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UPCOMING PARKS AND RECREATION EVENTS

- **August 8-12**
 - Recreation Center closed for maintenance
- **August 8-14**
 - Recreation Center gym and racquetball courts closed
- **Saturday, August 13**
 - Pedal the Moon, family bike ride along East Plum Creek Trail, 7:00–10 p.m. Meet at Butterfield Park pavilion
- **Wednesday, August 17**
 - Raptors over the Rock, Amphitheater at Philip S. Miller Park, 5:30-7:30 p.m.
- **Thursday, August 18**
 - Free Concert, **Vehicle**, Amphitheater at Philip S. Miller Park, 6:30-8:00 p.m.
- **Thursday, September 8**
 - Free Concert, **FACE** (Acapella Group), Amphitheater at Philip S. Miller Park, 6:30-8:00 p.m.
- **Saturday, September 10**
 - Pooch Plunge, Butterfield Pool, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.



FREE CONCERT SERIES AT THE AMPHITHEATER AT PHILIP S. MILLER PARK

Philip S. Miller Park Amphitheater is hosting four free Thursday night concerts this summer on July 7, July 21, August 18 and September 8 from 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. Food and beverage sales will be available. All contracts have been finalized for the bands, food vendors and beverages. Large outdoor games will be available to enjoy including corn hole, Connect 4, and Jenga.



The amphitheater at Philip S. Miller Park was rocked by the 6 Million Dollar Band on July 7. They delivered high energy 80s dance hits exactly as the original artists with the correct sounds and musical style that made the decade unique. Hit after hit, they were a ton of fun to listen to and dance to.

We had over 500 people attend this fun music event. A perfect night, warm and beautiful. It was a great start to the Tunes for Trails, Perks for Parks Free Concert Series.



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Deja Blu "Colorado Sound" was next to perform on July 21 - the latest shade of the Deja Blu Band.

With five strong singers, the crowd loved the sweet 3-4 part vocal harmonies and how fun this band was on stage. Drawing from acoustic folk/rock and country, they covered songs from The Eagles, Poco, James Blunt, Pharell Williams, Melissa Etheridge, Zach Brown Band, John Denver, Loggins and Messina, CSN & Y to Uncle Kracker, The Lumineers, Fleetwood Mac, Bare Naked Ladies and more. Truly eclectic, this band was so fun to watch.



On Thursday, August 18, the band Vehicle will be playing. Vehicle, billed as a variety band, plays: today's top hits, acoustic, jazz, country, classic rock, 20s, 50s, 60s, 70s, 80s, 90s, and pretty much anything else you can imagine. They have roughly 45 years of experience between them.

On Thursday, September 8, FACE – Acapella Group will perform. FACE is an internationally acclaimed all-vocal rock band from Boulder, Colorado who have been captivating audiences for over a decade with their infectious energy punctuated by an endearing love of performance. "Blending modern popular tunes with complex harmonies, brilliant beat-box rhythms and superb singing, FACE takes their audience on a musical journey and its fantastic fun." (FringeReview.co.uk)



Performing over 100 shows per year around the world, the band has also competed on the hit NBC series "The Sing-Off," headlined at Edinburgh, Scotland's prestigious Festival Fringe, and has opened for legendary performers such as Jon Bon Jovi, Jay Leno, Manhattan Transfer, Culture Club & Boy George, Rick Springfield, and Robin Thicke.

R.E.A.L. (Recreation, Empowerment & Active Living) Special Needs Program

PREPARED BY JAMIE EGLSEDER, SPECIAL NEEDS PROGRAM COORDINATOR

The first annual Special Needs Zumba fundraiser at the Amphitheater was a great success. There were over 100 people who participated in this first time event, with over \$1,000 raised for the R.E.A.L. special needs program. The Wellspring Community joined the event to sell their delicious cookies, bread, drinks, and even dog biscuits. A special thank you to Heather Wiley, the project's lead fitness instructor, for all her hard work, enthusiasm and efforts put forth to make this event a success. Other Recreation Center Zumba instructors that helped promote and volunteer at this event were Van Oberly and De Swiger.





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The R.E.A.L. program continues to grow with the inclusion of our first annual summer camp and a kickball tournament.

Over the years, parents of children with special needs have asked if Castle Rock offered a summer camp for their kids. They noted that the other summer camps in the area were not a good fit for their kids' needs. This July marked the first time the R.E.A.L. program offered a summer camp.

Together with the National Sports Center for the Disabled (NSCD), R.E.A.L. offered an all-day adventure camp for one week. Between scholarships from the Developmental Disabilities Mill Levy Grant, and reasonable prices from the NSCD, the cost to families was comparable with camps available to the Castle Rock community at large. This is amazing considering the ratio of staff/volunteers to participants was better than 1:1 for most activities. R.E.A.L. staff provides personal care (such as diapering and feeding) while the camp ran from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. This service allowed parents and caregivers an entire day of respite for five straight days.



Perhaps the best compliment to the R.E.A.L. Summer Camp came from a 13-year-old volunteer who stated, *"I want to volunteer with the R.E.A.L. program as much*

as I can. I want to do this when I grow up. It is wonderful to watch kids do things that nobody else thought they could do and to be able to say, 'yes, yes they can do it if we just give them the chance.' And I love seeing them getting to try new things. Seeing them smile makes it all worth it!" This young volunteer saw the R.E.A.L. mission in action, and recognized the impact it continues to have on so many lives. From one parent, regarding summer camp, *"Thank you for an amazing week! My son said, 'best week ever' and it was!! Thanks for all you do, we adore the R.E.A.L. program."*



Through the months of June and July, Special Olympics kickball made its debut in the R.E.A.L. program. This program was unique in that there were athletes with and without disabilities on the team. Siblings, parents, and peers from the community all played together once a week for two months. The team was a great community-building activity. The end-of-season game was held at the end of July, and everyone was asking when we would start up





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the next sport. It is very clear that kids and families in Castle Rock need and want more opportunities for sports. R.E.A.L. will most certainly include more team sports in the very near future.

Tracy Meredith the Special Needs Swim Lesson Coordinator reported the R.E.A.L. special needs swim program has grown from one student a little over a year ago to 36 weekly lessons taught at the MAC (Miller Activity Complex). There is now a waiting list for potential participants. The Town of Castle Rock and Developmental Pathways have contributed to provide scholarships and funding to 100% of our students.



"We just wanted to let you know how grateful we are to you and the Town of Castle Rock leadership for this wonderful swim program. We have not found a comparable program in the metro area will continue to have Blake attend this program. The facilities are perfect for him. It has really turned out to be great in many ways for Blake. He gets so excited to go to your class! In a short amount of time he has learned how to tread water well among other water skills which we feel are invaluable life safety skills. The lessons also help keep him socially active, physically active and sleep better too. You and your staff's ability to connect with Blake on a personal level has been great for him as well."

Brian and Rene' Cook, R.E.A.L. Swim Lesson Parents

Fitness

PREPARED BY COURTNEY GLASS, FITNESS AND WELLNESS COORDINATOR

The Fitness Division has started a new fitness event at the Phillip S. Miller amphitheater called Fitness Fridays. Fitness Fridays are held every Friday morning from 8:30 – 9:30 a.m. through August 26 and are free to the community. Each week offers a different workout format utilizing the natural features of the amphitheater to provide a great workout in a beautiful, outdoor setting.



The first workout was a Cardio Craze, which attracted about 40 participants! The second was Yoga which also attracted a large group of participants.

MAC Operations

PREPARED BY DAN WAHL, FACILITIES SUPERVISOR

Participation was on the rise this month at the MAC. For the second year in a row, when the mercury rises, so do the people looking to beat the heat at the MAC. Over 7,900 participants took advantage of the recreational opportunities in the facility. July participation increased 355 (4%) year over year as well as 967 participants over June (12%).



FITNESS FRIDAYS!
Join us for FREE Fitness Fun at the Phillip S. Miller Park Amphitheater!
There's something for everyone! Each week highlights a different fitness format. All classes are appropriate for all fitness levels. Children are welcome!
Friday mornings July 15-August 26
July classes 7:30-8:30 a.m.
August classes 8:30-9:30 a.m.
No registration required



July 15 7:30-8:30 a.m.	Cardio Craze
July 22 7:30-8:30 a.m.	Yoga
July 29 7:30-8:30 a.m.	HIIT
August 5 8:30-9:30 a.m.	Core Body Power
August 12 8:30-9:30 a.m.	HIIT Fitness
August 19 8:30-9:30 a.m.	Cycling
August 26 8:30-9:30 a.m.	Triathlon

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Recreation Center Operations

PREPARED BY DAN WAHL, RECREATION FACILITIES SUPERVISOR

The focus at the Recreation Center continues to be on maintenance and repairs. This month has seen several changes in the schedule of the roofing company labor force to try and maximize hours to avoid the monsoon. These changes have led to overnight shifts and back again to typical early day work schedules for the crew. The annual August facility shut down has also been a focus of preparation at the Recreation Center. The results of the shutdown will be featured in the next monthly report. Highlights will include new cardio equipment, elevator modernization, a fresh coat of paint, and hopefully a completed roof.

PARKS, OPEN SPACE AND TRAILS – PLANNING AND CONSTRUCTION DIVISION

Park Rezoning

The process to rezone various Castle Rock parks to the new PL-1 (public lands) zone district has begun. The purpose of this project is to ensure the zoning of public properties is consistent with this new zone district. Not all properties will be rezoned at once because of the survey and legal cost associated with the task. Instead, staff will focus on properties that have planned construction projects or have existing zoning that is inconsistent with current uses. The first rezonings will include Rock Park (currently zoned residential), Philip S. Miller Park (has a mix of planned development zoning) and Festival Park which has a planned 2017 renovation project and is zoned business. The remaining properties will be completed when staff time and funding are available. In order to complete the rezoning, Land Survey Plats (LSP's) are required. Staff solicited and received three proposals to complete LSP's for the three properties. Of the three proposals received, Survey Systems provided the lowest proposal at \$9,000 and will begin preparing LSP's in early August. Once the plats are completed, staff will meet with the Town's Development Services staff begin to preparing the needed documents to finalize the rezoning project.

Festival Park

The Festival Park construction documents are complete and staff and the design team is working to assemble the bid package for the project. The project will be competitively bid in mid-August with an early September bid open. A contract for construction will be presented to Parks and Recreation Commission on September 21 and to Town Council on October 18.

WESTERN ENTRANCE



TRAIL PROJECTS

PREPARED BY RICH HAVEL, TRAILS PLANNER

Park Concrete Sidewalk Improvements

Staff solicited for proposals to repair and replace sections of damaged concrete sidewalks within Butterfield and Founders parks as well as a section of damaged concrete trail along the Memmen Ridge Trail adjacent to South Elementary School. Staff received eight bids for the project and Perfect Patch Asphalt Company submitted the lowest proposal received at \$96,180.10. The awarded contractor began work on July 20 and by the end of July the contractor had removed and replaced 555 square yards of concrete sidewalk and removed and replaced 44 square yards of asphalt completing both Butterfield Park and the Memmen Ridge Trail at South Elementary. The contractor will mobilize at Founders Park on August 1 and complete the needed repairs prior to the first day of school.



East Plum Creek Trail Extension

The southern extension of the East Plum Creek Trail is a planned 2-mile trail beginning at its current ending at south Perry Street and will continue to Crystal Valley Parkway. This project will complete the Town's southern portion of the trail while the Lanterns Development will construct the final link to the Town's southern limits where it will tie into Douglas County's planned trail system.

Parks and Stormwater staff continue to work together on the Heckendorf pond and Douglas Lane tributary stormwater project design which includes the East Plum Creek Trail as it passes under the Union Pacific Railroad trestle and spurs up to Crystal Valley Pkwy. The design team met on July 20 to review three alternatives for constructing the trail beneath the railroad. The final design selection will be decided once staff has met with private property owners where the trail passes through their parcels to allow them to decide which design works best for their property needs.

Most of the project will be built on Town owned open space. However, there are two private property owners the Town will need to acquire easements from to complete the project. Staff has made contact with both property owners and on July 26, staff met with one private property owner to discuss the project and request to purchase a 25'



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wide trail easement along the east side of his property. The property owner agreed with the trail layout and has indicated a willingness to sell the needed easement to the Town. The second property owner has also agreed to meet with staff to discuss the project in August.

OPEN SPACE PROJECTS

PREPARED BY BARBARA SPAGNUOLO, NATURAL RESOURCE SPECIALIST

GOCO Grant Application

Staff continued to prepare the application for a Great Outdoors Colorado (GOCO) Connect Initiative grant to help fund the planning, design and construction of a 2-mile extension of the existing multi-use paved East Plum Creek Trail in southern Castle Rock to connect trail users between South Perry Street and Crystal Valley Parkway, following along scenic East Plum Creek. As part of the application process for the grant that will be submitted in early August, staff presented a resolution for Town Council approval of the grant application on July 19.

Town staff worked with Community Relations for the communication plan for the grant application. The objective of the communication plan was to announce the project, including the planning and designing of the trail extension and solicit community feedback regarding the project. Through the outreach efforts, including a public informational poster on display in the lobby of Town Hall and Miller Activity Complex and an informational table provided at the July Downtown After 5 event, more than 100 responses to the feedback form were collected with nearly 100% approval of the project and for moving forward with the grant application. A webpage for the trail project was created that features a link to the 9-question feedback form that residents completed. The webpage for the project is CRgov.com/EPCTrailProject.

The full grant application is due August 2, 2016 with award announcements later in October.



Operations

PREPARED BY BOB PERSICHETTI, HEAD GOLF PROFESSIONAL

The total revenue of \$523,229 for the month of July set a record for the golf course as the most revenue recorded for a month since opening in 1999. The previous record was \$513,152 (August 2015). The total revenue is also \$68,000 higher than the 10-year average for July. The course is \$13,285 down to the year-to-date target at the end of July, closing the gap caused by some difficult spring and early summer inclement weather. Compared to prior year, the year-to-date revenue is \$30,290 higher with 354 fewer rounds played. The average income per golfer is \$82.00 year-to-date versus a



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budget of \$79.95 and a prior year of \$79.92. The increase in the income per player is encouraging considering the fees did not change in 2016.

The spring 2016 capital projects are finally complete. Clubhouse projects are complete, however, the front doors are being serviced under warranty due to a locking mechanism issue. Phase one of the cart path project is complete and holes 1, 2 and 18 all have continuous concrete paths. The practice facility improvement project is now complete and the range ball dispenser and cart access to the range have been well received by the golfers. The two on-course restrooms have been constructed and have been operational since the middle of May. Staff is currently working on the plans for the second phase of the cart path project that is due to begin in late September.

	Current Year	Budget	Previous Year	Year to Date	Previous Year
Total Revenue	\$523,229	\$487,568	\$490,930	\$1,599,120	\$1,568,830
Total Rounds	6,251	5,940	6,143	19,502	19,856
Avg. Income/Player	\$83.70	\$82.08	\$79.92	\$82.00	\$79.01
Golf Shop Sales	\$35,299	\$30,769	\$31,821	\$109,778	\$110,060
Food/Beverage Sales	\$103,060	\$91,535	\$93,731	\$285,111	\$268,765

Pavilions Reservations

PREPARED BY TARA MCGRAW, PARKS SR. OFFICE ASSISTANT

Park Pavilions	Bookings	Reserved Hours	Estimated Attendance
Bison Park	8	45.00	441
Butterfield Crossing Park	8	51.25	874
Centennial Park	3	19.00	158
Festival Park	10	37.00	3,900
Founders Park	10	75.00	2,299
Matney Park	7	40.00	389
Metzler Ranch Park	3	16.00	70
Philip S. Miller Park	33	205.00	2,078
Rhyolite Regional Park	15	98.75	777
Rock Park	2	12.00	52
Wrangler Park	6	30.50	444
Totals	113	692.50	14,984

RECREATION DIVISION

Athletics

PREPARED BY SCOTT SMEETON AND MATT GASSER, ATHLETICS SUPERVISORS

Youth Athletics

The youth t-ball program is now complete. Weather conditions were more favorable in July, so scheduling of make-up games was not necessary. Playing on synthetic turf fields at Rhyolite and Bison parks certainly is a benefit.

Youth baseball concluded with final playoff and championship games on Saturday, June 16 and All Star games on Saturday, June 23.

Championship team players were awarded trophies and All Star selection players were given medals. All Stars are nominated and voted upon by opposing team coaches and also must receive approval votes from their own coaches. Criteria for selection is based upon sportsmanship, commitment, being a team player and ability. Both championship and All Star games featured music, player and team announcement and championship team recognition and medal presentation.



The two last track meets of the Youth Track program were held at Douglas County High School track with high spectator attendance. Although both Saturdays were quite warm, all events were completed by 11a.m., keeping the younger participants and parents out of the heat. The program will end in early August with a final day of fun, games and water balloons.

Adult Athletics

Adult indoor soccer started its season in July and saw a 22% increase in participation from last year's summer league. That number is expected to rise even more as teams are still adding people to their final roster. More players also meant that more teams were created for the 2016 summer session. The MAC saw teams increase by 56% going from 20 teams summer of 2015 to 35 teams this summer.



Adult softball seasons are running longer than usual due to many cancellations caused by rain/lightning storms and wet field conditions. If no further bad weather is experienced, all scheduled games will be played. In



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anticipation of this happening in the future, the Athletics Division will schedule make-up game dates at the beginning of the season, so teams/players can adjust their schedules accordingly. With the continued popularity of adult softball, consideration is being given to adding competitive divisions in both men's and coed leagues in 2017.