

UPCOMING PARKS AND RECREATION EVENTS

- **Saturday, May 14**
 - Philip S. Miller Park Phase Two Grand Opening "Discovering the Dream", Philip S. Miller Park, 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.
- **Sunday, May 22**
 - Tri the Rock, Butterfield Crossing Park and Pool, 7 a.m. - Noon
- **Wednesday, May 25**
 - 5th Annual National Senior Health & Fitness Day, Festival Park, 8:30 – 10 a.m.
- **Saturday, June 4 and Sunday, June 5**
 - 28th annual Elephant Rock Ride, Philip S. Miller Park, all day
- **Saturday, June 25**
 - Castle Rock Half Marathon, Festival Park, 7 a.m. – 2 p.m.



Summer Trails Exploration Program

PREPARED BY BARBARA SPAGNUOLO, NATURAL RESOURCES SPECIALIST

Step into summer once again with STEP! Back for the second year in a row, residents of all ages are invited to spend beautiful summer days exploring local paved and soft-surface trails that travel through scenic open space areas found throughout Castle Rock. This program starts on American Hiking Society's National Trails Day, Saturday, June 4 and continues through the Labor Day weekend. The first 50 participants who sign up for STEP this year will receive a free t-shirt celebrating the inaugural year of the program. There are 16 different trails of various lengths and difficulty featured in the program. Upon redemption of a completed Tracking Log at



the end of the summer, participants will get one raffle ticket for each trail visit that is entered into the grand prize drawing for an American Hiking Society's National Trails Day Kit. The more sites that are visited, the more chances participants will have to win the grand prize. Participants are also encouraged to take selfies along the trails; submitted photos may be used on our social media sites. Get outside, go for a hike and explore. There's an adventure waiting right in your own backyard! For more information on this program, please visit CRgov.com/STEP or contact Barbara Spagnuolo at bspagnuolo@crgov.com or 720-733-2294.



VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

PREPARED BY LISA SORBO, PROGRAM COORDINATOR

The American Heritage Girls conducted their spring trash clean-up along Native Legend Trail and the drainage area behind Paintbrush Park. Twenty-nine scouts and their parents participated in the clean-up and collected three large bags of trash.



Castle Rock Christian Academy conducted a trash clean-up for Earth Day by walking along Meadows Boulevard and to Paintbrush Park. They also obtained a large collection of trash in the drainage/wetland area behind the park. This school-wide activity involved the efforts of 65 students and teachers who collected three large bags of trash.

Tyler Stowell from Troop 260 completed the construction and installation of two split log benches along the green loop at Philip S. Miller Park, as part of his Eagle Scout Project.



The LDS Church Youth Group volunteered to fill the steps of the Challenge Hill with Sta-lok as one of their youth group service activities. Using buckets to carry the material up the stairs, the volunteers then used their hands to spread the material throughout the timber frame of each step, finishing it off by tamping the material into place. The 32 youth and adult volunteers filled 41 of the steps on the Challenge Hill.

Three of the five classes on the Mesa Middle School/Atlas Bear Team conducted outings in April. Thirty-three students helped clear the overgrown vegetation, mostly junipers and gamble oak, along Mitchell Creek Trail. In the afternoon, 30 students then hiked to Mitchell Gulch Park where they collected trash around the open space and parking areas. Lastly, 25 students hiked to Mitchell Creek Canyon Trail to cut back the willows and vegetation along the trail.





the trees to commemorate the event.

The two area high schools came together for the first time to help with the Arbor Day planting at Philip S. Miller Park as their *Paws for a Cause* event. The 41 participants, including both student government and green team members, planted 25 orchard trees. The students donated the money for one of

The Rhyolite Bike Park Dirt Crew held their season kick-off meeting. A dozen people were in attendance. Last year, the group contributed over 220 hours to the maintenance and upkeep of the bike park and cyclocross course. Volunteers included 20 individuals and several 6202 Cycling Club members. The group discussed the cost of several improvements to the park, including removing the advanced line jumps and replacing them with table tops. The Dirt Crew decided to continue their Dig and Ride Days in 2016, but to limit them to one day a month. New t-shirts were also ordered as thank you gifts for this dedicated group of volunteers.



Aquatics

PREPARED BY ZACH MORRIS, AQUATICS SUPERVISOR

April snowstorms impacted the construction schedule for the Butterfield wader pool renovation, but the contractor remains confident that the project will be completed on schedule. Work that was completed in April includes pouring of the concrete shell for the pool, installation of the splash pad surge tank and tile work in the pool.



The Diamond Brite surface of the lap pool will be installed on May 11 and the pool will be filled on May 12, ready for Cruisers practice to begin on May 16.

The Butterfield bathhouse remodel is on schedule. All toilet, sink and shower fixtures have been installed, the overhead lighting has been installed, the walls have been painted and the

lockers and interior doors have been electrostatically painted.



SPECIAL PROGRAMS

PREPARED BY JENNIFER MARTIN, SPECIAL PROGRAMS SUPERVISOR

Philip S. Miller Park is gearing up for summer event season with several mountain biking and trail running series, a Challenge Hill fundraiser for the Town's Special Needs Program, a grand opening celebration and the beginning of five ticketed concert event series. When applicable, trail closures will be posted online and on the Town's Facebook page.

The big event coming soon is the Town's **grand opening celebration of phase two of Philip S. Miller Park**. The community is invited to the "Discovering the Dream" event, named after the legacy of Philip S. Miller. The event will be held from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday, **May 14**. Activities include yoga in the Amphitheater led by Philip S. Miller Library staff, a ribbon cutting celebration at 11:15 a.m. in the Amphitheater, followed by the first concert series in the Park beginning at noon. Three free concerts will include music from Josh Blackburn, Over the Castle and The Steve Thomas Band. Other activities include bump soccer, inflatable bouncy houses and obstacle courses, trackless train rides, craft tables sponsored by Douglas County Libraries and 4-H as well as STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) activities, a kids' dance party, a photo booth and many other activities including booths by the Castle Rock Police and Fire Departments. Food trucks and beverages will be available for sale. Offsite parking and shuttles will be available at no cost at the Douglas County Fairgrounds and Downtown Parking Garage as well the north parking lot at the Douglas County Justice Center. Updated information can be found online at crgov.com/psmpark.



PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

MONTHLY REPORT FROM JEFF BRAUER, DIRECTOR

APRIL 2016

PAGE 5 OF 8



Event Schedule

Subject to change Crgov.com/DiscoverPSM

Turf Field

10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Bump Soccer

Participants must be 12 years of age or older and complete waiver to participate

10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

4H's interactive STEM exhibit

Patriot Plumbing's trackless train
Participants must complete waiver to participate

All day

Inflatable obstacle course and bouncy houses

All day

Crafts

Plaza

All day

Command Center

Lost and found, Adventure Hunt prize pick-up and T-shirt sales

All day

Giant outdoor yard games

All day

Shuttle stop

11 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Castle Rock Fire and Rescue showcase

Climb aboard one of the Town's fire engines

All day

Castle Rock Police Department showcase

All day

Signature Event Series showcase

All day

Castle Rock Parks and Trails Foundation Legacy Brick Program sales

All day

Splash pad

Adventure Hunt
Pick up your Adventure Hunt packet to guide you through self-directed activities throughout the park

Amphitheater

10 - 11 a.m.

Kids yoga and drawing activity

Bring your own yoga mat

noon - 2 p.m.

Live music: Josh Blackburn

11:15 a.m. - noon

Ribbon cutting celebration

2:30 - 4 p.m.

Live music: Over the Castle

4:30 - 6 p.m.

Live music: The Steve Thomas Band

Millhouse

10 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Beverage sales

Beer, wine and sangria for adults 21+

All day

Food truck sales

100% Street Tacos, Monster Grill, Crepes and Company, Mad Berry's Smoothies, Good Ol' Lemonade, Philly on the Go and California Wraps

11 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Free photo booth

All day

First aid

11 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Kids Dance Party

Visit Castle Rock Adventist Hospital's table for a bike helmet safety check or skin check

All day

Secondary command center

Additional lost and found and t-shirt sales

noon - 1:30 p.m.

Autographs with Princess Elsa

All day

REI showcase

Water filtration, compass reading and knot tying

All day

Giant outdoor yard games

Adventure Playground

All day

Castle Rock Fire and Rescue showcase

All day

Epic Adventure Tower by Castle

Rock Zip Line Tours
Discounted rates available today only, no reservation required

All day

Food truck sales

Dave's Dogs and Kona Ice

All day

First Aid/Water Station

Miller Activity Complex

All day

Archery

Free archery trials available on the indoor turf field

Thanks to our partners:
4H, Youth Archery Academy, Denver Bump Soccer and Colorado Soccer Buddies

Regular admission is required for the Miller Activity Complex, aside from archery demonstrations, \$5 for youth and \$6 for adults. Restrooms are available in the Plaza, the Millhouse and near the Amphitheater.



The first of five **concert series celebrations** will kick off on Saturday, **May 21**. The ticketed events begin at 7 p.m. More information can be found at crgov.com/events.

Below is an outline of all public events scheduled at Philip S. Miller Park in coming months.

PHILIP S. MILLER PARK



2016 Special Events

Race the MAC -Weekly Mountain Biking Series	April 27
Ridgeline Rampage – Cycling Event	April 30
Race the MAC -Weekly Mountain Biking Series	May 4
Climb 4 Change – Fundraiser for R.E.A.L.	May 7
Race the MAC -Weekly Mountain Biking Series	May 11
Grand Opening Celebration - Philip S. Miller Park Phase 2	May 14
Race the MAC -Weekly Mountain Biking Series	May 18
Celebration Concert Series - Concert 1 of 5	May 21
Race the MAC -Weekly Mountain Biking Series	May 25
Rock Hawk Trail Race	May 28
Elephant Rock Sunrise to Sunset – Cycling Event	June 4
Celebration Concert Series - Concert 2 of 5	June 11
Beti Bike Bash – Women’s Cycling Event	June 18-19
Moonlight Extravaganza and Science Night	July 15
Race the MAC -Weekly Mountain Biking Series	July 20
Relay for Life	July 23
Race the MAC -Weekly Mountain Biking Series	July 27
Celebration Concert Series - Concert 3 of 5	July 30
Race the MAC -Weekly Mountain Biking Series	August 3
Xterra Trail Run	August 7
Race the MAC -Weekly Mountain Biking Series	August 10
Rocky Mountain Sports Festival	August 13
REI MTB Festival – Cycling Demos and Festival	August 20
Celebration Concert Series - Concert 4 of 5	August 27
Walk and Roll Fundraiser for FSHD	September 10
Celebration Concert Series - Concert 5 of 5	September 24
live BIG 5k, 10k and Family Adventure Run	October 8
Colorado Runner Ultra Marathon	October 9
Spooktacular at the MAC	October 29

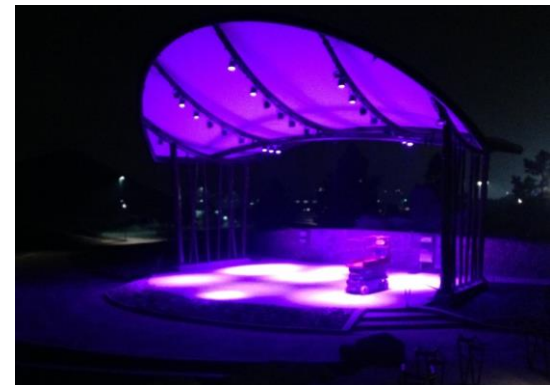
crgov.com/events

PARKS, OPEN SPACE AND TRAILS – PLANNING AND CONSTRUCTION DIVISION

Philip S. Miller Park

PREPARED BY JEFF SMULLEN, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF PARKS AND RECREATION

Valley Crest Landscaping continues to make progress on final landscaping around the Amphitheater and Millhouse, including the completion of sod and landscape beds. All landscape work will be complete by the grand opening on May 14. National Electrical Constructors completed the installation of the Amphitheater stage lighting and electrical service for the purpose of enhancing performances. The lighting package includes 24 220 watt color LED fixtures that can be individually controlled for color and focus as well as work and house lights that will illuminate the Amphitheater seating area at the conclusion of a performance. Electrical service includes 100 and 400 amp company switches that will provide adequate power for all future concerts.



Aerial Trekking Tower

Krystal Turm is in the process of erecting the Aerial Trekking Tower adjacent to the adventure playground. The crews arrived from Germany in mid-April and have installed the inner support columns and platforms. The tower is scheduled to open by Memorial Day weekend. Admission for the Aerial Trekking Tower will be \$29 for Castle Rock residents and \$49 for nonresidents.



Operations

PREPARED BY BOB PERSICHETTI, HEAD GOLF PROFESSIONAL

Spring capital projects are nearing completion. Clubhouse projects are complete with the exception of the patio windscreen installation and final electrical modifications in the kitchen. Phase one of the cart path project is complete, providing continuous concrete paths on holes 1, 2 and 18. The practice facility improvement



PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

MONTHLY REPORT FROM JEFF BRAUER, DIRECTOR

APRIL 2016

PAGE 8 OF 8

project was delayed due to the snowstorms, but staff is hopeful that the new range ball dispenser and storage building will be completed by the middle of May. The two on-course restrooms have been constructed and, after the finish work is complete, should be open for use in early May. Phase two of the cart path project and phase one of the bunker renovations are scheduled for early fall.



RECREATION DIVISION

Recreation Center Facilities

PREPARED BY MIKE KILMAN, RECREATION MANAGER

The Silver Sneakers program, which allows seniors with supplemental health insurance to receive a Recreation Center pass, continues to grow at a fast pace. Over the last five years there have been dramatic improvements in attendance and enrolled membership numbers. The charts below provide an overview of Silver Sneaker program growth since 2012.

