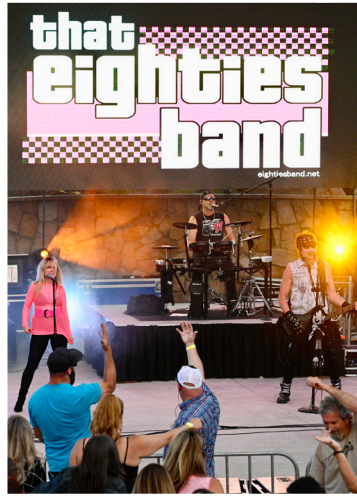




# Castle Rock PARKS & RECREATION

July 2024  
Monthly Report





# UPCOMING

## Events

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

AUG  
**15**  
**TUNES FOR TRAILS FREE CONCERT  
FEAT. THE LONG RUN BAND**  
5:30 to 9 p.m.  
Amphitheater at Philip S. Miller Park

AUG  
**17**  
**SUMMER CONCERT SERIES FEAT.  
WILDER WOODS**  
6 to 10 p.m.  
Amphitheater at Philip S. Miller Park

AUG  
**20**  
**ANIMALS AROUND THE ROCK:  
REPTILES UNDER THE ROCK**  
6 to 7 p.m.  
The Amphitheater at Philip S. Miller Park

AUG  
**23**  
**SUMMER CONCERT SERIES FEAT.  
DAMAGE INC WITH DENVER POPS  
ORCHESTRA**  
6 to 10 p.m.  
Amphitheater at Philip S. Miller Park

AUG  
**24**  
**THE SUMMER BALL**  
6 to 9 p.m.  
Amphitheater at Philip S. Miller Park

AUG  
**27**  
**SUMMER CONCERT SERIES FEAT.  
PHILLIP PHILLIPS**  
6 to 10 p.m.  
Amphitheater at Philip S. Miller Park

SEPT  
**8**  
**TRI THE ROCK YOUTH TRIATHLON**  
6:30 to 11:30 a.m.  
Butterfield Crossing Park and Pool

SEPT  
**8**  
**COLORADO ARTFEST AT CASTLE  
ROCK**  
10 a.m. to 5 p.m.  
Downtown Castle Rock - Perry Street

SEPT  
**10**  
**ANIMALS AROUND THE ROCK: BATTY  
ABOUT CASTLE ROCK**  
6 to 7 p.m.  
The Millhouse at Philip S. Miller Park

# UPCOMING Events

## Recurring Summer Events

Join us for the following events, recurring throughout the summer. View up-to-date information at [CRgov.com/Events](https://CRgov.com/Events).



## Yoga in the Park




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Sundays 8:30 - 9:30 a.m. | The Amphitheater at Philip S. Miller Park  
 Mondays 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. | Festival Park





FREE FITNESS FRIDAYS

The Amphitheater at Philip S. Miller Park

▶ FITNESS FRIDAY 8-9 a.m.

FREE  
ADMISSION

# CAPITAL PROJECT UPDATES

## *Parks, Open Space & Trails*

The following updates summarize general progress that occurred throughout the month on capital projects managed through the Parks and Recreation department; for background information and additional details visit [CRgov.com/ProjectUpdates](https://CRgov.com/ProjectUpdates).

### MITCHELL GULCH PARK GRAND REOPENING EVENT

Parks and Recreation staff hosted a grand reopening celebration on Wednesday, July 10 to recognize the completion of park renovations. The event featured summer luau fun, including a lei-making station, games, food trucks, music and more. Nestled in the Founders Village neighborhood in east Castle Rock for 27 years, the park was upgraded to improve accessibility, address life-cycle replacements and enhance park users' experience. Upgrades featured a new pavilion, all-season restrooms, a fitness area, two new playground areas, six tennis courts, new and expanded parking, a bike pump track and upgraded irrigation and lighting.

### HELP NAME TOWN'S FUTURE EAST-WEST CONNECTOR TRAIL

The Parks and Recreation Department is seeking public feedback to select a name for an east-west trail currently in design. The new segment will connect Philip S. Miller Park with Downtown Castle Rock through the proposed Brickyard and Miller's Landing developments. Project construction will commence in 2025. To learn more, contribute name suggestions and vote for a name selection, visit [CRgov.com/TrailProject](https://CRgov.com/TrailProject); voting will be available through Aug. 15.

### GOAT GRAZING COMMENCES FOR THIRD CONSECUTIVE YEAR

The Town has contracted Goat Green to provide 650 goats, two guard dogs, temporary electric fencing and water throughout July and August for preventative fire mitigation on public open space. Efforts will focus on removing brush and undergrowth to reduce vegetative fuels and control the spread of noxious weeds. The contractor started work at Metzler Family Open Space early July and will transfer the operation to Woodlands Bowl Open Space in early August.

### EMERALD PARK

Colorado Designscapes continued construction efforts throughout July. The playground equipment was installed, and the contractor continues to work on pouring concrete and securing permitting for the restroom installation. Once a welding inspection of the pavilion is complete, painting will commence before its roof is placed.





# OPERATIONAL UPDATES

## *and local impact*



### EXPANDED ARTS PROGRAMMING LAUNCHING SOON

The Tri Arts Project is bringing expanded Arts and Enrichment offerings to the Cantril School in historic Downtown Castle Rock. Programs are available at all levels for adults and teens (ages 16+) in a wide range of mediums. Residents can tap into their creativity with classes in cooking, crafting and textiles, digital arts, drawing, literacy and writing, mosaics and collages, music and sound, painting, photography and film. The new programming begins in September, and registration is open now for all fall classes.

Acquired in 2023 and located in Downtown Castle Rock, the historic Cantril School is poised to become an arts and enrichment hub for the Town. With this partnership, TAP will work to bring artists, educators, students and community members together to make, teach, present and appreciate all forms of art. In addition, much of the arts and enrichment programming currently provided by the Parks and Recreation Department will move to Cantril School from the Castle Rock Recreation Center.

Learn more about TAP and its programs and initiatives at [TriArtsProject.org](https://TriArtsProject.org).



### TWO SUMMER RACES WRAP UP

This summer the community came alive with energy and excitement as participants conquered Challenge Hill at Climb4Change and lit up the night sky during Pedal the Moon.

Climb4Change took place on Saturday, June 8 at Philip S. Miller Park. This unique racing event featured several timed races on the 200-step Challenge Hill, where participants ascended 178-feet across four different challenges. In addition to the races, there was a non-timed fun run/walk that families enjoyed at their own pace throughout the park. The event saw 150 registrants, and proceeds benefited the Town's Therapeutic Recreation program, which provides scholarships, purchases adaptive equipment, and offers activities for individuals with cognitive and physical disabilities.

Pedal the Moon, held on Saturday, July 20 brought families together for a glowing evening bike ride along the East Plum Creek Trail. Starting at either Castle View High School or Douglas County High School, participants rode approximately 6 miles on mostly flat terrain to Festival Park. The event featured a decorating station at the intersection of East Plum Creek and Hangman's Gulch trails, where riders could adorn their bikes with glow-in-the-dark items. Upon reaching Festival Park, participants enjoyed food, music, and glow giveaways under the light of the moon. The event attracted 198 registrations, and many families opted to ride back to their starting points after the festivities.



# JULY OPERATIONS

## By the Numbers

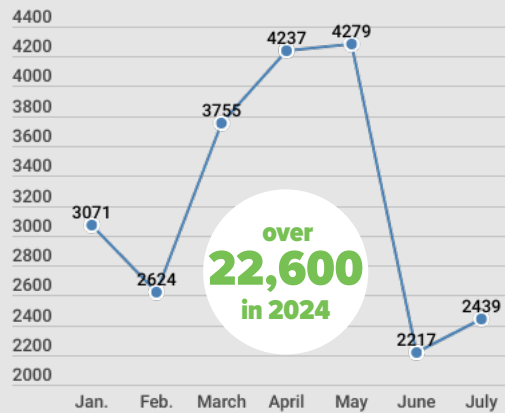
### Parks Maintenance and Operations

This month the Parks Maintenance and Operations division spent:

- 220 on field maintenance
- 525 hours on mowing operations
- 76 hours on construction and special projects
- 232 hours on irrigation maintenance
- 724 hours on landscaping maintenance, and
- 120 hours on weed management.



### RockREC Registrations



This data represents the number of online program registrations completed via the RockREC app or the desktop version of the site, Recreation.CRgov.com

### Summer Camps



2,648

Summer camp attendees through July



1,692

Registrations waitlisted for summer camps through July



15

Percent increase in the number of summer camp attendees over 2023 through July

### POST Partners Volunteer Program



128  
volunteers



271  
volunteer  
hours

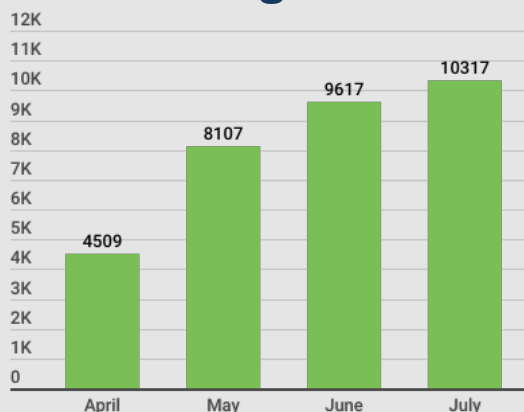


13  
events



38  
trash bags  
collected

### Red Hawk Ridge Golf Course



### Park Pavilion and Trolley Rentals

The Town Trolley is available for rent for a variety of events, including field trips, historic landmark tours, weddings, nights on the town, and special event parking transportation.

14  
trolley  
rentals



Pavilions at Town parks are also available for rent throughout the year, with the rest being available on a first-come, first-served basis. Rental numbers for both assets typically slow with colder weather.

198  
pavilion  
rentals

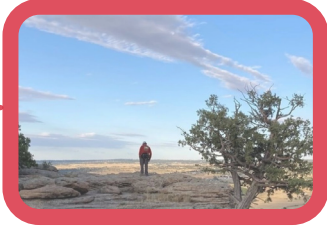


# PROGRAM PARTICIPATION

## Summary



**300+**  
enrolled in  
Cruisers  
Swim Team



**31**  
participants in Adventure  
hikes and outdoor  
education



**1,300+**  
adults enrolled  
in summer pickleball  
leagues

**200+**  
adult Athletics teams  
playing in summer  
leagues



**2,347**  
group fitness  
program  
attendees

**105**  
personal  
training  
sessions





# COMMUNITY EVENTS

## Summary



### 07.05 FIRST FRIDAYS

The Williams Brothers rocked Festival Park with over 2,500 attendees at the second First Fridays concert of the season. The 5k Fun Run kicked off the evening for a perfect night of live music.

### SUMMER CONCERT SERIES FEAT. GIN BLOSSOMS

Gin Blossoms and Fastball packed the house! Fans enjoyed the American alternative rock band's hits like "Hey Jealousy".

### 07.12



### 07.18 TUNES FOR TRAILS FEAT. THAT EIGHTIES BAND

Over 2,300 guests packed the Amphitheater to jam to their favorite hits from the 1980s. Additionally, Colorado Lottery staff presented the Parks and Recreation Department with two Starburst Awards for its work on Possibilities Playground at Butterfield Crossing Park and the Colorado Front Range Trail.



### SUMMER CONCERT SERIES FEAT. COOPER ALAN

The high-energy and highly engaging Cooper Alan and Clay Page filled the Amphitheater with the sounds of country, where fans sang along to new takes on classics from all genres.

### 07.19



### 07.20 PEDAL THE MOON

Nearly 200 participants came together for a festive, glow-in-the-dark evening bike ride along the East Plum Creek Trail, culminating in a lively gathering at Festival Park with food, music and family fun.



### WESTERN HERITAGE WELCOME 07.26

Boasting over thirty long-horned steer walking down Perry Street, this was the perfect kickoff to the Douglas County Fair and Rodeo. New to the drive this year, performances by Rocky Mountain Indigenous Dancers brought flare and fun for the family.

