

## UPCOMING PARKS AND RECREATION EVENTS

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- **Free Fitness Fridays**
  - 8-9 a.m. every Friday through Labor Day
  - Amphitheater at Philip S. Miller Park
- **Free Yoga in the Park**
  - 9-10 a.m. every Sunday through Labor Day
  - Amphitheater at Philip S. Miller Park
- **Farmers Market**
  - 11 a.m.-3 p.m. every Sunday
  - Festival Park
- **Tunes for Trails/Perks for Parks free concert featuring Spinphony**
  - 6:30-8:45 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 9
  - Amphitheater at Philip S. Miller Park
- **Recreation Center Annual Maintenance Closure**
  - Aug. 13-17
- **Tunes for Trails/Perks for Parks free concert featuring HomeSlice**
  - 6:30-8:45 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 16
  - Amphitheater at Philip S. Miller Park
- **Free live music on the Clubhouse patio featuring the Shadow Ridge Rockers**
  - 5:30-8:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 18
  - Red Hawk Ridge Golf Course
- **Summer Concert Series featuring David Pack's Legends Live**
  - 6-10 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 18
  - Amphitheater at Philip S. Miller Park
- **Downtown After 5 featuring David Gerald**
  - 5:30-9 p.m. Friday, Aug. 24
  - Festival Park
- **Sunday with the Denver Pops**
  - 6-8 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 30
  - Amphitheater at Philip S. Miller Park





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### **PARKS, OPEN SPACE AND TRAILS – PLANNING AND CONSTRUCTION DIVISION**

PREPARED BY BRIAN PETERSON, MANAGER OF PARK PLANNING AND CONSTRUCTION

#### **Meadows Neighborhood Park**

On April 17, Town Council approved the Park Master Plan for the next neighborhood park to be located in The Meadows near Aspen View Academy Charter School. Since approval was received, Landscape Architect Norris Design submitted the project's design to the Town's Development Services Department for review and incorporated feedback. The second design will be completed in August. Meanwhile, the drawings were put out to bid and staff held a mandatory pre-bid walk through at the project site. Once bids are received on Aug. 13, staff will select a general contractor and seek approval of a construction contract through Town Council.



#### **Central Service Center**

Construction for the new Central Service Center is well underway. 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.



Despite the challenging conditions precipitation brought in July, the concrete work continued. General contractor Taylor Kohrs completed the foundation and a portion of the pre-engineered metal building arrived on site. Site utilities and storm sewer are 60 percent complete. The building will be erected in August and site work will continue.

### **OPEN SPACE PROJECTS**

PREPARED BY BARBARA SPAGNUOLO, NATURAL RESOURCE SPECIALIST

#### **Animals Around the Rock**

Once again, the Town partnered with the Douglas Land Conservancy (DLC), a local non-profit land trust organization, to offer three free public presentations by Nature's Educators. The first two events – Reptiles Under the Rock and Raptors Over the Rock - were held at the Amphitheater at Philip S. Miller in July. The third event, Creepy Crawlies at the Rock, is scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 20 at Festival Park to celebrate the



creatures of the Halloween season such as snakes, spiders, toads and owls. These events offer both DLC and Nature's Educators an opportunity to advertise their non-profit organizations and collect donations.

Reptiles Under the Rock featured many of the interesting reptiles and amphibians that live in the Castle Rock area. Snakes, toads and salamanders were introduced to the audience. Then, participants were invited to meet and greet the animals up close, ask questions and take pictures. Almost 200 people, mostly young children, attended the event. There were dark skies overhead, but the rain held off until after the presentation concluded and folks were lined up to see the animals.

Unfortunately, due to extremely wet conditions from a strong thunderstorm, the Raptors Over the Rock outdoor public event featuring live birds from Nature's Educators was cancelled and rescheduled. Organizers had hoped the rain would end but were forced to announce the cancellation 40 minutes before the event.

Fortunately, the rescheduled outdoor event was held under bright, sunny skies with no threat of rain or thunderstorms. Nature's Educators presented a program designed to introduce various types of raptors native to the region of Colorado, explaining unique characteristics including diet, hunting practices and habitat. Presenters also highlighted the need to continue to conserve and protect that habitat forever. Five raptor ambassadors were presented to the audience – an Eastern Screech Owl, a Burrowing Owl, a Peregrine Falcon, a Turkey Vulture and a Golden Eagle.

The night ended with a "meet and greet" where kids and parents were able to get up close to the ambassadors, ask questions and take pictures. Before the event, kids were able to paint and take home their own replica eagle talon. There were approximately 180 people in attendance, which was lower than the same event held last year, likely due to the rescheduled event date.



## Special Programs and Events

PREPARED BY JENNIFER REINHARDT, EVENTS SPECIALIST

Castle Rock was bustling with activity in July. Featured events ranged from a kids obstacle challenge to the Castle Rock Chamber of Commerce's 15<sup>th</sup> Annual WineFest, a longhorn steer drive and record-setting concerts at the Amphitheater at Philip S. Miller Park.

After experiencing 3,000 muddy kids July 7-8, Philip S. Miller Park transformed back to a musical destination later in the week when southern California's contemporary swing band, Big Bad Voodoo Daddy, hit the stage. The following week, five-time Grammy award winning musician, Michael McDonald, played for excited fans. A nearly sold-out crowd enjoyed hits from a 45-year span, including "What a Fool Believes" and "Takin' it to the Streets."



Big Bad Voodoo Daddy had the crowd up and moving with hits such as "Go Daddy-O" and "Jumpin' Jack."

In addition to his iconic voice, Michael McDonald is also known for keyboards and collaborations with many well-known artists in the industry.



The third annual longhorn steer drive successfully kicked off Western Heritage Welcome week in Castle Rock. This year marked the centennial of the Douglas County Fair and Rodeo. Thousands came out to see cowhands drive a herd of longhorn cattle down Perry Street in Downtown Castle Rock. To honor the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary, the Castle Rock Star was lit in red, white and blue.





The longhorn steer drive kicked off a week of long events at the Douglas County Fair and Rodeo.

A picture-perfect end to a jam packed July was a record-setting crowd at Castle Rock Summer Jam. The largest concert attendance in Town history enjoyed five bands play for over seven hours at the Amphitheater at Philip S. Miller Park. Summer Jam featured the music of Johnny Richards, Sarah P. and the Dirty Logger, John Saunders Band and Solar. Big Head Todd & the Monsters headlined the event. The second-annual concert raised over \$10,000 for the Douglas Elbert Task Force and featured local craft beers and spirits.



A sold out crowd, four local bands and a national headliner made for a perfect Sunday in Castle Rock at the second annual Castle Rock Summer Jam.

The Tunes for Trails, Perks for Parks Free concert was held on July 19. Beautiful weather lead to a fantastic turnout of over 2,000 people. That Eighties Band did a phenomenal job of entertaining the crowd and it was the largest Tunes for Trails concert to date.

### **Facility Operations**

PREPARED BY DAN WAHL, RECREATION FACILITIES SUPERVISOR

In July 2018, the MAC celebrated its busiest month in history with 12,857 paid daily admissions. This strong performance marks a 3 percent increase over July 2017, July typically being the business month of the year. The 2018 record can be attributed to a

strong surge of adult and senior admissions, with 44 and 20 percent respective increases compared to the same period in 2017.

The Community Recreation Center faced two challenges throughout the month. An electrical failure caused a long-term closure of the elevator. The length of the closure was a direct result of the amount of time required to manufacture and ship electrical components required for repair. The more impactful challenge was the failure of the leisure pool boiler. Luckily the boiler was scheduled to be replaced during the annual maintenance closure in August, which helped to expedite the time required to repair the boiler in just over a one-week timeframe.

Recreation Center staff also stayed busy preparing for the August maintenance closure. The facility will be closed Aug. 13-17. The basketball court will be closed through Sunday, Aug. 19 and will reopen Monday, Aug. 20. The leisure pool, hot tub and steam room will be closed through Friday, Aug. 24. Staff are excited to reveal major upgrades to patrons come September.



### Adaptive Recreation

PREPARED BY DAVE QUINTANA, SPECIAL INTEREST COORDINATOR, AND REBECCA ERICKSON, ADAPTIVE RECREATION COORDINATOR

The Adaptive Recreation program participated in a week-long summer adventure camp hosted by the National Sports Center for the Disabled (NSCD). Eleven campers, three volunteers and four staff members overcame obstacles in a ninja-warrior course and team building exercises. Many of the days were spent on outdoor adventures such as rafting, sailing, rock climbing, paddle boarding and kayaking. The NSCD is one of the largest therapeutic recreation agencies in the world and offers year-round sports opportunities for the disabled.





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### **Red Hawk Ridge Golf Course**

PREPARED BY BOB PERSICHETTI, HEAD GOLF PROFESSIONAL

#### **Financial**



The golf course fell short of budgeted revenue by \$26,610 but exceeded the 10-year average revenue by nearly \$50,000. Very hot and dry days early in the month, coupled with rainy afternoons in the second half of the month contributed to the revenue shortfall. Year to date, the golf fund is \$98,944 ahead of revenue projections through July 2018 and is in a healthy position going into August.

Tournaments are trending at budget and leagues will see moderate growth for the 2018 season. August is shaping up to be a good month for the golf course provided the monsoon rain patterns do not influence play significantly.

	<b>Current Month</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Previous Year</b>	<b>Year to Date</b>	<b>Previous Year</b>
Total Revenue	\$512,901	\$539,511	\$514,415	\$1,854,057	\$1,734,619
Total Rounds	5,953	6,303	5,884	22,173	20,933
Avg. Income/Player	\$86.16	\$85.60	\$87.43	\$83.62	\$82.87
Golf Shop Sales	\$36,242	\$35,612	\$35,092	\$144,539	\$117,909
F&B Sales	\$101,963	\$104,000	\$97,112	\$322,539	\$295,427

### **Parks Field and Turf Maintenance**

PREPARED BY CORY WHITE, PARKS AND OPEN SPACE SUPERVISOR

The summer baseball and softball seasons have come to an end and residents are now gearing up for fall sports. During the last two weeks of July, park field and turf maintenance staff laid and painted 23 soccer fields and ten football fields. Despite the increased workload due to summer help leaving to go back to school, year-round staff do incredible job of staying organized and working long hours when needed to prepare for all fall sports.

With the help of Public Works, staff crack sealed the basketball courts throughout town parks to maintain playability. The courts at Mitchell Gulch Park were also repainted and striped. A significant effort went into painting the courts with detail and precision, making them look almost brand new.



With the help of National Electric throughout July, over 25 field and stadium lights were replaced in Metzler Ranch and Rhyolite Regional parks. This process requires the use of





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heavy lifts and cranes to reach 80 feet in the air. The life expectancy on the new lights is around ten years.

Major chainlink fence work was completed at Founders, Butterfield, Centennial and Metzler parks. Over the course of many years, these fences were bent and misshapen, but in just two weeks time, brand new fencing was installed, vastly improving park aesthetics.

## Town Trolley Rentals

PREPARED BY TARA MCGRAW, SR. OFFICE ASSISTANT

The Trolley ran for nine events in July - Music in The Meadows, the Tunes for Trails/Perks for Parks free concerts, the Summer Concert Series, WineFest, a private fire house tour, Western Heritage Welcome, the Douglas County Fair and Rodeo parade, Boots and Brews and the Castle Rock Summer Jam. Community members have offered lots of positive feedback and are enjoying seeing and using the trolley during cherished community events.

## Pavilion Rentals

PREPARED BY TARA MCGRAW, SR. OFFICE ASSISTANT

July Pavilion Rentals	Number of Bookings	Reserved Hours	Approximate Attendance
Bison Pavilion	9	53	350
Butterfield Pavilion	10	65.5	705
Centennial Pavilion	27	79	18,00
Festival Park Pavilion & Events	12	100	6,650
Founders Pavilion	11	64.5	650
Matney Pavilion	8	48	300
Mosman Pavilion	6	26.25	225
Philip S. Miller Park Pavilion - Core Plaza	23	107	1,649
Philip S. Miller Park Pavilion #1	13	65.25	620
Philip S. Miller Park Pavilion #2	15	44	1,075
Philip S. Miller Park Pavilion #3	22	68	680
Rhyolite Pavilion	15	91.75	829
Rock Park Pavilion	1	6	25
Wrangler Park Pavilion	6	37.02	259
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>178</b>	<b>855.27</b>	<b>15,817</b>