado (VOC) is a statewide organization that provides a volunteer workforce for outdoor stewardship projects including invasive species management, habitat restoration, recreational improvements and trail construction and maintenance.

The Town anticipates that project completion will occur in 2022. An additional and final work day will be hosted by VOC on Oct. 8. Learn more about the upcoming trail building event and the project at CRgov.com/LegacyTrail.





Community Events

COMEDIC DATE NIGHTS COMING TO TOWN

Let's face it, coming up with a date idea that's as fun and unique as a relationship can be just as hard as finding someone to date in the first place. Couples who build date nights into their relationships experience better communication, greater affection and gratitude and a desire to spend more time together. Not to mention, everyone can enjoy more laughter in life!

Mark your calendar for the Town's first date night comedy show on Friday, Oct. 7 at The Amphitheater at Philip S. Miller Park. From 6-10 p.m., couples and welcome singles can expect talented performances from local comedians along with dinner and drinks. A ticket for a food truck purchase will be included with entry, and alcohol will be available to purchase.

Registration is now available online at CRgov.com/Registration.



Arts & Enrichment

NEW SCULPTURES INVITE THE PUBLIC TO ENCOUNTER ART IN CASTLE ROCK

Public art can help brighten a community, and new sculptures at several public places throughout Castle Rock are helping these areas shine. It's all thanks to a partnership between the Town and the Douglas County Art Encounters program.

Art Encounters provides one-year exhibits of sculptures in retail and civic areas within Douglas County to promote public interest in art, develop community pride and draw visitors to the areas where the sculptures are displayed.

Five new sculptures were recently installed throughout Castle Rock:

- “Corazón en El Desierto,” for sale at \$6,000 by artist Suzanne Kane, is located along the East Plum Creek Trail near Meadows Parkway
- “Farmer’s Moon II,” for sale at \$8,000 by artist Reven Marie Swanson is at Festival Park
- “Gravity in Motion,” for sale at \$5,500 by artist Terry Malesky, is featured at the northeast intersection of Third and Perry streets
- “On the Inside,” for sale at \$9,000 by artist Charlotte Zink, is located at the Miller Activity Complex
- “Xeriscape Globe,” for sale at \$6,000 also by artist Suzanne Kane, is installed at Triangle Park

To loan the pieces, the Town provides each artist an \$800 stipend, which is funded through the Philip S. Miller Trust Fund. No taxpayer money is used to purchase public art in Castle Rock. If sold while on display, a portion of the sculpture purchase goes back to the Town’s public art fund.

Artists also have a chance to win the People’s Choice Award. The public is encouraged to vote for their favorite piece at Douglas.CO.US/ArtEncounters. A second opportunity to win an award is through the Judge’s Choice Award. Each year, the Public Art Advisory Committee selects a judge well-versed in public art to review each sculpture and select a winner.

New to public art? Take a self-guided tour through the mobile app Otocast. Download the free app from iTunes or Google Play and hear commentary from the artists themselves. The audio guide encourages people to explore and discover art in a new way.

Learn more about the entire Art Encounters program and view photos of the sculptures in Castle Rock at CRgov.com/ArtEncounters.