



Castle Rock  
**PARKS &  
RECREATION**  
October 2024  
Monthly Report





# UPCOMING

## Events

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

NOVEMBER

23

**STARLIGHTING**  
2 to 6 p.m.  
Downtown Castle Rock and Festival Park

NOVEMBER

28

**HOLIDAY CLOSURE**  
All day  
Miller Activity Complex, Castle Rock Recreation Center, Red Hawk Ridge Golf Course and Cantril School

DECEMBER

6

**FESTIVAL PARK STARLIGHT MARKET**  
3 to 8 p.m.  
Festival Park

DECEMBER

7

**FESTIVAL PARK STARLIGHT MARKET**  
11 a.m. to 7 p.m.  
Festival Park

DECEMBER

7

**REINDEER GAMES**  
1 to 4 p.m.  
Philip S. Miller Park

DECEMBER

14

**STORYTELLERS & S'MORES**  
5 to 7 p.m.  
Festival Park

# CAPITAL PROJECT UPDATES

## *Parks, Open Space & Trails*

The updates below summarize the 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).

### CENTENNIAL PARK COURT REPLACEMENT PROJECT COMMENCES WITH TOWN COUNCIL APPROVAL

In October, Town Council unanimously approved a construction contract with Renner Sports Surfaces and an amended equipment and services agreement with SaBell's Civil and Landscape for the Centennial Park Court Replacement Project.

Centennial Park, the town's oldest park, was acquired in the 1970s and features Burgess Pool, an athletic field, a playground, picnic areas, tennis and basketball courts and open space. Over the years, the 10-acre site has seen multiple improvements, including the replacement of the playground, reconstruction of Burgess Pool and the pool house and upgrades to the athletic field as part of Craig and Gould streetscape and drainage enhancements. The tennis and basketball courts remain the only area of the park that has not been updated. Now approximately 40 years old, these courts have sustained significant deterioration. A plastic tile installed in the 1990s to extend the life of the courts has reached the end of its lifespan as well.



View a full-size rendering at [CRgov.com/ParkImprovements](https://CRgov.com/ParkImprovements)

This project was identified as a priority in the Town of Castle Rock's approved 2024-2028 Capital Improvement Plan and adopted budget. Renner will construct three new regulation-sized, post tensioned tennis courts and one post-tensioned basketball court. On-call contractor SaBell's Civil and Landscape will provide the additional services of site demolition, material removal, geotechnical testing, erosion control, irrigation modifications, retaining wall placement, concrete work, landscaping installation and parking lot mill and overlay. SaBell's will also add a new seat wall and two shade shelters with benches and trash receptacles for the tennis courts.

The pathways adjacent to the courts were also identified in the Town of Castle Rock ADA Transition Plan as requiring significant accessibility improvements. This project will address the walkways to ensure they meet accessibility requirements and will add two ADA van parking stalls to the lot at Castle Rock Baptist Church for shared public/private use.

The project will commence fall 2024 and be completed in 2025 for summer use.



# CAPITAL PROJECT UPDATES

## *Parks, Open Space & Trails*

### HELP SHAPE THE FUTURE OF LOST CANYON RANCH OPEN SPACE

The recent purchase of the 681-acre Lost Canyon Ranch marks the Town of Castle Rock's largest one-time acquisition of open space. Now, it's time to plan its future — and the Parks and Recreation Department is seeking community input on its master planning questionnaire.

This stunning property, nestled along the Town's southeastern border, is set to become an essential part of Castle Rock's open space network. The site boasts a diverse landscape, including riparian areas, ponderosa forests and expansive grasslands. Its proximity to Castlewood Canyon State Park and Douglas County's Prairie Canyon Ranch Open Space further enhances its importance as a wildlife corridor and as a premier passive recreational area for the community.

To envision how this incredible acquisition will serve Castle Rock and its surrounding areas, the Town kicked off a master planning process earlier this fall. An open house was held on Nov. 12, where nearly 90 visitors met the planning team, reviewed preliminary concepts and shared thoughts on the project. An online questionnaire is available through Dec. 13 at [CRgov.com/LostCanyonRanch](https://CRgov.com/LostCanyonRanch).

No official timeline for public access has been set, but this and future opportunities for public feedback will help determine how the property could be utilized within the constraints of the conservation easement and future budget requirements. Sign up to stay informed about the master planning process and be notified of future opportunities to provide feedback at [CRgov.com/LostCanyonRanch](https://CRgov.com/LostCanyonRanch).

### EMERALD PARK OPEN TO PUBLIC

There's no place like... a neighborhood park, and the Town of Castle Rock's newest one is now complete. An official grand opening celebration was held on Oct. 11, complete with games, activities, music, food trucks and more.

Named Emerald Park following public input last year, the property sits adjacent to Plum Creek Golf Club. In 2019, Town Council approved the purchase of the 7.6-acre property to preserve it for future park development.

The new park features half-court basketball, pickleball courts, plaza areas with shade and seating, bocce ball courts and space for other yard games, and an all-season restroom. Two playgrounds — one for ages 2 to 5, and one for ages 5 to 12 — a boulder play structure, a looped walking path, walkway lighting and a new parking lot.



# OCTOBER OPERATIONS

## *By the Numbers*

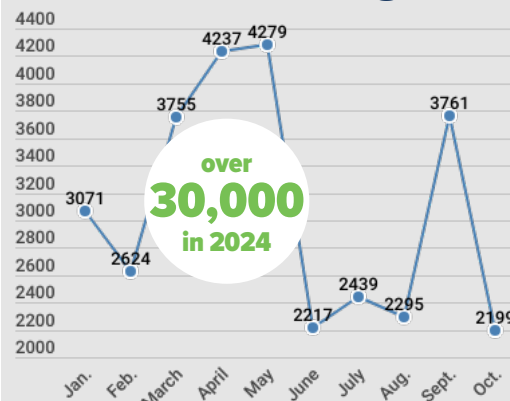
### Parks Maintenance and Operations

This month the Parks Maintenance and Operations division spent

- 324 hours on holiday lighting
- 165 hours on field maintenance
- 210 hours on mowing operations
- 20 hours on construction and special projects
- 18 hours on landscaping maintenance
- 164 hours on irrigation maintenance

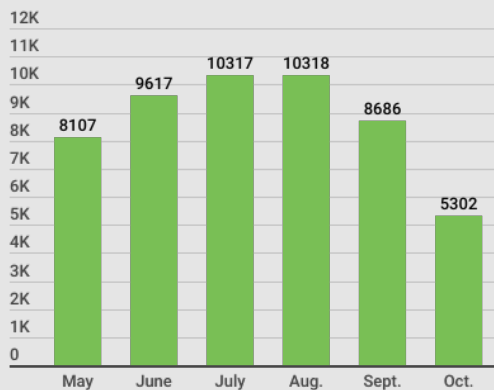
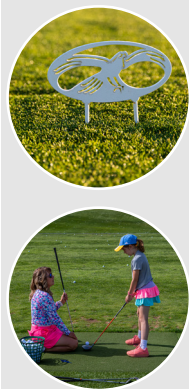


### RockREC Registrations



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

### Red Hawk Ridge Golf Course



### POST Partners Volunteer Program



**128**  
volunteers



**283**  
volunteer hours



**17**  
events



**78**  
trash bags collected

### 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.

**10**  
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 rise with warmer weather.

**28**  
pavilion rentals





# COMMUNITY EVENTS

## *Summary*



**10.05**

### CASTLE ROCK TRAIL FESTIVAL AND LIVEBIG FAMILY ADVENTURE RUN

Over 410 racers explored Castle Rock's beautiful trails and supported a great cause at the annual trail running event. The event raised over \$8,000 for the department's Therapeutic Recreation program.

### EMERALD PARK GRAND OPENING CELEBRATION

Emerald Park opened with a festive celebration! Community members gathered to enjoy games, activities, music, and food trucks while exploring the new park and its amenities, such as half-court basketball, pickleball courts, and new playgrounds.

**10.11**



**10.26**

### SPOOKTACULAR

Over 1,000 guests celebrated Halloween at Philip S. Miller Park, where the atmosphere buzzed with sugar-filled excitement! Activities included carnival-style games, photo ops, and plenty of opportunities to fill up on candy and Halloween-themed treats.

### FALL FESTIVAL FEAT. CREEPY CRAWLIES AROUND THE ROCK

Visitors to the department's environmental education table learned facts about "scary" things from the outdoors. Nature's Educators provided a variety of live animals appropriate for the spooky season, including a boa constrictor, Western Screech-Owl, scorpion, salamander, toad and tarantula.

**10.20**



**SUNDAYS**

### FESTIVAL PARK FARMERS MARKET

The Festival Park Farmers Market wrapped up for the season on Sunday, Oct. 20 with the Fall Festival. The series hosted thousands throughout the summer, where visitors could choose from locally raised meats, fresh produce, baked goods and artisan-made products.



# PROGRAM IMPACT

## Summary



**174**

Middle School  
Madness  
participants



**220**

adults enrolled  
in Arts and Enrichment  
programming



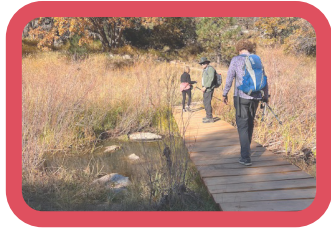
**141**

youth enrolled  
in Arts and Enrichment  
programming



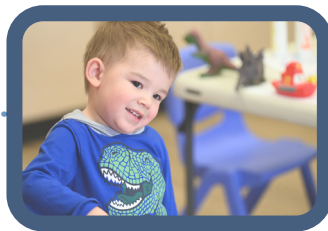
**16**

enrolled in  
Toddler  
Time



**18**

weekly hike  
participants across 3  
hikes



**6**

adults waitlisted  
for pottery  
programming

