



Castle Rock  
**PARKS &  
RECREATION**  
Monthly Report:  
*June 2019*



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## Upcoming Events

View up-to-date information and register for events at [CRgov.com/Events](http://CRgov.com/Events).

JULY  
**10**  
**RAPTORS OVER THE ROCK**  
6 - 7:30 p.m.  
The Amphitheater at Philip S. Miller Park

JULY  
**12**  
**FREE FITNESS FRIDAY**  
8 - 9 a.m.  
The Amphitheater at Philip S. Miller Park

JULY  
**12**  
**PEDAL THE MOON**  
5:30 - 9 p.m.  
Festival Park

JULY  
**13**  
**CASTLE ROCK SUMMER JAM**  
2 - 9 p.m.  
The Amphitheater at Philip S. Miller Park

JULY  
**14**  
**PADDLE DAY**  
7:45 a.m. - 1 p.m.  
Rueter-Hess Reservoir

JULY  
**14**  
**FARMERS MARKET**  
8 a.m. - 1 p.m.  
Festival Park

JULY  
**14**  
**FREE YOGA IN THE PARK**  
9 a.m. - 10 a.m.  
The Amphitheater at Philip S. Miller Park

JULY  
**17**  
**REPTILES UNDER THE ROCK**  
6 - 7:30 p.m.  
The Millhouse at Philip S. Miller Park

JULY  
**18**  
**TUNES FOR TRAILS, PERKS FOR PARKS: THAT 80S BAND**  
6 - 9 p.m.  
The Amphitheater at Philip S. Miller Park

JULY  
**19**  
**FREE FITNESS FRIDAY**  
8 - 9 a.m.  
The Amphitheater at Philip S. Miller Park

JULY  
**20**  
**PADDLE DAY**  
7:45 a.m. - 1 p.m.  
Rueter-Hess Reservoir

JULY  
**21**  
**FARMERS MARKET**  
8 a.m. - 1 p.m.  
Festival Park

JULY  
**21**  
**FREE YOGA IN THE PARK**  
9 a.m. - 10 a.m.  
The Amphitheater at Philip S. Miller Park

JULY  
**21**  
**SUMMER CONCERT SERIES: CLAY WALKER**  
6 - 10 p.m.  
The Amphitheater at Philip S. Miller Park

JULY  
**26**  
**FREE FITNESS FRIDAY**  
8 - 9 a.m.  
The Amphitheater at Philip S. Miller Park

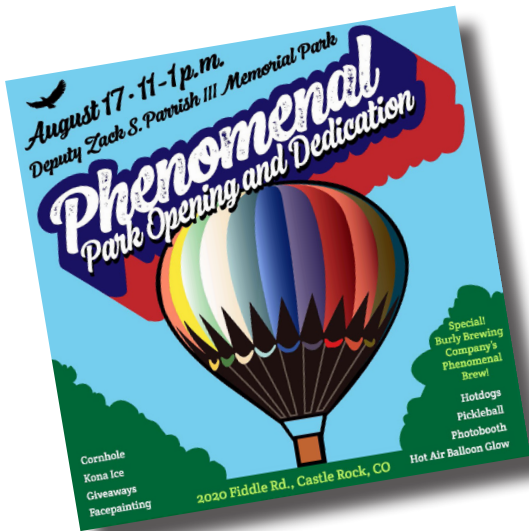
JULY  
**26**  
**WESTERN HERITAGE WELCOME STEER DRIVE**  
6 - 9 p.m.  
Festival Park

JULY  
**28**  
**PADDLE DAY**  
7:45 a.m. - 1 p.m.  
Rueter-Hess Reservoir

JULY  
**28**  
**FARMERS MARKET**  
8 a.m. - 1 p.m.  
Festival Park

JULY  
**28**  
**FREE YOGA IN THE PARK**  
9 a.m. - 10 a.m.  
The Amphitheater at Philip S. Miller Park





## Parks, Open Space and Trails

### GRAND OPENING EVENT SCHEDULED FOR DEPUTY ZACK S. PARRISH III MEMORIAL PARK

Castle Rock's newest neighborhood park will soon open! Mark your calendars for 11 a.m.–1 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 17 to join in the grand opening celebration. The event will feature fun activities like pickleball and cornhole, hot air balloons, giveaways, free food and free Kona Ice. To pay tribute to and honor the park's namesake, Deputy Zack S. Parrish III, Burly Brewing Company will be selling a one-of-a-kind beer, crafted just for the occasion – Phenomenal Brew. We hope to see you there!

### EAST PLUM CREEK TRAIL SOUTHERN EXTENSION PROJECT STILL UNDERWAY

Project contractor Hudick Excavating, Inc. (HEI) continued construction progress on the future southern extension of the East Plum Creek Trail. This project will add a 2-mile segment, linking South Perry Street to Crystal Valley Parkway. To date, HEI has graded 4,000 linear feet of trail, built two creek crossings, placed 200 linear feet of concrete wall to reinforce the trail structure beneath Crystal Valley Parkway and poured 1,500 linear feet of 10-foot wide concrete trail. Progress will continue with a final grading tie-in at the existing East Plum Creek Trail terminus near Perry Street. HEI will soon construct the third of the four creek crossings and place additional drainage structures and concrete trail. The southern extension of the East Plum Creek Trail was included as a Town priority in the Council-approved 2015 Parks and Recreation Master Plan. The current trail travels along the East Plum Creek riparian corridor, north to south 6 miles from Castle View High School to South Perry Street. The project is still on schedule to be completed this fall 2019.

### CONCRETE REPAIR AND REPLACEMENT PROJECTS SLATED FOR 2019

After seeking competitive bids, staff selected SaBell's Civil and Landscape, LLC for the annual concrete repair and replacement on-call service contract for 2019. This year's projects will include creating a neighborhood connection for Wrangler Park, repairing and replacing concrete at Metzler Ranch Community and Matney parks and completing site preparation for a future outdoor fitness course at Philip S. Miller Park. SaBell's has mobilized on site at Wrangler Park and will soon begin to construct 240 linear feet of trail.



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VOLUNTEER HOURS	VOLUNTEERS WERE FROM CASTLE ROCK	46 MILES	FEET OF NEW TRAIL BUILT
6	4	1	3
DRAINAGE STRUCTURES INSTALLED	ROCK STEP SECTIONS CONSTRUCTED	ROCK WALL BUILT TO STABILIZE SOIL	SWITCHBACKS COMPLETED IN STEEP SECTION

## ANNUAL NATIONAL TRAILS DAY EVENT EXPERIENCES HUGE SUCCESS THROUGH PARTNERSHIP WITH VOLUNTEERS FOR OUTDOOR COLORADO AND THE CASTLE ROCK PARKS AND TRAILS FOUNDATION

On Saturday, June 1, 106 volunteers started construction on a new 2-mile, soft-surface trail addition at Gateway Mesa Open Space on National Trails Day.

The months-long project is a collaboration between the Town of Castle Rock, the Castle Rock Parks and Trails Foundation – which received a single anonymous \$10,000 donation for the project – and Volunteers for Outdoor Colorado, which is providing the volunteer workforce on three trail-building workdays.

The future hiking-only trail, named Legacy Trail, will connect to the existing Chuck's Loop Trail and will travel through a mature ponderosa pine and fir forest. Legacy Trail will be unique for Castle Rock in that it will meander under a dense tree canopy, through a wetland understory and will open up to views of unique rock formations.

"We are so excited to provide access to this undiscovered part of Gateway Mesa," said Assistant Parks and Recreation Director Jeff Smullen. "The Town and the Parks and Trails Foundation are also excited to provide opportunities for residents to get their hands dirty and build a trail from scratch."

Volunteers for Colorado (VOC) is a statewide organization that provides a volunteer workforce for outdoor stewardship projects including invasive species management, habitat restoration, recreational improvements and trail construction and maintenance. Registration is now open for the second VOC outing, which will be a women's only event, on Saturday, Aug. 24. Registration will open Aug. 1 for the final workday of the first phase of the project on Saturday, Oct. 5. To learn more about volunteering and to register for an outing visit [VOC.org/Volunteer](http://VOC.org/Volunteer).

Sponsored by American Hiking Society, National Trails Day is part of a nationally recognized trail awareness program that occurs annually on the first Saturday in June. The program is intended to inspire the public to discover, learn about and celebrate trails.





## POST Partners

### MEMORIAL PROGRAMS OFFER COMMEMORATING OPPORTUNITIES IN CASTLE ROCK

The Town of Castle Rock's POST Partners Program developed the Memorial Bench and Tree Legacy programs. The Memorial Bench Program offers

donors the opportunity to purchase a bench in honor of a loved one. The benches are placed in areas of need throughout the Town's parks and along paved trails. The benches are 6-feet wide and have a powder-coat finish

in the same color as other permanent fixtures in the area. Memorial plaques inset in the bench and include the honoree's name.

The Tree Legacy Program offers donors a choice to pick from one of six tree types. The purchased tree will be planted at a Town park or along a trail for a nominal fee that includes labor. The Town and donor work together to find the right place for the tree, ensuring proper irrigation and water sources.

The recipient's family receives a letter that acknowledges the memorial and a gold leaf is placed on the Tree Legacy Program's memorial plaques at Town Hall.

The Castle Rock Parks and Recreation Department welcomes these donations as part of the POST Partners program as the gifts help enhance parks and open space. For information regarding the memorial programs visit [CRgov.com/POSTPartners](http://CRgov.com/POSTPartners) and select the Memorial Bench and Tree Program webpage from the menu.

*On behalf of Castle Rock Water, thank you for... the bench in memory of Kevin Elliott. Kevin and his family walked the Hangman's Gulch Trail frequently when they first moved to Castle Rock. The bench is in a very peaceful location, with a backdrop canopy of scrub oak, and a view of the sunset. I'm sure Kevin would have been pleased with this location.*





## Parks Maintenance

### ATHLETIC FIELD OPERATIONS



### SYNTHETIC TURF FIELDS

12 synthetic turf fields groomed once every 6 weeks, with infill added weekly to high-use areas



### BASEBALL/ SOFTBALL FIELDS

14 fields with over 1,000 games played across 6 locations and home to 15 tournaments in 2018, including the AYL World Series

### SOCCER FIELDS



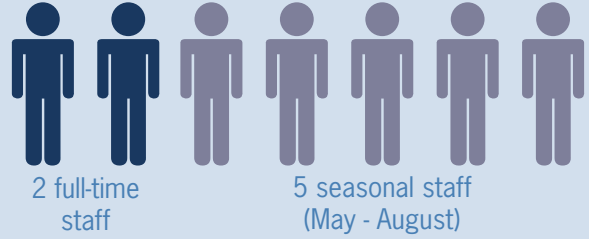
40 soccer fields, with 24 natural grass (painted weekly) and 16 synthetic turf



### FOOTBALL FIELDS

13 fields across 8 locations

### MOWING OPERATIONS



Fertilize and aerate in spring and fall

Mow 125 acres weekly



Mow 28 different park locations weekly, with some mowed twice a week

Apply 30,000 pounds of fertilizer every year







## Aquatics

### FORMER OLYMPIC ATHLETE HOSTS SWIM CLINIC FOR CASTLE ROCK YOUTH

The Parks and Recreation Department hosted a special swim clinic at Butterfield Pool with Olympian and four-time gold medalist Jason Lezak. Jason is most known for swimming the “greatest relay leg of all time” in the 2008 Beijing Olympics, coming from behind to beat the French team in the 4 by 100 meter relay.

On Friday, June 14, over 50 swimmers were split into two age group sessions and worked with the former Olympian on back and freestyle stroke techniques. Jason taught competitive drills to help refine the skills required for efficient form, such as streamlining and body positioning in the water. A few lucky participants had a blast while racing Jason in the pool.

After the pool training session, Jason spoke to both groups about importance of perseverance in the sport of swimming and held a question and answer session with both swimmers and parents. Many participants took pictures with Jason and his medals.

### AQUATIC DIVISION STAFF MEMBERS RECEIVE THE CASTLE ROCK FIRE AND RESCUE LIFE-SAVING AWARD

On Thursday, June 20, a 3 year-old boy was identified as unresponsive in the lazy river at Burgess Memorial Pool. Pool Coordinator Katey Lennenmann recognized the child in distress, jumped in, opened the boy's airway and quickly extricated the boy to the on-duty lifeguard, AnaMarie Dowd. AnaMarie provided two rescue breaths before the child began to cough and cry. When emergency responders arrived, the child's vitals were normal and the boy was released back to his mother.

To recognize the life-saving efforts and hard work of Aquatics Division staff, Castle Rock Fire and Rescue Chief Norris Croom and Deputy Chief Rich Martin presented Katey and AnaMarie with the Castle Rock Fire and Rescue Life-saving award.

AnaMarie joined the Town of Castle Rock Aquatics Division in April 2018 and attends Douglas County High School. Katey joined in January 2019. This was the second Life-saving Award that Katey has received since beginning employment, the first was given to Katey for providing care during a cardiac event at the Recreation Center in February.





**COLORADO  
SHINES**  
**START EARLY  
START STRONG**  
**QUALITY EARLY LEARNING**

## Education

### CASTLE ROCK'S ADVENTURE CLUB PRESCHOOL EARNS HIGH RATING FROM STATE OF COLORADO

Choosing the right preschool for a child can be complicated. Colorado Shines works with preschools to ease parents' minds as they select a program. The Town's Adventure Club Preschool has earned a level three rating from the program for excellence in early learning.

Colorado Shines is a free service offered through the Colorado Department of Human Services Office of Early Childhood, which rates Colorado's early care and learning programs. The rating communicates to families that the Town's preschool program provides a high-quality experience for children. When comparing preschool programs, having a Colorado Shines rating gives families the peace of mind that a program is safe and supports healthy development.

The program is designed to look at how early learning programs:

- Support children's health and safety
- Ensure that early childhood professionals are well-trained and effective
- Provide a supportive learning environment that teaches children new skills
- Help parents become partners in their child's learning
- Demonstrate strong leadership and business practices

Preschools are able to receive a level one through five rating. Reaching levels three through five means the program has completed an intensive process to demonstrate quality care. Just 10 percent of licensed programs rated by Colorado Shines attain the highest possible rating tier. "Going through this accreditation process demonstrates our dedication and commitment to our littlest residents and shows our high standards," said Parks and Recreation Director Jeff Brauer.

If you are looking to learn more about Adventure Club Preschool visit [CRgov.com/AdventureClub](http://CRgov.com/AdventureClub). Preschool openings fill quickly, but registration for fall afternoon sessions are still being accepted. To learn more about the rating program visit [ColoradoShines.com](http://ColoradoShines.com).





## Fitness and Wellness

### NEW FUNCTIONAL FITNESS AREA AT THE MAC OFFERS GROUP-LED FITNESS PROGRAMS

The addition of a new boarding system on the smaller north field of the Miller Activity Complex allowed for the recent addition of a Functional Fitness Area. The new space is equipped with plyometric boxes, chin-up bars, ropes, tires, free weights, kettlebells, exercise balls and balance trainers. Now, the MAC will be able to accommodate the fitness needs of adults and youth ages 12 and older. Staff is also excited to announce the addition of instructor-led circuit classes on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9-10 a.m. Access to the group fitness classes and Functional Fitness Area is included with paid general admission to the facility.

CHECK OUT THE MAC'S NEW

## FUNCTIONAL FITNESS AREA



USAGE INCLUDED IN YOUR DAILY ADMISSION. OPEN TO AGES 12 & UP.

JOIN US TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS FROM 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM FOR AN INSTRUCTOR LED CIRCUIT CLASS (CLASS IS ALSO INCLUDED IN YOUR DAILY ADMISSION).



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## Red Hawk Ridge

### MID-YEAR PERFORMANCE SUMMARY

Revenue in June set an all-time high for the month at \$552,915; the previous June record was set in 2018 at \$529,811. Year-to-date revenue is behind budget and 2018 totals due to the inclement weather experienced in the first five months of the year. However, the average income per player is nearly \$10 higher than the previous year average, which has helped make up for the shortfall in rounds played. Through June, the golf fund is at 89 percent of budgeted rounds and 97 percent of budgeted revenue.



### 2019 Revenue Data YTD

	Current Month	Budget	Previous Year	Year to Date	Previous Year
<b>Total Revenue</b>	\$552,915	\$538,527	\$529,811	\$1,244,800	\$1,341,155
<b>Total Rounds</b>	6,003	6,080	6,186	13,482	16,220
<b>Average Income per Player</b>	\$92.11	\$88.57	\$85.65	\$92.33	\$82.69
<b>Golf Shop Sales</b>	\$37,698	\$35,568	\$36,168	\$101,481	\$108,297
<b>Food and Beverage Sales</b>	\$97,484	\$92,720	\$94,349	\$201,286	\$220,577



### 2019 Program Registration YTD

Junior Golf Academy	263
18-hole Junior League	20
9-hole Junior League	42
6-hole Junior League	24
Parent-Child Night	104

### 2019 League Participation YTD

18-hole Ladies Club	444
9-hole Ladies Club	311
Senior League	674
Coed League	375
Men's Competitive League	281