



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



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# Upcoming Events

In response to COVID-19, many Town events have been modified, postponed or canceled to ensure the safety of community members. View up-to-date information and register for events at [CRgov.com/Events](https://CRgov.com/Events).

SEPTEMBER

13

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

SEPTEMBER

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**TRI THE ROCK YOUTH TRIATHLON**  
7:30 a.m. - noon  
Butterfield Crossing Park and Pool

SEPTEMBER

17

**TUNES FOR TRAILS FREE CONCERT  
FEATURING FACE VOCAL BAND**  
6:30 - 9 p.m.  
The Amphitheater at Philip S. Miller Park

SEPTEMBER

20

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

SEPTEMBER

26

**NATIONAL PUBLIC LANDS DAY**  
8 a.m.  
Gateway Mesa Open Space

SEPTEMBER

27

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





## DEPARTMENT ACHIEVES 100 PERCENT ACCREDITATION STATUS

After extensive documentation and a thorough peer review, the Commission for Accreditation for Park and Recreation Agencies (CAPRA) has determined that the Town of Castle Rock Parks and Recreation Department has met or exceeded all accreditation standards. The Department achieved 100 percent and passed 151 out of 151 standards. Formal notification by CAPRA will take place in October 2020. Parks and Recreation staff worked arduously to prepare materials for accreditation, demonstrating a strong commitment to effective management practices and public service.

The visitation team identified the following items as being strengths of the agency:

- Committed to providing excellent service.
- Castle Rock Parks and Recreation Department's (CRPRD) internal documents were clean, well-organized, clear, esthetically pleasing and thorough.
- The CRPRD staff seemed to have open communication lines and were responsive to the requests of the visitation team and staff were easy to work with.
- From what was seen virtually, Castle Rock's parks, trails, golf course and open spaces are impressive; the visitors wished they could have seen them in person.
- The agency has a strong volunteer management program, recreation programming plan, and community health and wellness education and promotion.
- All links were provided for documentation and functioned properly.
- CRPRD's commitment to environmental sustainability and natural resource management should be commended.





## Parks, Open Space and Trails

### NATIVE LEGEND TRAIL

Native Legend Open Space in The Meadows is getting a spruce up! Construction began on the first phase of concrete repair and replacement on Monday, Aug. 17. Segments of concrete trail were temporarily closed as crews repaired 230 feet of cracked and shifting concrete. Phases two and three will begin in future years as budget allows. For more information on future phases and current trail construction projects, visit [CRgov.com/TrailConstruction](https://www.castlerockgov.com/TrailConstruction).

### GATES INSTALLED AT RIDGELINE OPEN SPACE

The Park Operations and Maintenance Division is in the process of installing gates at the main entrances to Ridgeline Open Space. Signs on the gates will help communicate current and future closures due to trail conditions or special events, such as the upcoming Castle Rock Trail Festival. Trail conditions and closure information can also be found online at [CRgov.com/TrailConditions](https://www.castlerockgov.com/TrailConditions). So before heading out, check it out!







## POST Partners Volunteer Program

### NEW LITTLE FREE LIBRARY

The Kiwanis Club of Castle Rock partnered with the Town of Castle Rock's POST Partners Volunteer Program to construct and install a Little Free Library. Located at Centennial Park, the new public bookcase will provide free access to books for readers of all ages and abilities while promoting book exchange. Millions of books are exchanged each year at more than 90,000 public locations registered through Little Free Library, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, in 91 countries.

Kiwanis International is a worldwide organization that encourages men and women to take an active community leadership and improvement role. Its Castle Rock chapter supports local youth programs and organizes community improvement projects.

Previous Little Free Libraries coordinated through POST Partners include locations at Bison, Festival, Glovers and Philip S. Miller parks, as well as Renaissance Elementary School.



## Community Events

### SUMMER CONCERT SERIES

The 2020 Summer Concert Series kicked off on Friday, Aug. 21 at the Amphitheater at Philip S. Miller Park. The Denver Pops took the stage for a third straight season with Derek Evilsizor, performing a Salute to Ol' Blue Eyes. The Denver Dolls, well known for performing vintage music of the 1930s, 1940s and 1950s, opened the festivities. On Saturday, Aug. 29, Randy Houser followed opener Buckstein, and delighted the crowd with number-one country hits such as, "Runnin' Outta Moonlight" and "Like a Cowboy." Due to COVID-19, these concerts were limited to 500, and attendees wore face coverings during the check-in process and while walking around the event.

The last concert of this year's series will feature Yacht Rock Revue on Saturday, Sept. 12. Don't miss these top-notch musicians performing the smooth sounds of the 1970s and 1980s. From humble beginnings in a basement to touring in partnership with Live Nation and Sirius XM, this band now headlines sold-out shows across the country. Visit [CRgov.com/PSMConcerts](https://CRgov.com/PSMConcerts) to purchase tickets.

The Summer Concert Series is part of the Town's goal to keep our community character alive with festivals, concerts and activities. Nestled in the beautiful setting of Philip S. Miller Park, the Amphitheater has become one of Colorado's most-sought-after live music venues. The intimate setting, family friendly environment and amazing acoustics make for a great musical experience.





## Recreation Facilities

### RECREATION CENTER MAINTENANCE UPDATE

Due to COVID-19, the annual maintenance closure at the Recreation Center was much different than years past. In order to reduce costs typically incurred as part of the maintenance closure, many planned projects were deferred to 2021. To take advantage of the reduction in projects, the Recreation Center remained open during the scheduled maintenance activities while specific areas directly impacted by projects were closed as necessary.

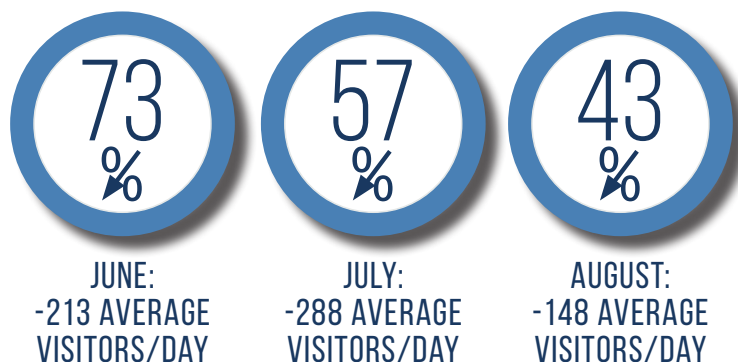
The wood floors received annual maintenance beginning Aug. 17. Two new coats of finish were applied to the floors of the Gym, Fitness Studio, Fitness Garage and Racquetball Courts to ensure they last for many years to come. Last fall, staff switched the floor finish from an oil to a water-based product, which has proven to be more customer friendly and much better looking. The floors returned to service on Monday, Aug. 24. The Racquetball Courts, however, will continue to remain closed due to COVID protocols.

The Recreation Center Leisure Pool's dehumidification unit was due for a replacement. This project began over a year ago and was completed over the second half of August. This project required staff to drain the Leisure Pool and hot tub in order to remove all of the humidity from the area. The Leisure Pool area reopened on Sept. 4 with much improved air quality. The Lap Pool remained open for use throughout the maintenance period.

To accommodate Recreation Center membership and pass holders during the scheduled maintenance closures, the outdoor pools honored active Recreation Center memberships and valid passes. Between Aug. 17 and Sept. 4, there were 94 passes used at the outdoor pools.

The maintenance closures coupled with reduced facility capacities from COVID-19, led to a significant decrease in admissions. When compared to August 2019, daily admissions decreased by 43 percent, approximately 150 less guests on average per day.

### DAILY VISITATION: 2020 IN COMPARISON TO 2019





## Education

### 2020 SUMMER CAMP RECAP

The Town of Castle Rock hosted 1,437 children ranging from 3 to 15 years of age in a variety of full- and half-day camps this summer. Staff diligently worked with Tri-County Health and the Colorado Department of Human Services to safely open and implemented many new policies and procedures. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, the Town had to apply for an emergency waiver to be able to host more than 40 school-aged children through its child-care license.

Safety protocols included limiting group sizes, social distancing, screening for signs of illness, promoting handwashing, instilling respiratory etiquette, frequent disinfecting, curb-side pick-up and drop-offs, limiting the toys in use to those that are non-porous for easy disinfection, limiting



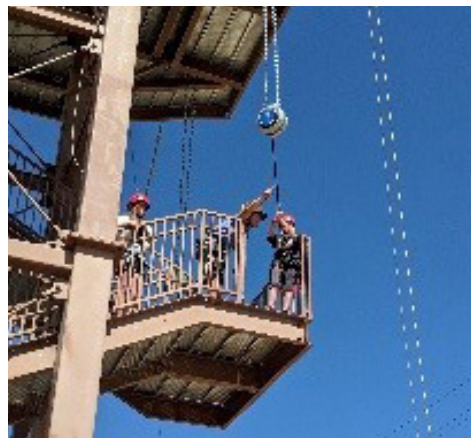
all non-essential visitors and providing readily accessible hand sanitizer.

A total of 746 campers enjoyed a fun-filled summer at CSU R.A.M. Camps, which are offered in partnership with

Colorado State University. These campers enjoyed a fun-filled summer with a variety of themes such as FunLIFE (Learning to Improve Fitness and Eating), Music and Movement, Multi-Sports and Outdoor Adventure.

Rock Rec Summer Camp saw over 200 kids this season. Traditionally, the camp is fieldtrip based, but due to COVID-19 restrictions, the program was completely revamped to be held entirely at the Miller Activity Complex. Campers enjoyed various activities such as Life Size Candy Land, the Amazing Race, Rock Rec's Got Talent, noodle boat races, "drive-in" movies, karaoke, swimming and visits from local police and lifeguards. To support working families within the community who need school-aged childcare, Rock Rec was extended when Douglas County School District announced a delayed start to the school year. An additional 93 children were served during this time.

The Athletic Sports Camps hosted nearly 300 participants in its full- and half-day options. Each week focused on teaching the basic skills and rules of a different sport. This year's camps featured basketball, volleyball, lacrosse, soccer, baseball, flag football and softball. Basketball and volleyball camps were held at the Recreation Center, while all other sports were offered at Phillip S. Miller Park. Full-day campers joined Rock Rec Camp in the afternoons for swimming, games, arts and crafts and other fun activities.

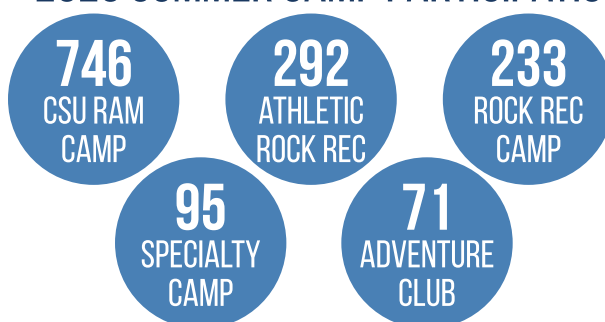


The Education and Arts and Enrichment divisions also offered a variety of specialty camps throughout the

summer, which included Mad Science, KidzArt, fencing, dance and Lego. Staff worked very closely with these contractors to ensure proper social distancing precautions and that public health guidelines were strictly followed. These camps hosted 95 total participants.

The preschool-aged Adventure Club Camps ran with a smaller class size due to COVID-19, which limited offerings to groups of 10. Despite restrictions, each week was successful, and parents continually thanked staff for offering camps and providing children with a safe place to play and learn. This summer's themes included Artful Antics, A Camping We Will Go, Bugging Out, Dino Dig, Down on the Farm, Stars and Stripes, Summer Fun and Safety and Take Me To The Zoo.

### 2020 SUMMER CAMP PARTICIPATION







## Arts and Enrichment

### CASTLE ROCK LAUNCHES OTOCAST FOR DOUGLAS COUNTY ART ENCOUNTERS

New sculptures are helping brighten up several public places throughout Castle Rock, thanks to a partnership between the Town and the Douglas County Art Encounters program.

Art Encounters provides one-year exhibits of sculptures in retail and civic areas within Douglas County to promote public interest in art, develop community pride and draw visitors to the areas where the sculptures are displayed.

The seven sculptures that were recently installed in Castle Rock are:

- “Arebescos,” for sale at \$16,000 by artist Reno Carollo, is at the roundabout at Third and Perry streets
- “Desert Tree of Life,” for sale at \$7,000 by artist Suzanne Kane, is at the East Plum Creek Trailhead near Meadows Parkway
- “Lift,” for sale at \$8,000 by artist Charlotte Zink, is at the Castle Rock Museum, 420 Elbert St.
- “Oculus,” for sale at \$5,000 by artist Suzanne Kane, is at Triangle Park, 804 Sixth St.
- “Storming West,” for sale at \$9,000 by artist Justin Deister, is at the Miller Activity Complex, 1375 W. Plum Creek Parkway
- “Tatanka Ska,” for sale at \$27,000 by artist Jacob Novinger, is at Bison Park, 1390 Clear Sky Way
- “Watershed,” for sale at \$10,000 by artist Charlotte Zink, is at Festival Park, 300 Second St.

To borrow the pieces for the year, the Town gives each artist an \$800 stipend, which is funded through the Philip S. Miller Trust Fund. No taxpayer money is used to purchase public art in Castle Rock. If sold while on display, a portion of the sculpture purchase goes back to the Town’s Public Art Fund.

Artists also have a chance to win the People’s Choice Award. The public is encouraged to vote for their favorite piece at [Douglas.CO.US/ArtEncounters](https://Douglas.CO.US/ArtEncounters). A second opportunity to win an award is through the Judge’s Choice Award. Each year, the Douglas County Public Art Advisory Committee selects a judge well-versed in public art to review program sculptures and select a winner.

New to public art? Take a self-guided tour through the free mobile app Otocast. Download the app from iTunes or Google Play and hear commentary from the artists themselves. The audio guide encourages people to explore and discover art in a new way.

Learn more about the entire Art Encounters program and view photos of the sculptures in Castle Rock at [CRgov.com/ArtEncounters](https://CRgov.com/ArtEncounters).