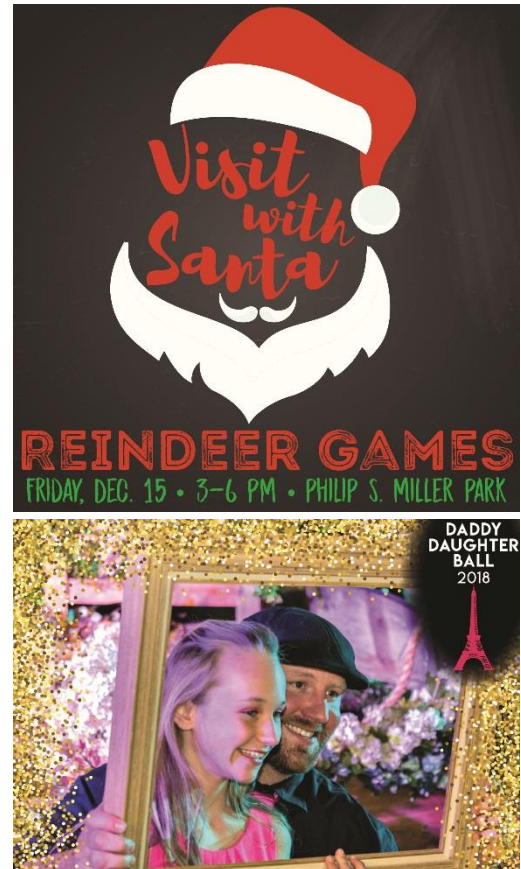


UPCOMING PARKS AND RECREATION EVENTS

- **Reindeer Games**
 - 3-6 p.m. Friday, Dec. 15; The Amphitheater and Millhouse at Philip S. Miller Park
- **Recreation Center and Miller Activity Complex holiday hours**
 - 7 a.m.-2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 24
 - Closed Monday, Dec. 25
 - 7 a.m.-2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 31
 - Closed Monday, Jan. 1
- **Christmas Tree Recycling**
 - Dec. 26-Jan. 31; Douglas County Fairgrounds and Metzler Ranch, Founders and Paintbrush parks (mulch will be available at all locations while supplies last)
- **Nuggets Skills Challenge**
 - 10 a.m. Sunday, Jan. 7; Recreation Center
- **Daddy Daughter Ball, "A Night in Paris"**
 - 6:30-8:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 9; Douglas County Events Center



Festival Park opens at Starlighting in festive fashion



residents a festive community gathering space, bringing families and friends together for Starlighting. It will continue to be a space for treasured community events and future life moments.

Festival Park celebrated its highly anticipated ribbon cutting and grand opening on Saturday, Nov. 18! The reimagined park was filled with excited residents. Children skipped across the stepping stones through Sellars Gulch, ran across the open lawn and climbed on the splash pad wall, all while families gathered by the historic Christmas tree to take photos, warm up by the fire or curiously walk across the bridges. The park offered



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PARKS, OPEN SPACE AND TRAILS – PLANNING AND CONSTRUCTION DIVISION

PREPARED BY BRIAN PETERSON, MANAGER OF PARK PLANNING AND CONSTRUCTION

Operations and Maintenance Facility

Coordination and design efforts between the Town's Park Maintenance and Facilities divisions continued to take place for the new shared facility, planned to host both divisions in 2018. Construction documents are being developed by architect HB&A and their consultants. The second round of drawings will be submitted in December for what is anticipated to be the final review. Construction is slated to start in the first quarter of 2018.

TRAIL PROJECTS

PREPARED BY RICH HAVEL, TRAILS PLANNER

Hangman's Gulch Trail and Drainage Improvements Phase 3

In a joint effort, the Parks and Stormwater divisions will soon begin phase 3 of improvements along Hangman's Gulch Trail. Improvements will include channel, drainage and trail work along Hangman's Gulch from I-25 to the confluence of the East Plum Creek, along with an expansion of the outfall structure at the Union Pacific Railroad crossing and an upsize of the culvert crossing on the East Plum Creek trail.



A request for proposal was posted to elicit bids from potential contractors. A pre-bid meeting was held on Nov. 27, and bids are due back for town review on Dec. 8. Construction is scheduled to commence winter 2017 and be completed in spring 2018.

Terrain Trail System

As part of the Town's WISE (Water Infrastructure and Supply Efficiency) project, pipeline construction through portions of town-owned open space in the Terrain neighborhood was recently completed. Because the work impacted sections of the existing soft-surface trail system, staff worked with the contractor to fix affected areas.



During the last two weeks of November, 1,600 linear feet of trail were flagged and constructed. The last remaining trail to be restored is near Gemstone Park where the contractor is scheduled to re-vegetate a staging area and restore 2,000 linear feet of

crusher fines trail in December. As before, staff will work closely with the contractor to assure the trail is placed and constructed sustainably to prevent future erosion.

Sellers Gulch Trail nears completion

As part of the Plum Creek Ridge development, Richmond Homes constructed the southern extension of the Sellers Gulch trail just south of Douglas County Fairgrounds Regional Park. Working with Town and County staff, the contractor constructed 1,500 linear feet of 8-foot wide concrete trail. The County will complete their tie-in to the existing trail network on county owned property in early 2018. The final 500 linear feet of connection will occur with the development of property located on the northwest corner of Plum Creek Parkway and Gilbert Street.



OPEN SPACE PROJECTS

PREPARED BY BARBARA SPAGNUOLO, NATURAL RESOURCE SPECIALIST

E-Bikes on Castle Rock trails and sidewalks

Pedal-assist bicycles, also known as e-bikes, are a newer trend in recreation and commuting and will be considered by Town staff in regards to current safety and use regulations on trails, sidewalks and bike lanes in Castle Rock. Parks and Recreation staff are working with Public Works and members of the Castle Rock Police Bike Patrol to address usage and develop new policy, if it is needed. According to Colorado statute, local governments have the authority to restrict the use of e-bikes under motor power on bike paths and trails.



In order to gather background information, staff attended a webinar hosted by PeopleforBikes on existing laws and policies, user groups and resources. An e-bike demonstration was also held at the end of the month. Parks and Recreation and Public Works staff, along with Bike Patrol officers, tested e-bikes on the trails at Philip S. Miller Park. A survey was sent to all participants for feedback following the demonstration. While results are still being gathered, the demonstration will hopefully allow for a diversity of perceptions, experiences, thoughts and concerns related to the use of e-bikes in Castle Rock.

It is anticipated that a draft policy can be prepared in early 2018. Much appreciation to Haibike USA for the free demo, tutorials and valuable information on e-bikes.

POST PARTNERS VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

PREPARED BY LISA SORBO, PROGRAM COORDINATOR

The Douglas County Garden Club sponsored one of the new trees at the re-imagined Festival Park. Per the Club's requirements, a plaque was made for the Water Birch tree to indicate both its common and scientific name.

The lounge area of the Reimagined Festival Park includes a Little Free Library which was donated by the Guentensberger family in memory of their daughter Rylie. Constructed by Rylie's grandfather, this library is a take-a-book, return-a-book free book exchange. Rylie's dream was to own and run a bookstore named *Under the Blanket*.



Special Programs and Events

PREPARED BY HEATHER ROSSITER, SPECIAL PROGRAMS SUPERVISOR, AND JENNIFER REINHARDT, EVENTS SPECIALIST

The inaugural Pie Bake Off event was held on Nov. 4 and experienced success with 11 contestants. Pies were judged on overall look, smell and crust, pastry and filling quality. Third place went to Megan Fowler with a Green Chili Apple Pie; second place was awarded to Eileen Gualberto with a Banana Dulce Pie; and the first place winner was Melodie Dieter with the classic Apple Bavarian Pie.





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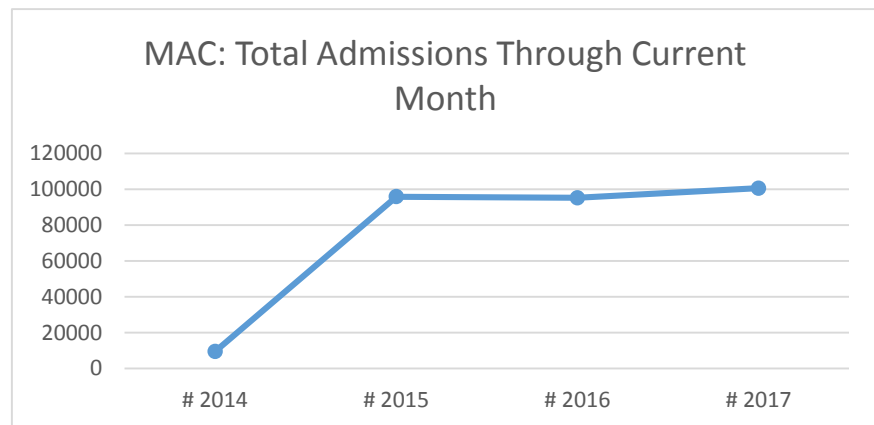
November also kicked off Season of the Star with Starlighting. On Thanksgiving Day, over 3,000 runners, walkers, strollers and four-legged friends looped through Downtown Castle Rock and Festival Park for the Turkey Rock Trot. The following Saturday, Festival Park played host to carriage rides and carolers to cap off the month.



Miller Activity Complex Operations

PREPARED BY DAN WAHL, RECREATION FACILITIES SUPERVISOR

November proved healthy for daily admissions at the MAC. Admissions increased by one percent when compared to November 2016. This increase was driven by a four percent increase in youth admissions over the same period. Daily admissions increased by



eight percent when compared to October. Daily admissions are tracking at an all-time high through November with 100,589 paid admissions.

Red Hawk Ridge Golf Course

PREPARED BY BOB PERSICHETTI, HEAD GOLF PROFESSIONAL

Operations

Last month resulted in the best November ever in the history of the golf course with respect to rounds and revenue. Revenue came in at \$124,097, which is \$56,507 above the 10-year average and \$15,254 above the previous record set last year. The warmer weather likely led to the increase in rounds and revenue. The average income per golfer is also up by \$2.08 YTD. Golf shop sales came in at \$7,758 ahead of budget due to the holiday open house sale falling in November rather than the typical December date. Overall, the golf fund is in a healthy position going into the final month of the year.

