



PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

MONTHLY REPORT FROM JEFF BRAUER, DIRECTOR

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UPCOMING PARKS AND RECREATION EVENTS

- **Ridgeline Wranglers Season Kick-off Informational Meeting**
 - March 28, 7-8 p.m., The Grange in the Meadows, 3692 Meadows Blvd.
- **Rhyolite Dirt Crew Informational Meeting**
 - April 5, 7-8 p.m., Philip S. Miller Library
- **Earth Day Willow Planting**
 - April 8, 9 a.m.-noon, meet at Memmen Ridge Open Space
- **Basics of Bird Watching, Part 1**
 - April 26, 7-8 p.m., Philip S. Miller Library
- **Guided Bird Watching, Part 2**
 - May 6, 8-10 a.m., Third Street Parking Garage
- **REAL Climb4Change**
 - May 13, 8 a.m.-noon, the Challenge Hill at Philip S. Miller Park
- **Tri the Rock**
 - May 21, 8 a.m.-noon, Butterfield Crossing Park and Pool
- **National Senior Health and Fitness Day**
 - May 31, 9-11 a.m., the Amphitheater at Philip S. Miller Park



Special Programs and Events

PREPARED BY HEATHER ROSSITER, SPECIAL PROGRAMS SUPERVISOR

The schedule for the 2017 Tunes for Trails, Perks for Parks concert series is nearly complete. Donations from the event will benefit the Castle Rock Parks and Trails Foundation, a nonprofit organization working to enhance the recreational spaces that make Castle Rock unique.



Each concert is held at the scenic Amphitheater at Philip S. Miller Park. In addition to the music, the series will feature entertainment for the whole family with craft beers, cocktails, food, yard games and bounce houses.

The current lineup includes five high-energy bands from all the decades!

Boogie Machine

Boogie Machine will kick-off the concert season with a blast from the past. A locally grown band with over 18 years of experience, Boogie Machine's disco and 1970's funk beats will take the stage on Thursday, June 29.



FACE

FACE is back! The internationally acclaimed, all-vocal rock band from Boulder have captivated audiences for over a decade. Blending modern pop tunes with complex harmonies, brilliant beat-box rhythms and superb singing, the audience is sure to get taken on a fantastic musical journey on Thursday, July 20.



Paizley Park

Paizley Park, a Prince tribute band, features Phillip Lamar Jordan who emanates Prince in vocal similarity, look and performance. Paizley Park is sure to dazzle with synchronized dance movements and spot-on musical performances from the late great Prince on Thursday, August 3.



Hip Pocket

Hip Pocket, a seven piece variety band, plays a dynamic combination of dance, funk, pop and rock and roll. Hip Pocket is sure to get the audience dancing on Thursday, August 31 with fantastic harmonies.



The last concert of the series will be held in conjunction with the Castle Rock Trails Festival. The Town has partnered with Colorado Runner Magazine to bring residents a day of fun, sun, music and running. The Castle Rock Trails Festival will combine a 50k ultramarathon, half-marathon, 10k and the LiveBig 5k and family adventure run with a Tunes for Trails, Perks for Parks Free Concert featuring John Denver, The Tribute band. John Denver, The Tribute has performed to encore-demanding audiences all over the world, and consists of top-rated professional musicians. Relax and reminisce about an age long gone or hit the trails and run to the tunes!



Parks Open Space and Trails - Planning and Construction Division

PREPARED BY BRIAN PETERSON, PLANNING AND CONSTRUCTION MANAGER

Festival Park

Commencement of Festival Park construction began on February 6 with the installation of site fencing and existing tree protection. A new entrance was constructed for adjacent businesses prior to closing Second Street to through traffic and creating a one way entrance running south to north for the alley adjacent to the businesses. Throughout the month, construction continued with the removal of topsoil and the reshaping of Sellars Gulch. A temporary stream crossing was installed to allow equipment to access the south side of the gulch to begin to mold the land. The majority of gulch work will not be seen at the completion of the project, but will function to control flow volume during floods.



Staff also worked with the Public Works

Department on the landscaping design and requirements for a nearby roundabout at Third and Perry Streets. The design will tie the theme of Festival Park to the

surrounding downtown district. Design firm, Design Workshop will also assist with the project.

Operations and Maintenance Facility

The Castle Rock Parks and Facilities Maintenance and Operations Divisions must move from their existing locations to a new, consolidated facility by spring 2018. The location selected is the old wastewater treatment facility located at 1400 Caprice Drive. The Town owns this parcel, which is currently used for slash mulch recycling and snow storage.

In February, staff distributed a Request for Proposals for design services and interviewed four experienced architectural firms. HB&A was selected and contract details will be finalized over the next few months.

Trails Projects

PREPARED BY RICH HAVEL, TRAILS PLANNER

East Plum Creek Trail Southern Extension

The extension of the East Plum Creek Trail is a planned, two-mile stretch that will lengthen the trail south of Perry Street through to Crystal Valley Parkway. Most of the southern extension will be built on Town owned open space, but two private parcels will need to be acquired. Staff are currently working with the property owners to identify easement locations and finalize the details of the purchases. Staff expects to close on both acquisitions in March.



As with past trail projects, both Castle Rock Water and Castle Rock Parks and Recreation have joined efforts to complete both trail and stormwater improvements simultaneously. RESPEC Inc. is currently under contact with the Town to design the Douglas Lane Tributary project, which will tie the East Plum Creek Trail at the Union Pacific Railroad to Crystal Valley Parkway. Improvements of the project will include the Union Pacific Railroad underpass, constructing retaining walls and extending the trail. Final design will be completed this spring with construction beginning this fall.

Mitchell Creek and Tabor Court Trail Connection



Staff has been working with the Founders District to extend the Mitchell Creek trail west to Ridge Road. Another trail connection is being constructed from the Mitchell Creek trail to Tabor Court, both located in Founders Village. The district will provide funding for both the design and construction while the Town manages the project.

In February, 200 linear feet of retaining wall and footing was excavated, poured and backfilled to extend Mitchell Creek trail. During the excavation of the retaining wall, a section of existing grouted riprap slope was removed in order to securely place the footings. The riprap slope will be returned to preexisting conditions during construction. Staff will continue to monitor the project to ensure the scope is met and Town standards are followed.

OPEN SPACE PROJECTS

PREPARED BY BARBARA SPAGNUOLO, NATURAL RESOURCE SPECIALIST

Colorado Bluebird Project 2017

Educational presentations on the Colorado Bluebird Project continued in February.

Natural Resource Specialist, Barbara Spagnuolo, and POST Partners Volunteer Coordinator, Lisa Sorbo, presented to six local schools participating in the project. Students received training to learn bird identification and proper monitoring techniques to prepare for data collection. Students at Renaissance Magnet



School built six new nest boxes that will be installed at Metzler Ranch Park. The addition of these boxes will expand the school's monitoring capacity to 12 at two sites. Students at all schools will be cleaning and maintaining boxes in March to prepare for the Bluebird's nesting season.



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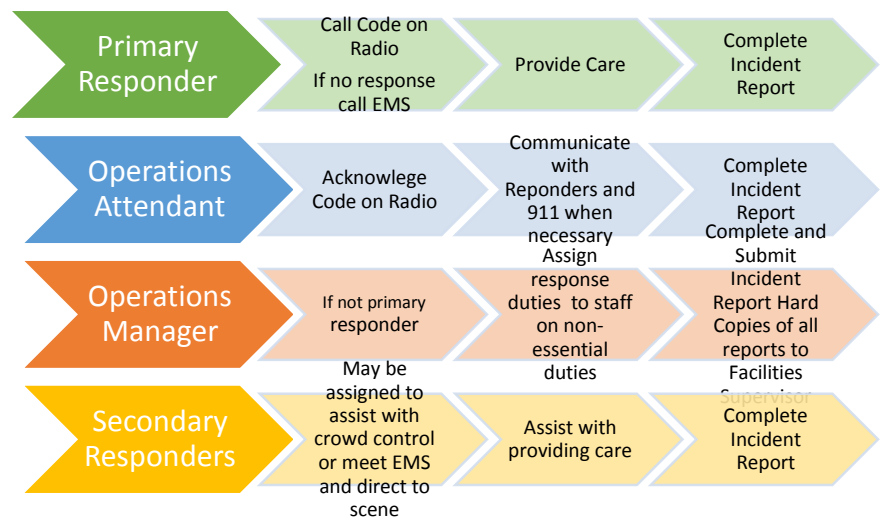
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Staff also held an informational open house so residents could learn how to volunteer with the project. Despite low attendance due to a winter storm, many volunteers are signing up to help online. An additional monitor training for new volunteers will be provided in early March, and then weekly monitoring will begin the first week of April. More information can be found at www.CRgov.com/bluebird.

Aquatics

PREPARED BY ZACH MORRIS, AQUATICS SUPERVISOR

The Aquatics division worked with the Operations team to revamp the Town's recreation facility Emergency Action Plans. Two joint, in-service trainings were conducted including members of both Operations and Aquatics staff. New protocols include the use of two-way radios and a code system for greatly improved communication and response efficiency.



Aquatics Supervisor, Zach Morris, co-instructed a three-day Certified Pool Operator course as a fundraiser for the Colorado Parks and Recreation Association (CRPA). The class had 52 participants and raised over \$10,000 for CPRA.

