



Castle Rock  
**PARKS &  
RECREATION**  
March 2022



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## Upcoming Events

View up-to-date information at [CRgov.com/Events](https://CRgov.com/Events).

APRIL  
**16**  
**EARTH DAY WILLOW HARVEST AND PLANTING**  
9 - 11 a.m.  
East Plum Creek Trail

APRIL  
**23**  
**DREAMS COME TRUE PROM**  
6 - 9 p.m.  
Castle View High School

APRIL  
**27**  
**WILD IN OUR TOWN**  
6 - 7:30 p.m.  
Philip S. Miller Douglas County Library

MAY  
**4**  
**BASICS OF BIRDWATCHING CLASS (PART I)**  
6:30 - 7:30 p.m.  
Philip S. Miller Douglas County Library

MAY  
**8-29**  
**FARMERS MARKET**  
9 a.m. - 2 p.m.  
Sundays at Festival Park

MAY  
**14**  
**BASICS OF BIRDWATCHING GUIDED WALK (PART II)**  
8 - 10 a.m.  
East Plum Creek Trail

MAY  
**18**  
**BASICS OF BIRDWATCHING GUIDED HIKE (PART III)**  
8 - 10 a.m.  
Gateway Mesa Open Space

MAY  
**21**  
**CLIMB4CHANGE**  
6:30 a.m. - 2 p.m.  
The Challenge Hill at Philip S. Miller Park



## Community Events

### LAWN PASSES NOW AVAILABLE

Get access to concerts all summer long with a Summer Concert Series Lawn Pass. A limited number are now available for purchase prior to the lineup announcement on April 15. This year's series will feature seven bands on June 11 and 30, July 15 and 22 and August 6, 12 and 27 at The Amphitheater at Philip S. Miller Park. This venue has become one of Colorado's most sought-after live music scenes, and the series has hosted dozens of Grammy-nominated, world-famous artists, making Castle Rock a musical hotspot. Passes are available for purchase at [CRgov.com/PSMConcerts](http://CRgov.com/PSMConcerts).





## Parks & Recreation Facilities

### PERMIT AND RENTAL OPTIONS FOR COMMERCIAL AND PRIVATE FACILITY USE

Warmer weather is around the corner and more people venture outside to enjoy the Town's beautiful parks, open space and well-maintained recreation facilities. Vendors and patrons requiring special use should be aware of the Town's permit and rental agreement options to properly provide services.

#### COMMERCIAL ACTIVITIES

All commercial activities or services in Town parks that provide a benefit to an individual, group or organization require a permit. The Commercial Activity Permit provides licensed vendors the opportunity to sell food, nonalcoholic beverages and other services and goods at designated sites approved by the department. Some examples include mobile food vendors, dog training, boot camps, running clubs, music classes and fitness classes. Permits also ensure there are no conflicts with planned maintenance during the use of park facilities and that adequate insurance coverage is in place.

Filming and photography for commercial purposes on public property or in parks also requires a permit. Applicants must complete a permit application at least five days prior to the shoot.

Commercial activity and services permit applications are available online at [CRgov.com/ParkPermits](https://www.castlerock.gov/CRgov.com/ParkPermits).

#### SPECIAL EVENT PERMITS

Events hosting 50 people or more in any public Town location require a special events permit. Please review the special events information available at [CRgov.com/SpecialEvents](https://www.castlerock.gov/CRgov.com/SpecialEvents) under the "plan an event" tab. The first step for any event organizer is to fill out an application. Applications are then reviewed and event organizers are notified within two weeks regarding the status of their application and next steps.

#### FIELD AND ATHLETIC RENTALS

The Parks and Recreation Department has more than 15 outdoor facilities, featuring fields, tennis courts, inline courts and trails that are available for rent. For more information and to make reservations, visit [CRgov.com/AthleticRental](https://www.castlerock.gov/CRgov.com/AthleticRental).

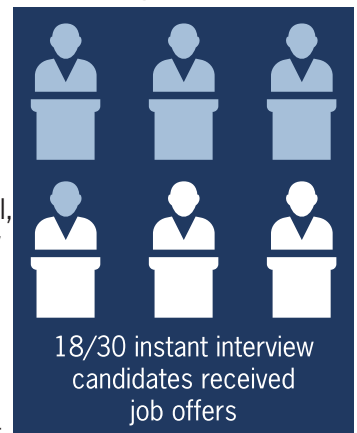
#### FACILITY AND VENUE RENTALS

Some Parks and Recreation venues are available for rent to individuals or outside groups for special events, meetings, races, weddings, concerts and other gatherings. Facilities include park pavilions, meeting/party rooms at the Miller Activity Complex and Recreation Center and The Millhouse at Philip S. Miller Park. For details about rental options, pricing and availability, visit [CRgov.com/VenueRental](https://www.castlerock.gov/CRgov.com/VenueRental).

### STAFF USE INNOVATIVE RECRUITMENT TECHNIQUES TO PREP FOR SUMMER

As the department gears up for summer, many programs require a long lead-time in the hiring process to account for comprehensive background checks and certifications. State-licensed day camps require that staff meet state standards related to education and pass multiple background checks, which can take up to four months to fully complete. Lifeguards must pass training and obtain first aid and CPR certifications.

Throughout March and into April, recruitment has been underway to ensure the department is in a position to successfully offer its recreation services to the community. One innovative approach is that staff have hosted a series of instant hiring events, where interested candidates can show up during open hours on select dates. Interviews and job offers are completed on-the-spot, conditional on the satisfactory completion of a background check. From five events held in March and early April, 30 interviews were completed and a total of 18 job offers extended for Camp Counselor and Aquatics positions.



To further assist with retention and recruitment efforts, the department has increased the starting level of pay, implemented equity adjustments for current staff by \$1 per hour, adjusted scheduling practices to better accommodate staff needs and launched a \$100 gift card referral program for current staff who refer individuals who are eventually hired.



## Therapeutic Recreation

### SPECIAL OLYMPICS BASKETBALL TEAM EARN SILVER

The Therapeutic Recreation Division is excited to offer Special Olympic seasonal programming to youth in Castle Rock at no cost to families. Basketball is offered throughout the winter, soccer and swimming in the spring, golf in the summer and volleyball in the fall. In March, Castle Rock's very own team participated in the state basketball tournament in Lakewood, earning silver medals for a second-place victory in the 8 to 15-year-old division. Congratulations team Caribou!

The Town of Castle Rock's Therapeutic Recreation Program is designed to enhance the quality of life for youth, adolescents and adults with disabilities through participation in recreational activities, providing diverse leisure opportunities that focus on promoting skill development and growth related to self-esteem, appropriate socialization, independence and overall wellness.

The mission of Special Olympics is to provide year-round sports training and athletic competition in a variety of sports for children and adults with disabilities, giving them continuing opportunities to develop physical fitness, demonstrate courage, experience joy and participate in a sharing of gifts, skills and friendship with their fellow athletes, their families and their community.

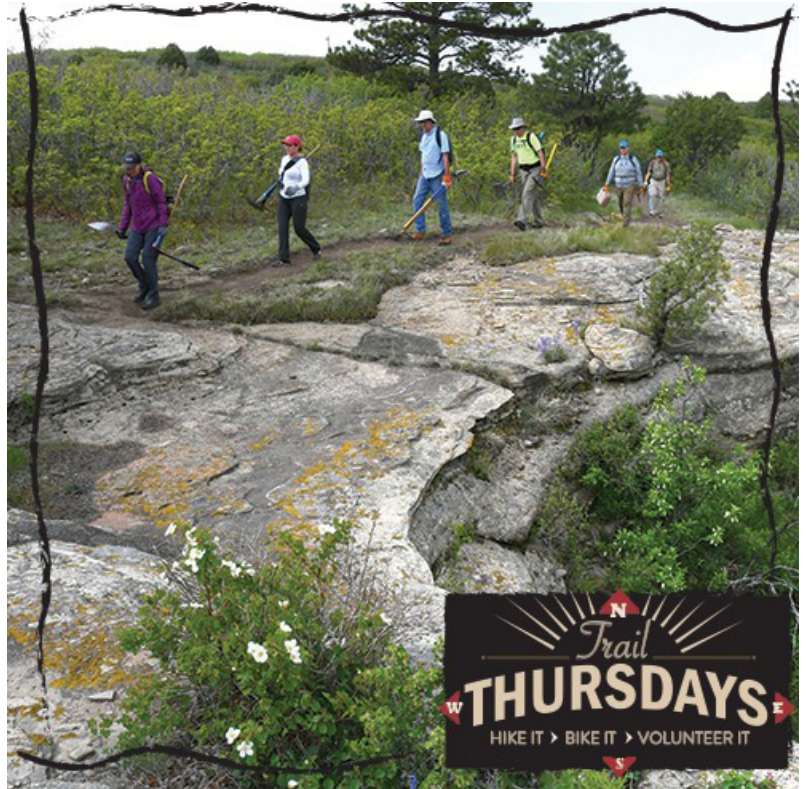
This programming relies heavily on volunteers. If interested in getting involved as a coach, assistant coach or unified partner, please contact [therapeutics@CRgov.com](mailto:therapeutics@CRgov.com).



## POST Partners Volunteer Program

### REGISTRATION OPEN FOR NATIONAL TRAILS DAY

Warmer days are ahead and it's never too early to make plans for summer. Registration has opened for the Town's official [#NationalTrailsDay](#) outing Saturday, June 4. At this year's event, volunteers will help construct the second phase of Legacy Trail. At Gateway Mesa Open Space, this soft-surface trail is being constructed entirely through the efforts of volunteers through partnership with the Castle Rock Parks and Trails Foundation and Volunteers for Outdoor Colorado. For more information and a link to register, visit [CRgov.com/LegacyTrail](https://CRgov.com/LegacyTrail). Spots generally fill quickly so don't delay, register today!





## Red Hawk Ridge Golf Course

### TOWN COUNCIL APPROVES PURCHASE OF NEW MAINTENANCE EQUIPMENT

Since 1999, Red Hawk Ridge Golf Course has prided itself for having outstanding playing conditions featuring beautifully manicured greens. To continue to provide this first-class playing experience, staff recently sought Town Council approval of a resolution for an acquisition agreement to purchase new maintenance equipment.

The course's current fleet is five to 25 years old and the equipment with the heaviest use is in need of replacement. Replacing the equipment prior to failure helps prevent a compromise to course quality resulting from a breakdown, ensures the efficiency of maintenance staff and reduces repair and maintenance costs.

Staff elected to use the Colorado Multiple Assembly of Procurement Officials (MAPO) pricing from the L.L. Johnson Distributing Company to ensure that pricing was competitively bid. Staff then reviewed financing options from L.L. Johnson, Wells Fargo Equipment Finance and an interfund loan with the Town of Castle Rock to save issuance costs and provide a lower interest rate. The Town had the most attractive rate and terms. The Town's General Fund shall deposit to the Golf Fund a loan amount of \$541,816 for the purchase. Red Hawk Ridge Golf Course is an Enterprise Fund, so these operational costs will be paid through golf revenue and taxpayer dollars will not be used.

New equipment will include:

- One Toro Groundmaster 3300 4WD rotary trim mower | Replaces 25-year-old equipment
- One Toro Groundmaster 3500-G | Replaces 17-year-old equipment
- One Toro Workman HDX – 4WD Diesel work vehicle | Replaces 17-year-old equipment
- One Toro ProPass 200 Wireless Topdresser | Attaches to above workman
- One Toro Reelmaster 3100-D Sidewinder trim mower | Replaces 17-year old equipment
- Three Toro Greensmaster 3150-Q Greens mower | Replaces 12-year-old equipment
- One Toro Groundsmaster 4500 rough mower | Replaces 12-year old equipment
- One GreenPro 1260 greens roller | Replaces 12-year old equipment
- Two Toro Reelmaster 5410-D Fairway mower | Replaces 7-year-old equipment
- One Toro ProCore 864 Fairway Aerator | Allows staff to core cultivate twice as fast
- One Toro Bullseye QuickGroom 550 | Allows staff to top dress more efficiently
- One First Products VC60 3-PT tractor mount Vericutter | Allows staff to dethatch turf