

## UPCOMING EVENTS

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- **Zumba Glow in the Park**
  - 7:30-9:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 14  
Amphitheater at Philip S. Miller Park
- **Touch a Truck**
  - 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 29  
Douglas County Fairgrounds
- **Oktoberfest**
  - 1-9 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 29  
Downtown Castle Rock
- **Castle Rock Trails Festival**
  - 7 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 6  
Philip S. Miller Park and Ridgeline Open Space
- **Tunes for Trails, Perks for Parks free concert featuring 6 Million Dollar Band**
  - 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 6  
Amphitheater at Philip S. Miller Park
- **Castle Rock Rec's Totally Awesome 80's Party**
  - 5:30-8 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 11  
Castle Rock Recreation Center
- **Creepy Crawlies at the Rock**
  - 1-3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 20  
Festival Park
- **Spooktacular**
  - Noon-1 p.m. – Sensory friendly
  - 1-2 p.m. – Last names A-L
  - 2-3 p.m. – Last names M-Z
  - Saturday, Oct. 27  
Miller Activity Complex
- **Pie Bake Off**
  - 10:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 3  
The Millhouse at Philip S. Miller Park
- **Starlighting**
  - 2-7 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 17  
Downtown Castle Rock
- **Recreation Center and MAC Closed**
  - Thursday, Nov. 22



### The Parks and Recreation Department announces Paddle Days at Rueter-Hess Reservoir

In August, the Parks and Recreation Department was excited to unveil its plan to host inaugural Paddle Days at Rueter-Hess Reservoir.

The reservoir, located along Hess Road roughly one mile east of Interstate 25 and Castle Pines Parkway, provides drinking water for the Parker Water and Sanitation District. The Rueter-Hess Recreation Authority was established to oversee the master planning process of bringing recreation to the reservoir site. Authority partners include Castle Rock, Douglas County, Parker, the cities of Lone Tree and Castle Pines and the Parker Water and Sanitation District.



To allow residents to experience the reservoir prior to officially opening to the public, both the Town of Castle Rock and Town of Parker host special events and programs in which registered participants can enter and use the facility. The reservoir was open from 8 a.m. to noon on select dates in August and September. Participants could canoe, kayak or stand-up paddleboard to explore everything the reservoir has to offer. More than 400 people used 349 watercraft vessels to see the sites.

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

PREPARED BY BRIAN PETERSON, MANAGER OF PARK PLANNING AND CONSTRUCTION

### Meadows Neighborhood Park

Staff received construction bids on Aug. 13 for the new neighborhood park that will be located in The Meadows near Aspen View Academy Charter School. The low responsive bidder was GoodLand Construction, Inc. The Parks and Recreation Department made a recommendation to use GoodLand and Town Council approved a contract on Aug. 21.

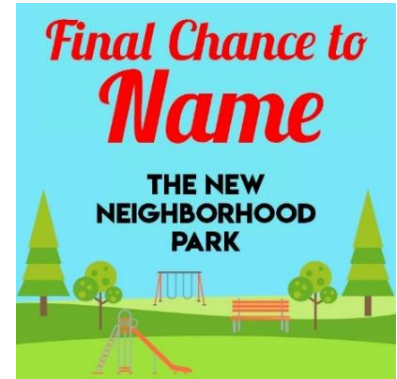


The Town's Development Services Department is making final comments on the future park's construction drawings prior to releasing permits. Once permits are released, construction will commence. The project is scheduled to be completed in spring 2019.



A community outreach plan was developed and implemented for naming the new neighborhood park. From mid-July throughout August, staff executed the following items to garner community feedback:

- Created and posted a survey to [CRgov.com/FutureParks](http://CRgov.com/FutureParks). Residents could offer or vote for names provided by the project's design firm, Norris Design. The survey was live on the Town's website from July 17 through Aug. 31. A total of 703 people submitted responses.
- Distributed flyers and posters at the Recreation Center, Town Hall, the Miller Activity Complex and Aspen View Academy Charter School to encourage survey participation.
- Ran banner ads on the LED signs at Philip S. Miller Park and Town Hall.
- Issued a press release regarding the initiative on July 24, and posted the press release to the Town's social media accounts on Nextdoor, Twitter and Facebook. Supplemental social media posts were also featured on Aug. 1, 6, 15 and 27.



Once the survey closed, staff provided a summarized naming list suggestion to the project's official naming committee. The naming committee will soon take a recommendation to the Parks and Recreation Commission in September and Town Council in October for approval.

### Central Service Center

August proved to be a productive month for the new Central Service Center. 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.



The project's general contractor, Taylor Kohrs, erected the steel structure. The siding and roofing panels arrived on site and will soon be installed. The structural soil import, site grading and underground utility installation also continued throughout the month.

Crews will soon begin the installation of underground mechanical, electrical and plumbing, followed by the interior concrete floors. Finishes will then commence inside the building while paving operations race to beat the weather.

### **OPEN SPACE PROJECTS**

PREPARED BY BARBARA SPAGNUOLO, NATURAL RESOURCE SPECIALIST

### **Colorado Bluebird Project**

At the end of August, bluebird nest box monitoring concluded for the season. Volunteers switched from monitoring to performing data entry. This action ensures that Castle Rock's breeding data on bluebirds and swallows is logged with national population tracking studies managed by the Cornell Lab of Ornithology. Final project numbers will be available the end of September. This year's project totals will then be calculated and analyzed with previous years' data to contribute to an ongoing 12-year collection.



Early next month, staff will host a recognition and season wrap-up potluck celebration for the bluebird volunteers at the Millhouse at Philip S. Miller Park. The celebration will thank the volunteers for their dedication to the project and provide a summary of the breeding activity at all 32 sites.

The Colorado Bluebird Project operates under the guidance of the Audubon Society of Greater Denver and is offered through POST Partners Volunteer program in Castle Rock. This volunteer project aims to improve the vitality of bluebird populations throughout Colorado and inform and educate the public.

### **Pollinator Garden**

The Town's Natural Resource Specialist began working with Parks Maintenance staff to plan and design a pollinator garden for Castle Rock's Town Hall. These gardens benefit pollinators like native bees, butterflies, moths, flies, beetles and hummingbirds. The garden will incorporate native grasses, shrubs and wildflowers of varying colors that bloom throughout the growing season. The site was prepped with soil amendment and irrigation was installed. The area is now ready for fall planting. In addition to addressing pollinator needs, the garden will provide a place for educational demonstrations to inspire residents to plant similar gardens in their own backyards.



## Special Programs and Events

PREPARED BY JENNIFER REINHARDT, EVENTS SPECIALIST

The summer event season concluded in August, but did not go out quietly. Rock icons from super group David Pack's Legends Live - which includes John Elefante formerly of Kansas, Jim Peterik formerly of Survivor, solo legend Gary Wright, jazz legend David Benoit and David Pack formerly of Ambrosia - hit the Amphitheater at Philip S. Miller Park to an enlivened crowd.



Five legendary icons with well-known back up guitarists, drummer and singers made for a once in a lifetime evening.



On Aug. 24, Downtown Castle Rock was treated to blues-infused rock and soul performed by Detroit musician, David Gerald. For the second time in his career, playing covers from B.B. King, Stevie Ray Vaughn, Albert King and his own originals, David Gerald was a huge hit with the Downtown Castle Rock crowd. Specialty cocktails, crawfish and gumbo made for the perfect evening in Festival Park. It was a great way to end a very busy and celebrated event season in Castle Rock.

## Facility Operations

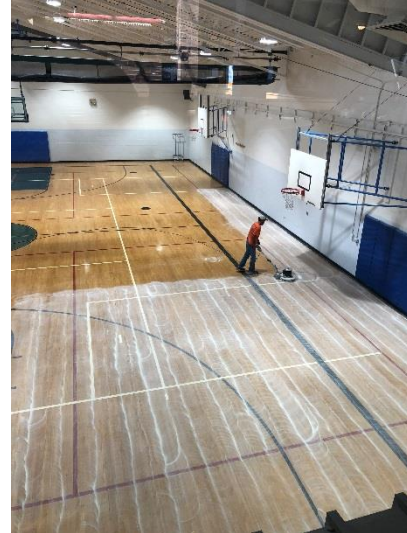
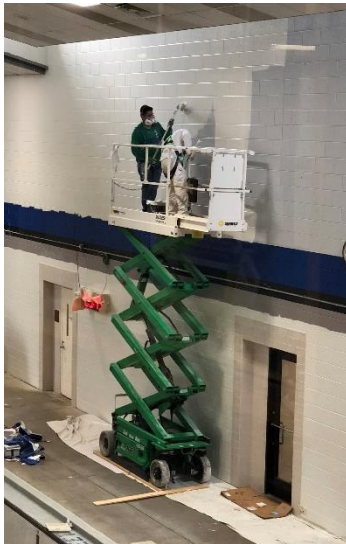
PREPARED BY DAN WAHL, RECREATION FACILITIES SUPERVISOR

The Miller Activity Complex at Philip S. Miller Park continued its summer streak of above average participation in August. Seniors showed the largest growth in year-over-year participation with an 11 percent increase over August 2017.

Since August is traditionally the slowest month of the year at the Recreation Center, it is the perfect time to perform major repairs and maintenance projects. In addition to the annual one-week maintenance closure, extended closures were necessary to improve the gym and aquatic venues.



The gym was closed one week prior to the scheduled facility closure to allow for the complete repainting of its walls and ceiling. This year marked the first year that all of the gym walls were repainted during a facility closure since the Recreation Center remodel in 2006. The colors selected increase the amount of natural light and brighten the gym, the recreation center lobby and both weight rooms. The gym floor was also refurbished.



Below is a comprehensive list of all of the projects completed during this year's annual maintenance closure:

## *Leisure Pool*

- Repainted and repaired all walls
- Repainted and cleaned the lifeguard office
- Touched up paint on play structure
- Replaced pool surfaces
- Performed slide stair maintenance
- Refurbished the play structure
- Installed new boiler plumbing
- Repaired and upgraded ten drains



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- Removed fake rocks in the hot tub and leisure pool
- Removed and cleaned feature sprayers
- Deep cleaned

## *Lap Pool*

- Repainted all walls
- Acid washed pool surface
- Updated signage
- Replaced backstroke flags and flag posts
- Installed cable and posts to allow for backstroke flags to be used during diving board usage
- Deep cleaned

## *Gym*

- Repainted all walls
- Painted the ceiling
- Refurbished wood floor

## *Cardio/Strength and Conditioning Areas*

- Touched up existing paint
- Repainted the entire tunnel
- Refurbished wood floors
- Deep cleaned the facility
- Deep cleaned all equipment

## *Tykes Toyland*

- Repainted the walls and shelving
- Replaced carpet

- Deep cleaned

## *The Studio*

- Repainted walls
- Replaced carpet
- Deep cleaned

## *Preschool Class Rooms*

- Repainted walls
- Replaced carpet
- Deep cleaned

## *Restrooms/Locker Rooms*

- Replaced partitions
- Refinished and sealed the wooden benches in the family locker room
- Resurfaced countertops and vanities
- Deep cleaned

## *Racquetball Courts*

- Refurbished floors
- Scrubbed ball marks off walls

## *General*

- Ordered new panels for the main elevator
- Contracted deep cleaning of the kitchen
- Ordered new ADA compliant room identification signage

## **Community Outreach**

PREPARED BY LISA SORBO, CUSTOMER RELATIONS PROGRAM SPECIALIST

In August, Parks and Recreation programming, special events and facilities were featured in 43 Facebook posts, 13 Tweets, seven Nextdoor posts and three CivicSend emails.



Staff made 10 posts to the Department's Instagram account that now has 223 followers. The account added an increase of 60 followers within a one-month period in August! Social media posts also communicated facility

closures and repairs, especially during the Recreation Center's annual maintenance period.

## August social media focused on promoting special events like:

- Concerts
  - Legends Live (ticketed)
  - Spinphony (free)
  - HomeSlice (free)
  - Sunday with the Pops (free)
  - David Gerald (Downtown After 5/free)
- Pooch Plunge
- Zumba Glow (Adaptive Recreation fundraiser)



## Programming posts included:

- Adventure Club Preschool, Junior Preschool
- Skateboarding classes
- Fishing
- Free Fitness Fridays
- Paddle Days at Rueter-Hess Reservoir
- Facility/trail closures
  - East Plum Creek Trail entrance resurfacing
  - Philip S. Miller Park trail closures due to:
    - Xterra Run
    - Reece's Round-up
  - Recreation Center maintenance closure
    - Pre-closure maintenance
    - Post-closure extensions
  - Labor Day modified facility hours



## The largest engagement came from:

- A Facebook posting of the **Legend's Live promotional video**, experiencing 169 likes, 69 shares, 24 comments and 23k views, which beat the previous Michael McDonald concert promotional video by more than double.
- **A Trails Thursday Facebook post featured dog poop**, which continues to be a popular topic. "Poop Fairies Don't Exist" experienced 48 likes, eight shares and five comments, plus the addition of this subject to CRgov.com's Facts and Fiction page.







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- The press release **for Paddle Days at Rueter-Hess Reservoir** had terrific engagement with 34 likes, 18 shares and 16 comments. The event's CivicSend email blast also experienced the greatest open rate to date with 1,678 opens. All available slots for the five days filled up, making these very successful events.

