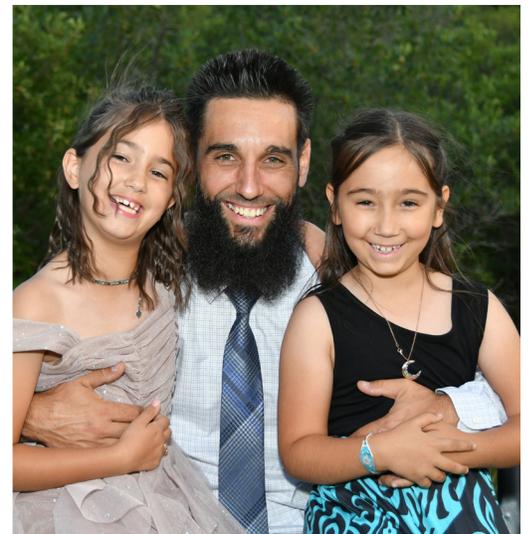




Castle Rock
**PARKS &
RECREATION**
August 2022



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Upcoming Events

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SEPT
15
**TUNES FOR TRAILS FREE CONCERT
FEAT. GROOVEALICIOUS**
6:30 - 9 p.m.
The Amphitheater at Philip S. Miller Park

SEPT
16
GLOW DANCE PARTY
6:30 - 9 p.m.
The Amphitheater at Philip S. Miller Park

SEPT
24
NATIONAL PUBLIC LANDS DAY
8 - 11:30 a.m.
Metzler Family Open Space

OCT
1
**CASTLE ROCK TRAIL FESTIVAL AND
liveBIG RUN**
7 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
Philip S. Miller Park

OCT
7
**DATE NIGHT - COMEDY AT THE
AMPHITHEATER**
6 - 9:30 p.m.
The Amphitheater at Philip S. Miller Park

OCT
8
**LEGACY TRAIL CONSTRUCTION
OUTING WITH VOC**
7:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Gateway Mesa Open Space

OCT
15
**FALL FESTIVAL FEAT.
CREEPY CRAWLIES AROUND THE ROCK**
10 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Festival Park

OCT
22
SPOOKTACULAR
1 - 4 p.m.
Philip S. Miller Park

OCT
28
FANGTASTIC FESTIVAL
noon - 3 p.m.
Festival Park





Parks, Open Space & Trails

TOWN COUNCIL APPROVES SYNTHETIC-TURF CONVERSION PROJECT AT PAINTBRUSH PARK

In August, Town Council approved a contract by resolution to convert the athletic fields at Paintbrush Park in The Meadows to synthetic turf. The project represents a joint effort between the Parks and Recreation Department and Castle Rock Water. A similar joint project was recently completed at Metzler Ranch Community Park, which converted four baseball fields. These efforts not only reduce maintenance hours for park operations staff, but save water and extend the ability of sports teams and leagues to use the facilities earlier in the spring and later in the fall when unfavorable weather can often limit play.



In October, contractor Academy Sports Turf will commence the project, converting the two existing softball fields and soccer field from grass to synthetic turf. The upgrade is projected to save 4 million gallons of water each year. Site work will include the removal of sod and approximately 4 to 6 inches of underlying soil; laser grading of the drainage media subgrade; installation of a subsurface drainage system; installation of 4 inches of fractured stone base and drainage media; 2 inches of crusher fine gravel; and a nailer edge surrounding the perimeter of the field. The new turf will have an 8-year manufacturer's warranty, 8-year installation warranty and 1-year warranty on base construction.

Academy is a leading supplier of synthetic turf systems and is a TenCate Grass Company, having long-standing experience in the development, manufacturing, construction, installation and maintenance of synthetic turf systems with over 400 field installations. Their ability to provide high-quality product innovation and turnkey, sustainable sports solutions is unrivaled in the industry.

The project is slated for completion prior to March 2023 to accommodate spring baseball, softball and soccer and ensure that the fields are useable before the spring irrigation season.



BUTTERFIELD PARK RENOVATION AND POSSIBILITIES PLAYGROUND

Throughout August, project contractor American Civil Constructors continued renovation work at Butterfield Crossing Park in The Meadows. Updates to the irrigation system, the parking lot and restroom facility are all nearing completion. The project is set to be completed in spring 2023 and will feature new basketball and pickleball courts, upgraded irrigation and lighting, new pavilions, expanded trail connections, a fitness court and a fully-inclusive playground.

The Castle Rock Parks and Trails Foundation has raised nearly \$1 million to date to help offset the project costs of this Possibilities Playground to help ensure everyone has access to outdoor play. The playground will feature many inclusive amenities such as accessible swing bays, musical instruments, a merry-go-round, pulse table tennis, a roller table and a sensory wall.

While playground companies create and sell sensory walls, Castle Rock's Therapeutic Recreation Program decided to take the design into their own hands. In August, program participants joined forces with the Art of Concrete to create a portion of the wall by gluing stone and tile pieces into a beautifully designed mosaic. Their artwork will now forever be a piece of the sensory wall that will encourage park visitors to explore rough and smooth textures and shapes, promoting exploration and developing visual skills and dexterity.

Learn more about the [renovation project](#) and [Possibilities Playground](#) and [donate today](#) to leave your very own imprint in the park!



VIP'S TOUR METZLER FAMILY OPEN SPACE

To raise funds for the Possibilities Playground at Butterfield Park and awareness of the Town's newest open space property, the Castle Rock Parks and Trails Foundation hosted a sneak-preview VIP on Aug. 25. The event sold out at thirty attendees, who enjoyed a guided hike around new soft-surface trails, a tour of the homestead and outbuildings, a wine tasting and charcuterie, and raised over \$4,000 for the park.

In 2021, the Estate of Robert F. Metzler donated approximately 60 acres and a homestead and silo near Founders Parkway and Crowfoot Valley Road to the Town. To honor this donation and the Metzler heritage, the property has been named the Metzler Family Open Space. The site is part of the original Metzler Ranch Planned Unit Development of 770 acres, which was annexed into Castle Rock in 1984. This tract is the last remaining, undeveloped parcel from the original annexation area and was one of the largest land donations the Town of Castle Rock has ever received.

The Town has allocated \$1.6 million for various improvements prior to opening the property to the public by the end of 2022. This spring and summer, contractor Timberline Trailcraft constructed 6 miles of soft-surface trails. In July, the historic and leaning silo was successfully straightened and Summit Sealants repointed the joints of the silo's brick. Designs for the parking lot and entrance on the southeast side of the open space were recently bid for construction, which will begin the fall.

The property will formally open to the public late 2022, but another opportunity for residents to get a sneak-preview will be offered through at Public Lands Day on Sept. 24. To learn more or register, visit CRgov.com/PublicLandsDay.





Community Events

SUMMER BALL

During the COVID-19 pandemic, the Daddy Daughter Ball that is typically held in February was extended into the summer so more could join the fun. The winter and summer edition continued in 2022, and on Saturday, Aug. 20, over 300 daddies, daughters, mothers sons and family members got their passports ready to enjoy the around-the-world theme. In addition to dancing under the stars, families enjoyed refreshments, yard games, food trucks, and professional photographs to commemorate the evening.

CONCERT SEASON WRAPPING UP

The Town's Summer Concert Series and First Fridays events successfully concluded in August. Throughout the season, tens of thousands came out to partake in the live music and enjoy craft drinks and local food at both The Amphitheater at Philip S. Miller Park and in the heart of Downtown at Festival Park. The Tunes for Trails free concert series wraps up in September, also at The Amphitheater.



- **06.07** Spazmatics with opener Ninety Percent 90s and the 80s 5k fun run
- **07.01** Thumpin' with opener Brothers of Brass and the Patriot Run 5k fun run
- **08.05** Blink-180TRUE with opener Ninety Percent 90s and the Color Run 5k fun run



- **06.16** Something Underground
- **08.18** Spinphony
- **09.15** Groovealicious



- **06.11** Spin Doctors with special guest The Burroughs
- **06.30** Fuel with special guest The Record Thieves
- **07.22** Nancy Wilson's Heart with vocalist Kimberly Nichole and special guest Cari Dell
- **08.06** Three Dog Night with special guest Danny McGaw
- **08.12** Scotty McCreery with special guest Greytan James
- **08.27** Kasimir, the live Led Zeppelin Show, with the Denver Pops Orchestra



Community Outreach

FALL/WINTER RECREATION GUIDE

The newest edition of the Parks and Recreation Department's recreation guide was recently mailed to residents to provide information on upcoming fall and winter offerings. The guide is sent to residents three times each year, and also available for pickup at the Recreation Center and Miller Activity Complex. From cultural arts and therapeutic recreation offerings to winter-break camps and clinics and group fitness programs, the guide features activities for all ages and ability levels. The Recreation Guide is also available online at CRgov.com/RecGuide.

TRAILS THURSDAY POST PROMOTES BEAR AWARENESS

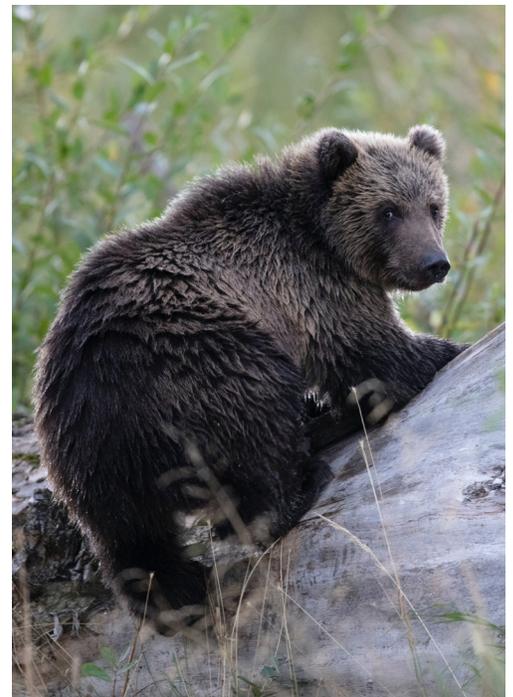
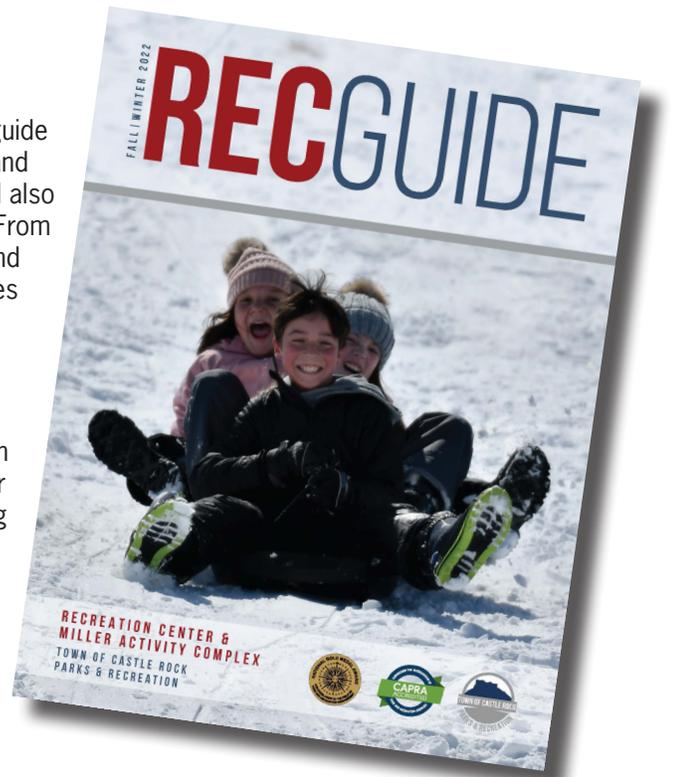
Castle Rock is home to black bears, and this time of the year, bears go on a feeding frenzy to fatten up for winter hibernation. For up to 20 hours per day, bears follow their noses for easy, calorie-packed meals, often feeding on currant berries, chokecherries and acorns along trails. Open space users are encouraged to use caution when on any trail and follow these tips:

- Use only one earbud
- Make yourself know by making noise as you hike, such as with a bell or by talking
- Run, hike or bike in pairs
- Carry a phone for emergencies
- Keep dogs on a leash at all times

To get the huge daily quantity of 20,000 calories needed for denning, bears will head straight to unsecured trash cans, bird feeders and other outdoor attractants such as dog food, coolers, uncleaned grills and fallen fruit as well, increasing the risk of human-bear conflict.

If you see a bear, don't run. Avoid direct eye contact and slowly back away. Call 911 if the bear shows aggression toward you. If a bear comes near your home, do your best to chase it away. Yell, blow a whistle, clap your hands and make other loud noises, but never approach or corner a bear.

Visit CRgov.com/Wildlife for more facts and tips about bears, and other wildlife that call Castle Rock home.





Athletics & Adventure

SUMMER 2022 CAMPS RECAP





Parks Operations & Maintenance

STAFF HONORED BY THE AMERICAN LEGION

Bob Maloney, Manager of Park Operations and Maintenance, and John Jorgensen, Open Space Supervisor, were recently recognized by the American Legion in front of Town Council. Throughout 2022, the division worked with members of Castle Rock's American Legion to design and install new brackets for the flags along the streets of Downtown Castle Rock. While the division worked to reinforce existing and expand installation locations, the American Legion agrees to assisting with future maintenance. The mission of the American Legion is to enhance the well-being of veterans, their families, the U.S. military and communities through devotion to mutual helpfulness, and to remind citizens of the importance of patriotism.

RESIDENT RECEIVES HONORABLE AWARD

The Park Operations and Maintenance Division works hard to keep Town parks, open space and trails in tip-top shape. Throughout the summer, a four-year-old named Connor decided to help the parks and rec team. Each Tuesday, when staff member Candy Keller went to Gemstone Park to complete her usual mowing routine, Connor worked hard right alongside her to pick up trash and help ensure the park was clean for visitors. To recognize Connor's efforts, the division gave him a Certificate of Award noting him as an Honorary Parks Worker for Summer 2022.

