

UPCOMING PARKS AND RECREATION EVENTS

- **2018 Summer Concert Series presents The Future Tour with Jordan Feliz**
 - 6-10 p.m. Thursday, May 10
The Amphitheater at Philip S. Miller Park
- **Guided Bird Watching – Part 2**
 - 8-10 a.m. Saturday, May 12
Festival Park
- **REAL Climb4Change**
 - 8 a.m.-noon Saturday, May 12
The Challenge Hill at Philip S. Miller Park
- **Free Hike**
 - 8 a.m.-2 p.m. Sunday, May 20
Butterfield Crossing Park and Pool
- **Tri the Rock Youth Triathlon**
 - 8 a.m.-2 p.m. Sunday, May 20
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- **Recreation Center and MAC Holiday Closure**
 - Monday, May 28 in observance of Memorial Day
- **National Senior Health and Fitness Day**
 - 9-11 a.m. Wednesday, May 30
Festival Park
- **Free Fitness Fridays**
 - 8-9 a.m. Friday, June 1 | The Amphitheater at Philip S. Miller Park
- **Festival Park Grand Opening - Downtown After 5 Casino Night featuring Vintage Vocal Trio**
 - 5:30-9 pm Friday, June 1 | Festival Park
- **Festival Park Grand Opening - Movie Night featuring Jumanji**
 - 5:30-9 pm Friday, June 1 | Festival Park
- **Festival Park Grand Opening – Farmers' Market in Festival Park**
 - 11 a.m. – 3 p.m. Sunday, June 3 | Festival Park
- **Free Yoga in the Park**
 - 9-10 a.m. Sunday, June 3
The Amphitheater at Philip S. Miller Park



Tickets now on sale for the 2018 Summer Concert Series

Celebrate a perfect summer evening in Castle Rock with great music, warm temperatures and time under the stars at the Amphitheater at Philip S. Miller Park. The concert series brings amazing events to residents on select weekends May through September. Spend time with family and enjoy live music from nationally known bands, craft beer and cocktails.

This year's series will feature The Future Tour with Jordan Feliz on May 10, Big Bad Voodoo Daddy on Saturday, July 14, Michael McDonald on July 20, Castle Rock Summer Jam on July 29 and David Pack's Legends Live on Aug. 18.

To learn more and purchase tickets visit CRgov.com/PSMConcerts.

PARKS, OPEN SPACE AND TRAILS – PLANNING AND CONSTRUCTION DIVISION

PREPARED BY BRIAN PETERSON, MANAGER OF PARK PLANNING AND CONSTRUCTION

Central Service Center

Planning for the new Central Service Center (CSC) continued in April. This 13,000-square-foot building will host the Town's Parks Maintenance and Facilities divisions, located at the end of Caprice Drive near the former wastewater



treatment plant. Building plans include five maintenance bays, indoor storage, a training facility, office space, a break room and a storage yard for equipment and material.

On April 3, Town Council unanimously approved the construction contract between the Town of Castle Rock and Taylor Kohrs for the Central Service Center Project. For the remainder of the month, Park Planning and Construction Manager, Brian Peterson, held several preconstruction meetings including Grading, Erosion, Sedimentation Control (GESCC) with the Stormwater Department of Castle Rock Water, as well as a utilities meeting with Public Works.

All of the necessary permits to commence construction were received and the general contractor, Taylor Kohrs, mobilized on-site. In the upcoming month, land grading will begin as well as the installation of underground storm-conveyance pipe. The project is expected to be completed by the end of 2018.

Meadows Neighborhood Park

On April 17, Town Council approved the Park Master Plan for the next neighborhood park that will be located in The Meadows near Aspen View Academy Charter School. Since April 17, Landscape Architect Norris Design has continued to develop the necessary construction documents and submitted them to Town staff for review at end of April. These drawings are a three-dimensional version of what was



presented to the general public at an open house on March 28 and to Town Council on April 17. Some of the park amenities include pickleball courts, hammocks, yard games like corn hole, pavilions, wild flower gardens, playgrounds and so much more! Construction is anticipated to start in August.

TRAIL PROJECTS

PREPARED BY RICH HAVEL, TRAILS PLANNER

Native Legend Trail

Castle Rock Development Company continued 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 Meadows Town Center. Construction crews placed the remaining 5,000 liner feet. Backfill and final site grading is scheduled to take place in May, along with seeding, installation of erosion control blanket and tree planting. With favorable weather conditions, the project should be wrap up in May.



McMurdo Gulch Trail

The proposed McMurdo Gulch Trail will travel through the Terrain and Cobblestone Ranch neighborhoods, connecting the Woodlands Trail to the west and the Cherry Creek Trail to the east. This trail marks an important step in completing Castle Rock's connection to a larger statewide trail network known as the Colorado Front Range Trail.

In April, developer Richmond Homes completed a 1-mile stretch to the eastern boundary of the Cobblestone Ranch development. Per their development agreement, Richmond Homes will construct an additional 2-mile stretch as the neighborhood builds out. The Town will need to design and build approximately one additional mile.



The Town will also be required to build an additional two miles connecting the Cobblestone and Woodlands neighborhoods. A final one-mile connection stretching northeast to Cobblestone Ranch will be built by the Terrain developer.

Throughout April, staff worked closely with the Terrain developer, Starwood Land Venture (SLV), to establish a preliminary alignment. Staff presented the trail plan to SLV in early April, and the developer will incorporate this vision into their trail masterplan. Once SLV's masterplan is complete, it will be presented to local community members for comment, followed by Town review and approval.

OPEN SPACE PROJECTS

PREPARED BY BARBARA SPAGNUOLO, NATURAL RESOURCE SPECIALIST

Hike It! Paddle It!

Staff continued planning the Town's annual National Trails Day event to be held 8 a.m.-noon Saturday, June 2 at the Rueter-Hess Reservoir. National Trails Day is sponsored by American Hiking Society, and its goal is to inspire people of all ages and abilities to get out and explore their local trails.



A site visit to the reservoir in late April confirmed the routes for three roundtrip hiking options – a one-mile, two-mile and three-mile. New this year, the public is invited to enjoy paddling activities on the water in addition to the guided hikes along the southeast area of the reservoir. Participants will be able to rent or bring their own kayaks, canoes or stand-up paddleboards following a required brief watercraft inspection. There will be a \$5 entry fee per vehicle and a \$10 fee for each personal watercraft. Online registration will soon be open for the guided hikes as well as watercraft inspections. To stay up-to-date visit CRgov.com/TrailsDay.

Wild in Our Town

The Parks Planning division partnered with the Castle Rock Police Department, Douglas County Open Space and Colorado Parks and Wildlife to present a free, all-ages public program on the local wildlife found in Douglas County. The annual event, Wild In Our Town, provided an informative educational presentation to local residents as well as individuals from surrounding communities. Presenters discussed wildlife facts, tips to avoid conflicts, tips to protect pets and advice on wildlife watching. The event also featured displays for a close-up look at local wildlife. Nearly 90 participants enjoyed the presentation held at the Philip S. Miller Library.



POST PARTNERS VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

PREPARED BY MARCY JONES, PROGRAM COORDINATOR

Earth Day Willow Conservation Project



Nearly 50 volunteers showed up to help at the 2018 Earth Day Willow Conservation Project. Families, Girl and Boy Scouts and local business representatives from Copperfalls Salon all pitched in to harvest mature willow stakes from healthy riparian habitat along a drainage at Memmen Ridge Open Space. The harvested willows were transplanted along Sellars Gulch at Festival Park. Due to the park's redesign project in 2017, the new willows will help repair habitat that was disturbed during construction.

Participants learned valuable information regarding the important role riparian habitat plays for watershed ecosystems and the potential threats to these areas. A total of 683 willow stakes were planted in the park and will regrow to establish shrubs along the drainage. Volunteers also collected trash and debris along the drainage at Memmen Ridge.

The stakes at Festival Park will be monitored over the next few months to determine growth success, but past willow replanting efforts have resulted in a success rate of more than 75 percent. The willows will also generate new plant growth in the surrounding area.