



Castle Rock
**PARKS &
RECREATION**
Monthly Report:
March 2020

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Events

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, Town events have been cancelled and postponed to ensure the safety of community members. As ways of addressing the pandemic frequently change, please visit CRgov.com/Events for updates on cancellations and future events.



What's New

INTRODUCING ROCKREC, THE NEW ONE-STOP-SHOP FOR ALL THINGS PARKS AND RECREATION

The Department's new registration and reservation system launched in March and will bring a customer-centered experience to community members. Now, patrons are able to easily find and register for upcoming programs, purchase and manage facility memberships and passes, as well as secure pavilion and trolley reservations in an easy-to-navigate one-stop-shop.

Along with the streamlined desktop dashboard, a mobile app will make accessing Park and Recreation services and information available on the go. The app is compatible with iOS and Android and users will have the flexibility saving their favorite classes, viewing unique calendars and enabling push notifications for real-time updates. Facility identification cards are also integrated into the app, making self-check-in seamless.

In order to keep the most up-to-date information in the system, users will be required to set up new member profiles. Members who have been visited the Recreation Center since December 2019 will have their information migrated. However, everyone will need to verify that the information is correct. Once verified, the new profile will give members access to their entire family's information in one location.

SELF-ASSESSMENT REPORT SUBMITTED TO THE COMMISSION FOR ACCREDITATION OF PARK AND RECREATION AGENCIES

In 2015, the Town of Castle Rock's Parks and Recreation Department joined the ranks of elite agencies across the country by earning accreditation status through the National Recreation and Park Association's (NRPA) Commission for Accreditation of Park and Recreation Agencies (CAPRA).

CAPRA provides quality assurance and quality improvement of accredited park and recreation agencies throughout the United States by providing a management system of best practices. CAPRA is the only national accreditation of park and recreation agencies. This mark of distinction indicates that the Town of Castle Rock has met rigorous standards related to the management and administration of lands, facilities, resources, programs and safety, demonstrating a strong commitment to offering community members with the highest quality of service.

To maintain this status, the Department must submit ongoing annual reports and repeat the reaccreditation process every five years. This process includes preparing a self-assessment report, hosting an evaluation with trained CAPRA visitors and attending an official CAPRA hearing at NRPA's annual conference.

A significant amount of time and effort has gone into achieving and maintaining this distinction, as it is an honor held only by 172 agencies across the country. In March, the Department submitted its self-assessment report to demonstrate compliance with the 151 recognized standards. Throughout the year, staff will continue to prepare for the site visit, which is anticipated to occur virtually in 2020.





COBBLESTONE RANCH PARK | PHASE ONE CONCEPT 2

03/10/2020



Parks, Open Space and Trails

PHASE 1 DESIGN CONTINUES FOR THE NEXT NEIGHBORHOOD PARK

Throughout 2019, the Park Planning and Construction Division engaged the public to design the Cobblestone Ranch Park Master Plan. The 168-acre property, located on the eastern edge of Castle Rock, was acquired to serve as a regional park, much like Philip S. Miller Park or the Douglas County Fairgrounds.

Planning was initiated in 2019 because the 2020 budget includes \$4 million for the first phase of 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. Now that the master plan is complete, staff have contracted with Norris Design to design the first 10-acre phase. The available funding will typically provide park amenities such as pavilions, an athletic field and playgrounds.

On March 10, the Department hosted a public open house and design charrette at Sage Canyon Elementary School to solicit input. Nearly 50 people attended the meeting. An additional 83 individuals provided feedback through an online survey posted to CRgov.com/FutureParks.

At the open house and through the survey, three design concepts were presented. Norris Design focused its concept inspiration on creating a family-focused center of exploration where the entire community can enjoy more of what they love about nature, fitness, sports and recreation. Concept cornerstones included the words: inviting, playful, stimulating and versatile.

Of the responses, 60 percent indicated a preference in favor of Design Concept 2, which features playgrounds, a family lawn, bike pump tracks, pickleball courts, concrete and crusher fine trails and a native seed lawn. The design team will now incorporate the public feedback into a final design for phase 1. Staff plan to seek Town Council approval of the design plan and commence project construction in 2020.





DUGOUT REPLACEMENT COMMENCES AT METZLER RANCH COMMUNITY PARK

Situated north of Douglas County High School and south of Founders Parkway, Metzler Ranch Community Park offers Castle Rock inline hockey rinks, pavilions, playgrounds, trails, a skate park and four synthetic-turf baseball fields. Each year, thousands of participants and spectators visit these fields for youth baseball and softball practices and games, youth flag football games, competitive and recreational tournament play and adult sports leagues.

In early March, contractor Jack of All Trades commenced construction with the removal of concrete to replace all eight of the park's dugouts. Each dugout will include a prefabricated shade structure. Weather permitting, the project is anticipated to be complete this spring.





Athletics and Adventure

YOUTH SOCCER CONCLUDES SUCCESSFUL INDOOR SEASON

Youth soccer players stayed active this winter at the Miller Activity Complex. In the Youth 3v3 Coed Soccer League, individual players and registered teams learned the fundamentals of soccer in a fun, fast-paced atmosphere. All leagues were officiated by certified staff and ran for either six weeks during Session I or eight weeks during Session II.

