

Castle Rock **PARKS & RECREATION** February 2025 Monthly Report



























UPCOMING *Events*

View up-to-date information at CRgov.com/Events.



APRIL

TRAIL MAINTENANCE GROUP KICK-OFF MEETING 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Miller Activity Complex

WILD IN OUR TOWN 4 to 5:30 p.m. Philip and Jerry Miller Library



EARTH DAY WILLOW HARVEST AND PLANTING 9 to 11 a.m. McMurdo Gulch Trail



HOLIDAY CLOSURE

All day Cantril School, Miller Activity Complex and Recreation Center

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.

CENTENNIAL PARK COURT REPLACEMENT PROJECT

SaBell's Civil and Landscape completed backfilling the retaining wall and installed footers and bolts in preparation for new tennis court shelters. Demolition of the existing court asphalt will soon begin and the courts will then be poured by contractor Renner Sports Surfaces in the coming weeks as weather allows.

BRICKYARD DEVELOPMENT PROPOSAL AND ZONING

Town Council approved the second and final reading of a land use application for the development and zoning of the former Acme Brick property. The site is approximately 31 acres and located at 401 Prairie Hawk Drive, north of Plum Creek Parkway and south of Topeka Way. The property is currently zoned general industrial.

Confluence Companies has proposed a mixed-use development with up to 583 multifamily units including townhomes and apartments; 92,000 square feet of nonresidential uses such as offices, retail and restaurants; and a 99,000-square-foot hotel with a conference center and an outdoor performance venue.

The 145,000-square-foot proposed sports development center is planned on 10.36 acres of public land within the development. Construction of the center is subject to future Town Council funding approvals with an anticipated groundbreaking of 2025 if approved. Parks and Recreation Department staff anticipate seeking Town Council approval of a Recreation Facility Development Agreement with Confluence in March.

A walkthrough of the proposed facility and updates can be found at CRgov.com/NewRecreationCenter.



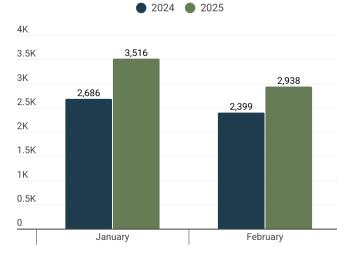




OPERATIONAL Insights and Updates



Group Fitness Class Visits



Program Updates

WINTER BALL 2025: A ROARING SUCCESS

The 2025 Winter Ball transported families back to the dazzling era of the Roaring Twenties, creating a night to remember. On Saturday, Feb. 1, 424 attendees gathered at the James R. Sullivan Events Center at the Douglas County Fairgrounds, dressed in their finest flapper and dapper attire, ready to dance the night away.

The evening was filled with lively music, energetic dancing and plenty of memorable moments. Guests enjoyed professional photography, light refreshments and an ambiance that perfectly captured the glamour of the 1920s. From parents twirling their little ones across the dance floor to groups of friends laughing and making memories, the event was a true celebration of family fun.

The Winter Ball is part of a beloved annual tradition, with its counterpart, the Summer Ball, set to take place on Saturday, Aug. 23 at the Amphitheater at Philip S. Miller Park. This outdoor event offers another opportunity for families to come together and enjoy an enchanting evening under the stars.

If you missed the Winter Ball or want to relive the magic, mark your calendars for the Summer Ball and stay tuned for more details.

FITNESS AND WELLNESS MONTHLY RECAP

February was a strong month for the Fitness and Wellness division, with steady participation across programs and exciting new offerings.

GROUP FITNESS PARTICIPATION GROWS

Group fitness classes continue to see impressive year-over-year growth. January 2025 saw 3,516 class visits, a 31% increase from January 2024's 2,686 visits. February followed suit, with 2,938 visits compared to 2,399 last year, marking a 22% increase. Zumba and senior fitness classes remain the most popular offerings, consistently drawing high attendance.

FITNESS BINGO CHALLENGE BREAKS RECORDS

The 2025 Fitness Bingo Challenge wrapped up on Feb. 14, setting new participation records. A total of 84 participants completed one row to earn the coffee mug prize, while 50 dedicated participants filled the entire board, receiving both the coffee mug and a quarter-zip top. This fifth annual challenge continues to engage fitness enthusiasts in a fun, goal-driven way.

OPERATIONAL *Insights and Updates*

PERSONAL TRAINING IN HIGH DEMAND

With 77 personal training sessions conducted in February, the program remains at capacity with a waitlist in place. Demand for personalized training remains high, and efforts are underway to recruit additional qualified trainers to expand availability.

PILATES REFORMER EXPANDS OFFERINGS

Pilates Reformer classes continue to fill quickly, leading to the introduction of two new formats:

- Pilates Reformer Intermediate: A faster-paced class to refine technique and build strength for those with prior experience.
- Pilates Reformer/Tower: A dynamic, low-impact class that blends Reformer and Tower work for full-body conditioning.

UPCOMING OUTDOOR ADVENTURE PROGRAMS

Outdoor Adventure programs continue to provide exciting outdoor experiences, encouraging participants to explore the natural beauty of Castle Rock and beyond. With seasonal activities tailored for all skill levels, there's something for everyone looking to stay active and connect with nature.

WEDNESDAY WELLNESS WALKS

Participants have been embracing the outdoors through our Wednesday Wellness Walks, which combine light exercise with an informative tour of Castle Rock's scenic paths. These free, guided walks offer a great opportunity to enjoy fresh air while learning about different areas of town. Upcoming walks include:

- April 16: Rosie Rueter Incline Trail
- April 30: Challenge Hill at Philip S. Miller Park

SPRING AND SUMMER HIKING ADVENTURES

As weather warms, offerings shift to local and regional hikes led by experienced guides. These easy-to-moderate hikes range from 3 to 6 miles at a relaxed pace, perfect for those looking to explore new trails while enjoying a group hiking experience. Upcoming hikes include:

- May 7: Metzler Family Open Space
- May 21: East Preservation Trail at Castlewood Canyon State Park
- June 4: Spruce Mountain Open Space
- June 12: Mitchell Creek Canyon Trail
- June 28: Legacy Trail at Gateway Mesa Open Space

With diverse offerings and knowledgeable guides, the Adventure Program provides a fantastic way to stay active and appreciate the region's natural beauty. Register in advance at Recreation.CRgov.com.

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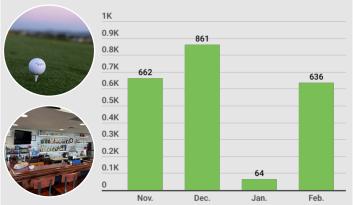




FEBRUARY OPERATIONS By the Numbers







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.

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.



