



Castle Rock
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DECEMBER 7	STORYTELLERS AND S'MORES 5 - 7 p.m. Festival Park	DECEMBER 25	RECREATION CENTER AND MILLER ACTIVITY COMPLEX CLOSED
DECEMBER 8	SANTA EXPRESS TRAIN EXCURSION 1:30 - 9 p.m. Royal Gorge Route Railroad (depart from Miller Activity Complex)	DEC - JAN 26-31	CHRISTMAS TREE RECYCLING Douglas County Fairgrounds and Founders, Metzler Ranch and Paintbrush parks
DECEMBER 13	REINDEER GAMES 3 - 6 p.m. The Amphitheater and Millhouse at Philip S. Miller Park	DECEMBER 31	MODIFIED FACILITY HOURS 7 a.m. - 2 p.m. at the Recreation Center 8 a.m. - 2 p.m. at the Miller Activity Complex 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. at facility pools
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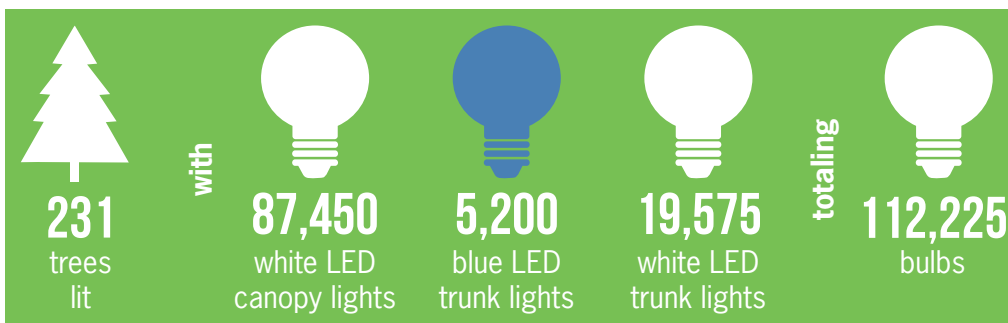


Parks Maintenance and Operations

HOLIDAY LIGHTING

Work began in October to deck the halls of Downtown for the holidays. The Town's Park Operations and Maintenance Division placed thousands of feet of garland and strung over 100,000 LED lights along Wilcox and Perry streets and at Festival Park, Town Hall and Police Headquarters. Contracted companies completed the 30-foot fully decorated tree at Festival Park and the "blue" tree at the Douglas County building.

Everyone's hard work came together when the lights were turned on for Starlighting, marking the beginning of the holiday season in Castle Rock. This year's ceremony occurred on Saturday, Nov. 23, and thousands of families attended to enjoy the festivities. While the star that sits atop the Rock has been lit since 1936, the annual community-cherished event has remained a tradition since 1965. Parks and Recreation staff are honored to enhance the event each and every year through the placement of lighting and decoration and will continue to monitor lights to address issues as necessary. The lights will remain on until the completion of the National Western Stock Show and Rodeo in January.





Park, Open Space and Trails

DEPUTY ZACK S. PARRISH III MEMORIAL PARK RECOGNIZED BY ASLA

In November, Assistant Director of Parks and Recreation, Jeff Smullen, attended an awards banquet with representatives from Norris Design to accept the 2019 Merit Award for Design from the Colorado Chapter of the American Society of Landscape Architects (ASLA) for Deputy Zack S. Parrish III Memorial Park.

The Town's newly constructed neighborhood park opened to the public in August 2018. Located in The Meadows near Aspen View Academy Charter School, the park and its memorial pay tribute to the public safety profession and Deputy Zack S. Parrish, who was killed in the line of duty while responding to a disturbance call on Dec. 31, 2017. Parrish served with the Castle Rock Police Department before transitioning to the Douglas County Sheriff's Office. The public overwhelmingly voted to name this park in his honor.

The design was selected as it highlights Castle Rock's close relationship with law enforcement and public safety while providing the community a place for both recreation and reflection. Unique programming and a wide range of active and passive-use areas create opportunities for park users of all ages and abilities. At a quiet and reflective space along the park's edge, the memorial honors all public safety officials who are currently serving, have served or have given their lives in the line of duty. Castle Rock's community values, Douglas County Sheriff's values and other select symbols inspire and unite the design of the memorial with the surrounding park.

Merit Awards recognize constructed, site-specific works of landscape architectural design. ASLA Colorado promotes the development, education and awareness of landscape architecture profession throughout the state and inspires the public through work that enhances natural and built environments.



COBBLESTONE RANCH PARK MASTER PLAN OPEN HOUSE

After garnering feedback from hundreds of residents on the master plan of the Town's next regional park, Cobblestone Ranch, staff presented the Master Plan Draft for review at an open house on Tuesday, Nov. 12. Approximately 70 residents attended the event at Sage Canyon Elementary School to provide final comments. An online survey was also made available at CRgov.com/futureparks for those unable to attend the meeting, and 107 responses were submitted.

The Cobblestone Ranch neighborhood was selected as the next priority for park development through a site selection process completed in 2017. The 168-acre property, located on the eastern edge of Cobblestone Ranch, was acquired to serve as a regional park, much like Philip S. Miller Park or the Douglas County Fairgrounds. The 2020 budget includes \$4 million for the first phase of park development. Funding for additional phases of the site is not planned within the next 5 years; however, a master plan for the entire property was required to direct the overall vision and ensure the coordination of future access, amenities and utilities.

Survey results and discussions revealed several themes related to the conceptual plans originally provided for review in August, including the desires to remove camping from the plan, prevent vehicular access off of Arabella Drive and maintain an existing sledding hill. Community members were very supporting in having the plan focus on trails, open space, play and water conservation.

The design team, Norris Design, made final changes to address public input. In November, the Parks and Recreation Commission endorsed the plan and Parks and Recreation staff will soon provide Town Council with an update on the project and seek approval for its next steps.





POST Partners

2019 TRAIL MAINTENANCE GROUP PERFORMANCE

The Town of Castle Rock POST Partners Volunteer Program oversees and helps organize four trail maintenance groups. Led by crew leaders at each site, hundreds of volunteers help maintain and improve existing soft-surface trails each year. In partnership with Teen Court volunteers, Keepers of the Rock maintains Rock Park. Formed in 2018, the newest of the trail maintenance groups, PSM Trail Partners, maintains the trails at Philip S. Miller Park. The Rhyolite Bike Park Dirt Crew supports the bike park at Rhyolite Regional Park. The Ridgeline Wranglers perform maintenance at Ridgeline Open Space.



KEEPERS OF THE ROCK	→	6	110	475	\$11,728	1.4	→	Closed unauthorized social trails and performed extensive grooming due to trail overgrowth from abundant rain
		workdays	volunteers	hours	worth of labor	miles of trail managed		
PSM TRAIL PARTNERS	→	4	30	88	\$2,238	8	→	Completed corridor clearing and cleaned water diversions and restored eroded areas to maintain trail integrity
		workdays	volunteers	hours	worth of labor	miles of trail managed		
RHYOLITE BIKE PARK DIRT CREW	→	4	8	32	\$814	2	→	Groomed session jumps and restored areas that experience high use and erosion
		workdays	volunteers	hours	worth of labor	miles of trail managed		
RIDGELINE WRANGLERS	→	8	219	639	\$16,250	13.5	→	Completed corridor clearing and cleaned water diversions and restored eroded areas to maintain trail integrity
		workdays	volunteers	hours	worth of labor	miles of trail managed		



Community Events

PIE BAKE OFF

The Third Annual Pie Bake Off event was held on Saturday, Nov. 2 at the Millhouse at Philip S. Miller Park and experienced great success with 22 contestants. Pies were judged on overall look, smell and pastry and filling quality. Third place went to Kay Krueger with a french apple pie. Second place was awarded to Stacy Thoutt with a chocolate peanut butter pie. The first place winner was Andrea Walters with a banana crème pie with a gingersnap crust.





Community Outreach

PHILIP S. MILLER PARK SELECTED AS WHERE TO GO FOR OUTDOOR FUN FROM MACARONI KID DOUGLAS COUNTY

The votes are in! Macaroni Kid awarded Philip S. Miller Park and Castlewood Canyon State Park as the top-rated destinations to go for outdoor fun in Douglas County within the Entertain Your Kids category. Macaroni Kid provides free weekly e-newsletters, a website, a business directory and an events calendar so families can find local fun and family-friendly businesses. Macaroni Kid hosts a nominations-based contest annually, the Douglas County GOLD Daisy Awards. Businesses with the most validated nominations move on to the voting round. Businesses with the most validated votes win the categories. Award winners have the honor of knowing that local Douglas County families think they are the greatest and are promoted by Macaroni Kid throughout the year.

