

UPCOMING PARKS AND RECREATION EVENTS

➤ **Colorado Bluebird Project Open House**

- 7-8 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 28 at the Millhouse at Philip S. Miller Park, 1381 W. Plum Creek Parkway

➤ **Colorado Bluebird Project Nest Box Monitoring Training**

- 7-8:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 6 at the Millhouse at Philip S. Miller Park, 1381 W. Plum Creek Parkway



➤ **Ridgeline Wranglers Kick-off Informational Meeting**

- 7-8 p.m. Wednesday, March 28 at The Grange in The Meadows, 3692 Meadows Blvd.

➤ **Rhyolite Dirt Crew Informational Meeting**

- 7-8 p.m. Wednesday, April 4 at the Philip S. Miller Library

➤ **Earth Day Willow Planting**

- 9-11:30 a.m. Saturday, April 14 – meet at Memmen Ridge Open Space/end at Festival Park

➤ **Wild in Our Town**

- 6:30-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 25 at the Philip S. Miller Library

2018 marks decade of volunteerism and community involvement

2018 marks the completion of the 10th anniversary for the Town of Castle Rock's POST Partners Volunteer Program. For a decade, the program engaged countless students, youth and adults in outdoor volunteerism to improve community parks, open space and trails. Last year, more than 1,300 volunteers donated time to assist with trail maintenance, trash clean up, Eagle Scout projects, neighborhood landscaping, bluebird population monitoring, noxious weed mitigation and so much more. The 4,510 hours equated to \$108,896 in value of donated labor.



PARKS, OPEN SPACE AND TRAILS – PLANNING AND CONSTRUCTION DIVISION

PREPARED BY BRIAN PETERSON, MANAGER OF PARK PLANNING AND CONSTRUCTION

Central Service Center Coordination

Construction documents for the new Central Service Center went out to bid on Jan. 31. This 13,000-square-foot building will host both the Town's Parks Maintenance and Facilities divisions and will be centrally located at the end of Caprice Drive at the former wastewater treatment facility. Building plans include five maintenance bays, indoor storage, a training facility, office space, a break room and a storage yard for equipment and material.

A mandatory pre-bid walk through will be held on Tuesday, Feb. 6 for interested contractors. Final bids are due Friday, Feb. 23. Construction is anticipated to commence mid-April.

Meadows Neighborhood Park

Planning for Castle Rock's next neighborhood park continued throughout January. Landscape architect, Norris Design, created three design concepts in preparation for the first neighborhood meeting scheduled for Monday, Feb. 5. Concept themes include *Space Exploration*, *Colorado – The Front Range* and *Kaleidoscope*. Each concept provides different amenity options and architectural layouts so residents can visualize a variety of selections while providing input on desired park elements.

An online survey was posted at CRgov.com/FutureParks to garner additional public input. Once feedback is received, Norris Design will finalize a concept to present at a future public meeting in March. The final design will then be presented to the Parks and Recreation Commission and Town Council.



Festival Park

Minor adjustments are being implemented to complete the finishing touches at Festival Park. Throughout January, final punch list items were performed by Mortenson Construction, including installing final signage and replacing minor features to extend the life-cycle of various amenities. Parks maintenance staff also began preparations for the summer event season.



TRAIL PROJECTS

PREPARED BY RICH HAVEL, TRAILS PLANNER

Native Legend Trail

As part of The Meadows neighborhood, Castle Rock Development Company began the construction of 1.3 miles of 8-foot wide concrete trail to connect the Native Legend and the East Plum Creek trails near the Town Center. Trail grading will begin in February as weather permits. Staff will continue to monitor the progress of the project to ensure it meets the Town's standards and expectations.

Terrain Trail System

Town staff met with developer Starwood Land Ventures to review the trail system in the Terrain community. Both soft surface and paved trails are planned for this development and the network will eventually connect with the Colorado Front Range Trail.

East Plum Creek Trail

The planned 2-mile southern extension of the East Plum Creek Trail will connect South Perry Street to Crystal Valley Parkway. The Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR) has denied the trail alignment through the railroad right of way. Staff is exploring options to bypass the railroad crossing.



OPEN SPACE PROJECTS

PREPARED BY BARBARA SPAGNUOLO, NATURAL RESOURCE SPECIALIST

Colorado Bluebird Project 2018

Planning and presenting for the 2018 season of the Colorado Bluebird Project kicked off in January with educational presentations at participating schools. The overview component of the project was provided to students at six local schools: Castle Rock, Clear Sky, Flagstone and Sage Canyon elementary schools and Mesa Middle and Renaissance Magnet schools. Parks staff will return for additional presentations on monitoring techniques and for annual maintenance and cleaning of the boxes. Students begin monitoring bluebird activity in April.



Residents will learn how to make a positive community impact and promote conservation at this year's Colorado Bluebird Project Open House. The event, from 7-8 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 28 at the Millhouse at Philip S. Miller Park, will provide an overview of how to directly help bluebirds through monitoring nest boxes and collecting breeding data from April through August. More information can be found at www.CRgov.com/bluebird.

Special Events and Programs

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

In January, the Special Events division busily prepped for event season. Staff focused on contract negotiations and worked to confirm the dates of all Town events to prevent calendar conflicts. In addition, staff attended meeting with Town planners and developers to ensure construction efforts will not interfere with planned special events. Meetings with additional Town divisions will soon take place to minimize overlap between planned stormwater, trail projects and racing events.

Special event permits were emailed to non-Town event applicants. Almost 80 events were reviewed by the Special Events Committee for 2018. The excitement and anticipation of the re-opening of Festival Park is evident, as almost half of the permitted events will take place at this community-cherished park in the heart of downtown Castle Rock. Longstanding favorites and new events alike will highlight all Festival Park has to offer in the coming year.

Reservations at the Millhouse at Philip S. Miller Park also picked up - 38 weddings and 17 graduations are already booked in 2018.

Miller Activity Complex Operations

PREPARED BY DAN WAHL, RECREATION FACILITIES SUPERVISOR

Daily admissions at the MAC were steady year over year compared to January 2017, despite challenges of warmer weather and weekend snow storms. January demonstrated the versatility of the facility by hosting everything from school groups to Boy Scout Troops and the local dive team who used the trampoline for practice.

A safety upgrade on the trampolines was completed with the installation of thick padding on the stairs and deck, as well as durable carpet. The end result is an improved waiting area for patrons using and exiting the trampoline area.



Recreation Center Operations

PREPARED BY DAN WAHL, RECREATION FACILITIES SUPERVISOR

Several projects were underway at the Recreation Center in January. Westco began phase two installation upgrades to the HVAC systems. This phase will affect the administrative, lower weight and racquetball areas. Estimated completion is early February 2018. Facility maintenance also replaced the switches in the main light control panel, repaired wall and window sills in the fitness garage studio and replaced a leisure pool river pump.

Youth Programming

PREPARED BY MINDY FORTIN, YOUTH SPECIALIST AND GINA ORDUNEZ, TEEN ADVISORY GROUP COORDINATOR

Toddler and Youth programs served 248 participants in January 2018 compared to 62 participants in January 2017, marking a 400 percent increase.

The community helper unit began in Adventure Club Preschool classrooms with visits from a flight attendant, doctor, police agent, illustrator, soldier, mailman and firefighters. Many of these volunteers were parents from the Adventure Club preschool program and employees of Castle Rock.





PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

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Throughout January, Adventure Club Preschool teachers worked on continuing education through the Childcare Education Institute. Collectively, teachers completed 86 hours of course work to improve credentials. Kendell Black improved two levels and is now director qualified; Cari Gillespie improved one level and is now Early Childhood Education Lead Teacher qualified.

Adventure Club has been approved and now proudly accepts children from the Colorado Child Care Assistance Program (CCCAP). CCCAP provides families in need with access to reduced cost child care at licensed and qualified facilities. The CCCAP is administered at the county level through the Division of Early Care and Learning. The Youth division is excited to expand their ability to serve a larger segment of Castle Rock's community.

Fitness

PREPARED BY COURTNEY GLASS, FITNESS / WELLNESS SUPERVISOR

Current fitness trends indicate that Zumba and Zumba Gold at 9:30 and 10:30 a.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays are the most popular group offerings averaging 31 participants each class! The Silver Sneakers program, which provides Recreation Center access to seniors with supplemental health insurance, also continues to grow in leaps and bounds. The last two years experienced significant increases in attendance and enrolled membership, as indicated in the chart below.



	2016		2017		Percent Change 2016-2017	
	Total Participants	Total Revenue	Total Participants	Total Revenue	Participation	Revenue
January	4881	\$12,997.50	5032	\$13,637.85	+3%	+5%
February	4626	\$12,661.20	4723	\$13,422.30	+2%	+6%
March	4784	\$12,791.95	5467	\$14,661.75	+12%	+13%
April	4611	\$12,438.30	4934	\$13,837.80	+6%	+10%
May	4200	\$11,496.40	4674	\$13,564.80	+10%	+16%
June	3900	\$10,387.10	4089	\$12,167.55	+4%	+14%
July	3799	\$10,489.90	3859	\$11,784.90	+1%	+11%
August	3597	\$10,414.25	3648	\$10,559.55	+1%	+1%
September	3847	\$10,567.80	3964	\$11,728.95	+3%	+10%
October	4172	\$11,263.40	4221	\$12,200.40	+1%	+7%
November	4153	\$11,246.15	4400	\$12,701.85	+5%	+11%
December	4230	\$11,469.39	4314	\$11,876.55	+2%	+3%

Athletics

PREPARED BY SCOTT SMEETON AND MATT GASSER, ATHLETICS SUPERVISORS

In January, the Department was excited to run its first ice fishing program. Participants were introduced to the basics of this sport and the day ended on a positive note as everyone went home with at least one fish.

Adult Indoor Soccer leagues wrapped up in January as champions were crowned in the men's, women's and coed recreational and competitive divisions. Registration is now underway for the spring and registration on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays is already almost full. The inaugural Arena Flag Football league also ended and 10 teams fought it out for the championship! Athletics will continue to offer at least two seasons of Arena Flag Football every year at the MAC due to this season's success.



Youth soccer leagues are in full swing and for the first time since opening, Athletics staff will host a play-off style tournament to end the season. The high school league has been very competitive and participants have complemented staff on the diversity of clubs and teams playing in the league. The 3v3 soccer league for younger participants also gained traction and nearly doubled in size over the last session. Plans to install a boarding system in the smaller field in 2018 will also contribute to the success of this program and the leagues offered at the MAC.

Athletics staff is now working hard to prepare for one of the largest division events of the year – the 12th annual Hoopla. On Feb. 5-10, most of the nearly 700 participants in the current Winter II Youth Basketball program will participate. The event will host 100



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3v.3 basketball teams, a skills challenge and a tournament for five all-star teams. Parents are very excited to watch kids participate in the various events.

Red Hawk Ridge Golf Course

PREPARED BY BOB PERSICHETTI, HEAD GOLF PROFESSIONAL



Total revenue for the month was \$39,733, setting a January record and exceeding the 10-year average by nearly \$30,000.

Success can be attributed to relatively fair weather conditions. The course was playable 17 days in January.

	Current Month	Budget	Previous Year	Year to Date	Previous Year
Total Revenue	\$39,733	\$12,650	\$9,271	\$39,733	\$9,271
Total Rounds	534	228	57	534	57
Avg. Income/Player	\$74.41	\$55.48	\$162.64	\$74.41	\$162.64
Golf Shop Sales	\$6,438	\$1,146	\$2,899	\$6,438	\$2,899
F&B Sales	\$5,520	\$1,256	\$2,670	\$5,520	\$2,670

Preparations are now underway for the upcoming golf season. Staff met with merchandise vendors to prime pre-book orders, established the 2018 advertising and marketing plan, prepared the master calendar and tee sheets, organized league committee schedules and cleaned.

Weather

The weather in January was not typical. On nearly every day open for play, the temperature was twenty degrees above average. The Jan. 21 snow storm was much needed as the course was beginning to show signs of desiccation in areas due to extremely dry conditions and excessive winter golf traffic. The lack of winter precipitation may force staff to charge up the irrigation system in February to avoid significant turf loss issues.



Programs

Schedules for 2018 programs are set and information will soon be posted to RedHawkRidge.com. Upcoming programs will include the Junior Golf Academy, the Junior Golf Leagues, Men's Club, Ladies' Club, the Competitive League, the Coed League and the Senior League.

Parks Maintenance

PREPARED BY BOB MALONEY, MANAGER OF OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE

The Maintenance Division played a significant role in the Christmas Tree Recycling program once again this year. 1,082 total trees were either chipped or taken to Douglas County Fairgrounds for chipping by staff members. Having convenient locations for Christmas tree recycling for residents is just another level of service the Department is proud to provide!



The Parks and Open Space Maintenance division accomplished the following objectives in January:

- Repaired large square deck mower deck and welded on new wear plates, sharpened blades and performed a full safety inspection.
- Relocated a memorial bench to the east side of the Perry Street bridge near the police department.
- Assisted in the demolition and removal of the backstop and player benches at Centennial Park.
- Repurposed an old wooden power pole into a raptor pole. The raptor pole was placed at Quarry Mesa Open Space to be used as a perch for area raptors.
- Installed a new POST Partners Volunteer sign on the Mitchell Canyon Trail near Mesa Middle School.
- Repaired all safety fencing at Mitchell Trail Open Space.
- Attended active shooter training.
- Cleaned out the haulaway container at Philip S Miller Park to make space for additional Christmas decorations.
- Took down holiday lights and started inventory



- Serviced the painters and mowers
- Fabricated storage racks for the mowers
- Began the installation of Jox Boxes at Metzler Park to save time and money throughout the baseball and softball season
- Spread 20 tons of warning track mix around Metzler Park baseball fields
- Added 50 tons of infield mix to Paintbrush Park to maintain field playability and conditions
- Installed ball returns to all baseball fields at Metzler Park to ensure spectators can safely and conveniently return softballs and baseballs to umpires without game interruption
- Repaired and updated irrigation infrastructure to prepare for spring start-ups
- Added essential data to the Cartegraph life-cycle management software including updating, relocating and adding hundreds of attributes and assets
- Attended specialized training in Colorado Springs to learn about electrical design and troubleshooting and grounding maintenance for the Town's irrigation control systems.
- Installed new post and dowel fencing at Philip S Miller Park around storm drainage structures.
- Assisted with snow removal.
- Repaired and replaced lights and installed security cameras and signage at the Hangman's Gulch I-25 tunnel.
- Installed two *bathroom closed* signs and placed large boulders and rock at the splash pad area in Festival Park.

