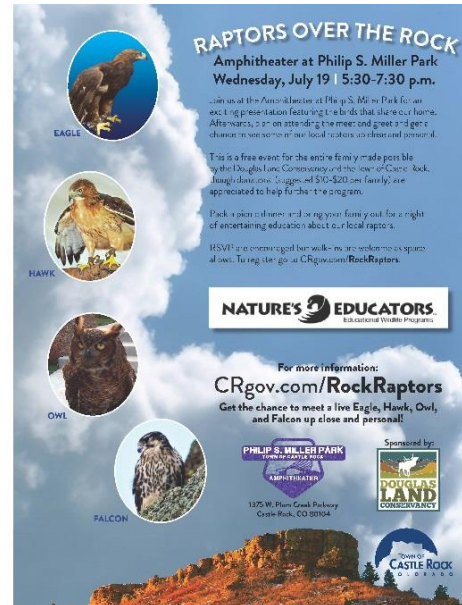


## UPCOMING PARKS AND RECREATION EVENTS

- **Fitness Fridays**
  - July 7, 14, 21 and 28 from 8-9 a.m. - the Amphitheater at Philip S. Miller Park
- **Yoga in the Park**
  - July 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30 from 9-10 a.m. - the Amphitheater at Philip S. Miller Park
- **Kids/Family Yoga**
  - July 5, 6, 12, 13, 19, 20, 26 and 27 from 8-9 a.m. - the Amphitheater at Philip S. Miller Park
- **Raptors Over the Rock**
  - July 19, 5:30-7:30 p.m. - the Amphitheater at Philip S. Miller Park
- **Free Concert "FACE"**
  - July 20, 6-9 p.m. - the Amphitheater at Philip S. Miller Park
- **Western Heritage Welcome**
  - July 28, 6-9 p.m. - Steer Drive along Perry Street; Chuck Wagon Cook-off at the vacant lot near Bricci's Coffee on Perry Street
- **Free Concert "Paizley Park"**
  - Aug. 3, 6-9 p.m. - the Amphitheater at Philip S. Miller Park
- **Pedal the Moon**
  - Aug. 5, 7:30-11 p.m. at Founders Park
- **Recreation Center closed for annual maintenance**
  - Aug. 14-18
- **2017 Summer Concert Series - Little River Band**
  - Aug. 26, 7 p.m. - the Amphitheater at Philip S. Miller Park
- **Free Concert "Hip Pocket"**
  - Aug. 31, 6-9 p.m. - the Amphitheater at Philip S. Miller Park
- **2017 Summer Concert Series - Matt Maher**
  - Sept. 2, 7 p.m. - the Amphitheater at Philip S. Miller Park



## 300 volunteers set to work to beautify Castle Rock's historic Craig and Gould neighborhood

A unique opportunity to improve community character presented itself when the leaders of the Church of Latter-day Saints came to the Town's POST (Parks, Open Space and Trails) Partners program to ask for a project to put 300 volunteers to work. The Park Maintenance division identified the need to beautify the historic Craig and Gould neighborhood through the improvement of landscaping located in the, "gap," or area between the sidewalk and curb. This action would reduce weeds, improve neighborhood aesthetics and make it easier for both residents and staff to maintain.



Before shovels hit the ground, community outreach efforts included mailing postcards and hanging door-hangers so residents were aware of and could provide feedback regarding the proposed change.

On the day of the event, teams of volunteers were assigned in groups to staff members, organized by blocks. In total, the effort covered five blocks east to west and six blocks north to south. Work included removing vegetation, laying down weed barrier and raking eight semi-truck loads or 200-tons of rock. So much rock was used, that the local quarry ran out! The project was ultimately completed when new rock arrived.

Volunteers were proud of the huge impact they made on the local community.



## **PARKS, OPEN SPACE AND TRAILS – PLANNING AND CONSTRUCTION DIVISION**

PREPARED BY BRIAN PETERSON, MANAGER OF PARK PLANNING AND CONSTRUCTION

### **Festival Park**

Construction crews took full advantage of the warmer temperatures in June and made significant progress at Festival Park. On the south side of Sellars Gulch, staff completed the concrete sidewalk and the helical piers for the elevated boardwalk. Stoneworkers strategically positioned stones to retain soil and create steps and placed stepping stones across the gulch. Crews excavated for the large wall in the middle of the site and placed concrete footings prior to starting work on setting the forms for the wall. The wall is scheduled to be placed in mid-July. Several new underground utilities were also installed in June.



## **TRAIL PROJECTS**

PREPARED BY RICH HAVEL, TRAILS PLANNER

### **East Plum Creek Trail**

The extension of the East Plum Creek Trail is a two-mile segment that will lengthen the trail south of Perry Street near Safeway to Crystal Valley Parkway.

Most of the southern extension will be on Town owned open space, however, the Town will need to acquire two privately owned parcels. Staff and property owners have arranged fee purchase agreements. Final closing dates are scheduled in July.



### **Mitchell Creek and Tabor Court Trail Connections**

Staff continued to work with the Founders Metropolitan District in Founders Village to connect Mitchell Creek Trail to Ridge Road and Tabor Court. The connections are a joint project. The District is responsible for funding the design and construction, and the Town of Castle Rock is responsible for project management and coordination.



In June, the contractor finished final grading, installed a stormwater culvert and constructed 100-linear-feet of block retaining wall. The concrete trail and site restoration will be completed in July for the Tabor Court connection.

### **Castlewood Ranch Neighborhood Connection**

The Castlewood Ranch Metro District contacted the Town to request a neighborhood connection from Mitchell Street to both Peabody and Ardmore streets through an existing open space tract. The open space is currently used by Mesa Middle School students who travel to and from school. The completed project will provide improved access for the local neighborhood and a safer commute for students.

In a joint effort, the Town will bid the project for construction, prepare the construction plans for the project, submit the plans for review to Public Works and Castle Rock Water and will provide project management. The District will provide project funding.

Staff completed a draft of grading, erosion and sediment control (GESC) plans and submitted the plans to the District for review. The District approved the plans, so staff are moving forward with Public Work's and Castle Rock Water's reviews. The project is anticipated to be completed this summer.

## **OPEN SPACE PROJECTS**

PREPARED BY BARBARA SPAGNUOLO, NATURAL RESOURCE SPECIALIST

### **National Trails Day - Blaze a Trail!**

National Trails Day was held on Saturday, June 3 at the Rueter-Hess Reservoir. This event, sponsored by American Hiking Society, 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. The public was invited to be the among the first to visit and explore the future recreational possibilities at the reservoir by participating in five different guided hikes that began at the boat ramp and followed around the southeast shoreline of the reservoir.

The beautiful summer morning offered a perfect opportunity to go on a hike. Although the reservoir has limited shade trees, morning clouds offered relief from the sun. There were more than 220 people of all ages in attendance,



with the majority of participants from Castle Rock, but many from Lone Tree, Castle Pines and Parker. Folks were very excited to see the new reservoir but all had a common question: "When will this be open to the public?"

In addition to the guided hikes, there were informational tables offered by the Parks and Recreation Department, Geocaching Colorado Club, Douglas County Libraries, Parker Water, Castle Rock Water and the Castle Rock Parks and Trails Foundation. Free

snacks and water were available for participants, and the Kona Shaved Ice truck attended the event.

## **Special Programs and Events**

PREPARED BY HEATHER ROSSITER, SPECIAL PROGRAMS SUPERVISOR, AND JENNIFER REINHARDT, EVENTS SPECIALIST

June kicked off a busy event season with live music, food and cocktails. Due to construction at Festival Park, this year's Downtown after 5 was held on Jerry Street between Third and Fourth streets. A few hundred people came out to enjoy the flannel-themed happy hour with lumberjack jousting, craft beer, live animal



presentations by Nature's Educators and local vendors. Castle Rock musicians, Sarah P and the Dirty Logger had the crowd singing in on favorites such as "Nothing Compares to You" and "Jolene." This beloved Downtown event will return to Festival Park next summer upon its completion.



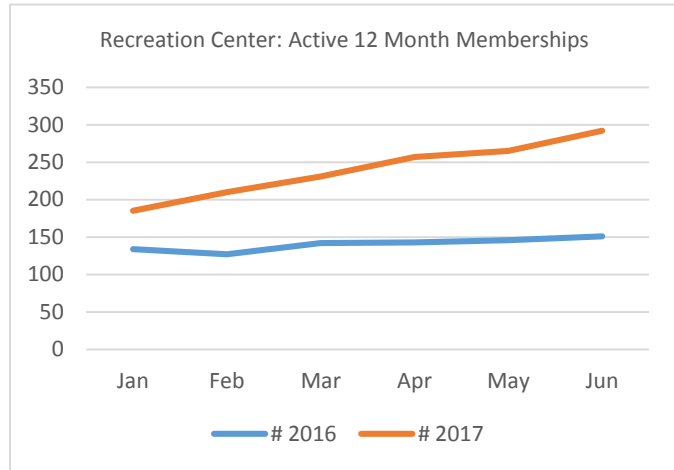
On June 10, Nashville recording artists, Thompson Square and Hudson Moore, drew a crowd of more than 800 to the Amphitheater at Philip S. Miller Park to enjoy country music. The opener, Hudson Moore, recently named Rolling Stone's, "Top Ten Artists to Watch," warmed up the crowd with original songs. Thompson Square then hit the stage to cap off

the perfect evening. This multi-platinum selling duo ended with their number one hit "Are You Gonna Kiss Me or Not."

## Recreation Center Operations

PREPARED BY DAN WAHL, RECREATION FACILITIES SUPERVISOR

June admissions at the Recreation Center were primarily driven by youth. Compared to June 2016, youth participation increased by 8 percent. The total number of individuals who have elected to join the Recreation Center with yearly memberships nearly doubled when compared to June 2016 with an increase of 93 percent year over year.

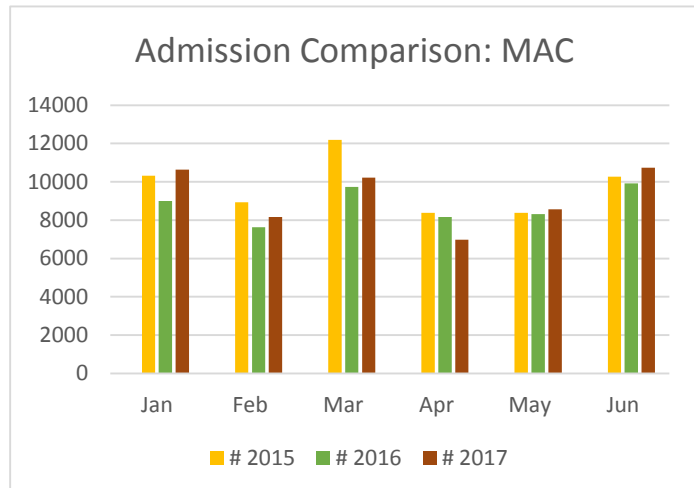


Facility Improvements in June included the installation of a Weigh and Win kiosk in the Recreation Center lobby. The kiosk is a partnership with incentaHEALTH, Castle Rock Adventist Hospital and the Town of Castle Rock to incentivize living a healthy lifestyle with encouragement, coaching and rewards. Kiosks participating in this program are part of a statewide network.

## MAC Operations

PREPARED BY DAN WAHL, RECREATION FACILITIES SUPERVISOR

The MAC was the place to be for the youth of Castle Rock in June. Daily youth admissions increased by 31 percent compared to June 2016. Overall daily admissions were up 8 percent year-over-year leading to the busiest June since the facility opened in 2015.



## Fitness

PREPARED BY COURTNEY GLASS, FITNESS AND WELLNESS COORDINATOR

Fitness and Wellness programming demonstrated strong results throughout the month. Group Fitness increased participation by 25 percent over June 2016 with almost 7,000 participants. Personal Training registration increased 3 percent compared to June 2016 with 30 minute sessions in highest demand.



The outdoor Summer Fitness Series experienced huge success with record breaking attendance. Expanded from 2016, the Summer Fitness Series now includes Kids' Yoga on Wednesday and Thursday mornings and Family Yoga on Sunday mornings. These offerings are in addition to Fitness Fridays held every Friday morning Memorial Day through Labor Day. All classes take place at the Amphitheater at the Philip S. Miller Park.

	<b>Day/Time</b>	<b>Average Attendance</b>
<b>Kids' Yoga</b>	Wed/Thurs 8-9 a.m.	30
<b>Yoga</b>	Sundays 9-10 a.m.	100
<b>Fitness Friday</b>	Fridays 8-9 a.m.	70

## Athletics

PREPARED BY SCOTT SMEETON AND MATT GASSER, ATHLETICS SUPERVISORS

In June, Athletics staff introduced a new outdoor adult Pickleball league. The league is held Monday through Friday at the newly constructed courts at Founders Park. The redeveloped courts were completed mid-June with much anticipation from the community! Program Coordinator, Jim Johnson, keeps the 75 participants happy by providing instruction and organizing match play and tournaments. Two sessions







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were offered this summer. Similar play will continue for participants at the Recreation Center during the colder months.

## Red Hawk Ridge Golf Course

PREPARED BY BOB PERSICHETTI, HEAD GOLF PROFESSIONAL



June proved positive for revenue. Benefitting from mild weather, the golf course exceeded budget for the month and set an all-time revenue record for June. Total revenue was \$517,098, which is \$89,602 above the 10-year average and \$48,712 above prior year. Heading into the golf season the Golf Fund is \$42,157 ahead of budget and \$144,312 ahead of the same period in 2016. The average income per player year-to-date (YTD) is \$0.63 above average. Overall, the fund is in a healthy position through the first half of the year.

	<b>Current Month</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Previous Year</b>	<b>Year to Date</b>	<b>Previous Year</b>
Total Revenue	\$517,098	\$495,494	\$468,386	\$1,220,203	\$1,075,891
Total Rounds	5,934	5,920	5,775	14,913	13,251
Avg. Income/Player	\$87.14	\$83.70	\$81.11	\$81.82	\$81.19
Golf Shop Sales	\$39,280	\$30,014	\$29,281	\$82,818	\$74,479
F&B Sales	\$91,600	\$81,400	\$80,385	\$198,315	\$182,051