

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Starlighting**
 - Saturday, November 19, Downtown Castle Rock, 2 – 7 p.m.
- **Recreation Center and MAC Closed for Thanksgiving**
 - Thursday, November 24
- **Turkey ROCK Trot**
 - Thursday, November 24, Douglas County Events Center, 9:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
- **Hot Cocoa with Santa**
 - Friday, December 16, Millhouse at Philip S. Miller Park, time TBD
- **Christmas Eve Holiday Hours at the Recreation Center and MAC**
 - December 24, 8 a.m. – 2 p.m.
- **Christmas Tree Recycling**
 - December 26 – January 1, Douglas County Fairgrounds
- **New Year's Eve Holiday Hours at the Recreation Center and MAC**
 - December 31, 8 a.m. – 2 p.m.



Festival Park Contract Approved



On Tuesday, November 1, a construction contract between the Town and M.A. Mortenson Company was approved by Council to redevelop Festival Park. This project was planned through a collaborative effort of the residents of Castle Rock, the Downtown Development Authority, Downtown Merchants Association and Town of Castle

Rock. New amenities will include pedestrian bridges, a connection between Second Street and Town Hall, a splash pad, fire-pits, an open lawn area, picnic areas, hammocks, and hanging lights. With these features, the redesigned Festival Park will further the Town's strategic initiatives of fostering economic development and enhancing small-town character, while also increasing walkability, improving the downtown district's aesthetic and creating a gathering space for community and special events in the heart of downtown Castle Rock.

Construction on the nearly \$6.9 million project will begin in early 2017. Over half of the project will be funded by the Downtown Development Authority, while the remainder of the project will be funded by the Town.

Special Programs and Events

PREPARED BY HEATHER ROSSITER, SPECIAL PROGRAMS SUPERVISOR

On October 8, the annual liveBIG race took place at Philip S. Miller Park to raise money for the Castle Rock Parks and Trails Foundation, a nonprofit dedicated to improving parks, recreation, trails and open space in Castle Rock. The event consisted of three races, a 5K, 10K and family adventure run, which included obstacle course elements like a tube crawl and bounce house.



Overall, the race went well with many participants registering the day of the event. Immediately following the race, a free concert was held at the Amphitheater featuring Paizley Park, A Prince tribute band.



On Sunday, October 9, the first ultramarathon came to Philip S. Miller Park with a 50k distance. The race also offered a half-marathon and 12k for runners who wanted to experience the beauty and challenge of the park's soft surface trails without racing the ultra. The race began near the Miller Athletic Complex (MAC), wrapped around the single and double track trails at Philip S. Miller Park and Ridgeline Open Space, and utilized the new Wolfensberger Pedestrian Bridge. With 55 finishers in the ultra, 185 finishers in the half-marathon and a 176 in the 12K, the event was a huge success.





Spooktacular finished out the month of October with 1,300 participants enjoying the festive atmosphere at the MAC. Among its many activities, patrons enjoyed a spooky mini-golf course, carnival-like games, a cake walk, face painters, bounce houses and a craft table. Participant Chelsea Barnes commented, "It's so nice to have a free event that is so much fun!"



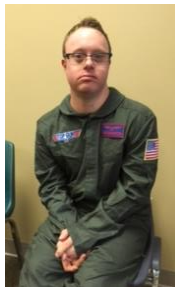
Kohl's Associates in Action volunteer program also assisted at the event by manning booths and running activities. Volunteers from 11 stores in total attended, and, for every store that participated, a financial contribution was donated to the Castle Rock Parks and Trails Foundation.



R.E.A.L. (Recreation, Empowerment & Active Living) Adaptive Recreation Program

PREPARED BY JAMIE EGLSEDER, SPECIAL NEEDS PROGRAM COORDINATOR

R.E.A.L. started October with a sensory family swim night, followed with a trampoline extravaganza in which families were able to gather at the MAC to exercise and enjoy time together. The R.E.A.L. club then wrapped up the month with a Halloween costume party where participants played fun games, did arts and crafts and made rice crispy treats.



Staff also received positive feedback regarding the Adaptive Swim Lesson program: "We have absolutely loved the swim program for special needs kids. I feel like you can understand Jace's needs and differences more than a teacher who hasn't been trained or worked with special needs. I appreciate that you have a calming effect on Jace and that makes him comfortable and more open to learning how to swim. The scholarship allows us to keep Jace in private lessons over an extended amount of time, which he needs since he learns at a slower pace. I don't have anything, but positive things to say about the program. I love that it gives Jace his own activity like what his sisters have. Thanks!"



Toddler, Youth and Teen

PREPARED BY CALLIE JACOBS, YOUTH SPECIALIST



On October 31, 2016 the Adventure Club preschool students held their annual costume parade through the Castle Rock Senior Center and the main lobby. Around 50 parents and community members came to watch the parade. The children and parents all had a great time!

Going into the holiday season, Adventure Club Preschool staff are gearing up to help the community! On October 29, staff met at the MAC to work the annual Spooktacular event by monitoring bounce houses. Next month, staff will be volunteering with St. Francis Catholic Church in the food pantry and at their turkey dinner for the needy. The Adventure Club team is also preparing for the Holiday Giving Tree Program. Trees will be put up at both the Recreation Center and the MAC so patrons can help buy family passes, punch cards or recreational programming for families in need.

Recreation Center Operations

PREPARED BY DAN WAHL, RECREATION FACILITIES SUPERVISOR

The Recreation Center saw the completion of two projects that have had major impacts on patrons' experience. The racquetball court, damaged by a user in September, has been repaired and is now fully operational. The next improvement to the racquetball courts is a planned lighting upgrade to increase energy efficiency and brightness. After a year, the roofing project is also drawing to a close. As of the end of October, the roof has entered the final inspection phase of the project. As the final approval is attained, the next phase will be the replacement of the water damaged ceiling tiles on the interior of the facility.



Youth admissions were very strong when compared to October of 2015. This year, youth participation increased by 16% compared to last.

MAC Operations

PREPARED BY DAN WAHL, FACILITIES SUPERVISOR

October was another exceptional month at the MAC. When compared to October of 2015, overall participation increased by 30%. Daily walk in registration increased by 21%, with Trampoline admissions increasing by 64% year over year. In October, two school fundraisers and eleven group reservations occurred.

Downtown Holiday Lights

PREPARED BY BOB MALONEY, PARKS SUPERINTENDENT

The Parks Division has been busy lighting approximately 150 trees with over 50,000 twinkling lights in downtown along Wilcox Street, Perry Street and Town Hall. This is in preparation for the holiday season, the annual Starlighting and the celebration event series all held throughout November and December.



PARKS, OPEN SPACE AND TRAILS – PLANNING AND CONSTRUCTION DIVISION

PREPARED BY BRIAN PETERSON, MANAGER OF PARK PLANNING AND CONSTRUCTION

Philip S. Miller Park Signage

Two additional signs were installed at the Philip S. Miller Park in October. One was placed at the MAC main entrance and the other at the main entrance of the Millhouse. The purpose of these signs is to create clear identification for unfamiliar park patrons. The theme of the signs is consistent with the branding established throughout the park.



TRAIL PROJECTS

PREPARED BY RICH HAVEL, TRAILS PLANNER

Mitchell Creek Trail Connection

In October, staff continued to work with the Founders District to extend the Mitchell Creek trail west to Ridge Road and from the Mitchell Creek trail to Tabor Court. Three bids were submitted for the project, and the District awarded HEI Civil the contract to construct both trail connections. A preconstruction meeting is set for November 9 with construction following shortly thereafter. The project is scheduled to be completed in May 2017. Staff will provide project oversight and coordination between the District and the Town and will pay to construct a small portion of the trail that does not fall within district boundaries.

Sidewalk Capital Improvement Project Warranty Review

In September 2015, staff completed key sidewalk connections identified in the Town's Transportation Master Plan in an effort to improve pedestrian mobility along Founders Blvd, Crowfoot Valley Road and Ridge Road. Staff and the project's contractor, SaBell's Enterprises, walked the project sites to review the one-year warranty in September

2016. During the walk, a small list of items that need repairs were identified. SaBell is now working on those improvements with the Public Works Division to bring the project to a close.

OPEN SPACE PROJECTS

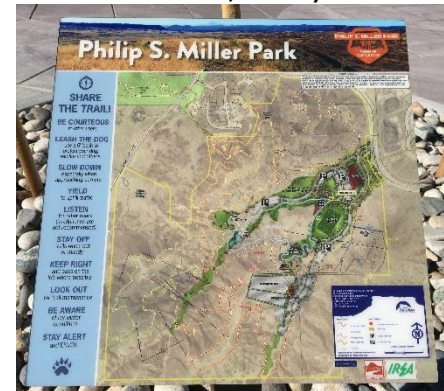
PREPARED BY BARBARA SPAGNUOLO, NATURAL RESOURCE SPECIALIST

Philip S. Miller Park Wayfinder Maps



Earlier this summer, staff began working with the Castle Rock Parks and Trails Foundation to design, fabricate and install wayfinder directional maps at Philip S. Miller Park. The Foundation, together with IREA, sponsored the costs associated with the fabrication. A total of six, 18 by 18 inch, full-color digital laminate panels mounted on single-pedestal posts were installed throughout the park at major trail intersections. These panels

are designed to guide users with trail distance information, trailhead locations and other reference points as they enjoy the more than 10 miles of paved and soft-surface trails throughout Philip S. Miller Park.



Gateway Mesa Residential House Demolition Project



The small one-story residential house located on the north side of Gateway Mesa Open Space along Highway 86 was demolished in October. The Town acquired this building, originally built in 1955, in 2003 as part of the Rangeview Ranch purchase with Douglas County that created this open space and added 74 acres to Gateway Mesa Open Space. The house had not been lived in since 2001, but the

Town had used the building as storage until the windows and doors were boarded up. The Town decided not to invest in the full reconstruction of the house.

In addition to town and state level requirements for demolition permits, staff had to follow proper procedure with both the Intermountain Rural Electric Association and the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment regarding demolition procedures. A local company, Agisi Environmental Services, was contracted to remove the building, collapse the septic tanks, abandon the water well and remove trash and debris scattered around the site. Town staff will reseed the area early next year to allow native grasses, scrub oak shrubs and ponderosa pine trees to naturally re-vegetate the area.



POST PARTNERS VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

PREPARED BY LISA SORBO, PROGRAM COORDINATOR

Ridgeline Community Church celebrated, "Be the Church Day." Instead of having members attend morning services, church goers volunteered time and effort to varying projects around town. In total, 16 members helped the Town by removing two tons of old mulch at Festival Park and replaced it with three tons of fresh, red mulch in order to dress up the park for Trick or Treat Street, Starlighting, and Season of the Star.



Throughout October, Lisa Sorbo, Post Partners Volunteer Coordinator, recruited 160 volunteers for the Town's annual **Castle of Terror**. Lisa Sorbo went above and beyond to attend weekly planning meetings and ensure the success of the insanity themed event. Over a total of five evenings of performances, 1,736 volunteer hours were cast in the process of building, decorating, performing and cleaning-up throughout the event.