



Castle Rock
**PARKS &
RECREATION**
January 2021



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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.



NIGHT TO SHINE “SHINE THRU”
4:30 - 6:30 p.m.
The Amphitheater at Philip S. Miller Park



**COLORADO BLUEBIRD PROJECT
NEST BOX MONITOR TRAINING**
7 - 8 p.m.
Virtual Event



**COLORADO BLUEBIRD PROJECT OPEN
HOUSE**
7 - 8 p.m.
Virtual Event



Red Hawk Ridge Golf Course

RED HAWK WELCOMES NEW HEAD GOLF PROFESSIONAL

After an extensive interview process and much consideration and research, it is with great excitement to announce that Brian Erickson has accepted the position as the Head Golf Professional at Red Hawk Ridge Golf Course. In January, Brian joined the department from the Perry Park Country Club, where he served as the Head Golf Professional since 2011.

Brian will offer the Town of Castle Rock and Red Hawk Ridge an extensive skill set with over twenty years of golf and hospitality management experience at public, private and resort-level clubs and courses. Throughout his life-long career in the golf industry, Brian achieved a "Five Star Rating" from Golf Digest at the Legacy Courses at Cragun's - one of only 24 courses in country to receive this award. Brian was also honored with the Mentor of the Year Award from the University of Colorado Springs Professional Golf Management Program. Brian has not only maintained his status and certification as a member of the Professional Golfers' Association, but will also bring experience as a certified food manager.

The Parks and Recreation Department is excited to welcome Brian to the Town of Castle Rock and Red Hawk Ridge!



Parks, Open Space & Trails

2020 OPEN SPACE & TRAIL USAGE

Now more than ever, in this time of uncertainty and social distancing, people are turning to parks, open space and trails for respite and relaxation. Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, the Parks and Recreation Department saw a significant increase in visitation to outdoor amenities, reinforcing the importance of continuing to provide a high level of service to Castle Rock residents.

The figures on the right represent facility visitation from May through August in 2019 compared to the same period in 2020 at Rock Park, on the Gold Loop trail at Philip S. Miller Park, on Ridgeline Trail at the Coachline trailhead, on the Challenge Hill at Philip S. Miller Park and on East Plum Creek Trail at The Meadows trailhead.

**35%
INCREASE**



ROCK PARK

2019: 40,960 | 2020: 55,365



GOLD LOOP AT PSM PARK

2019: 23,788 | 2020: 35,077

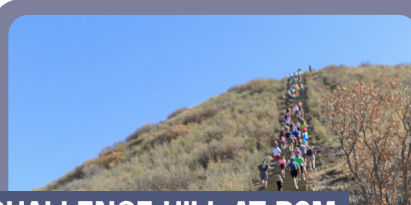
**47%
INCREASE**



RIDGELINE AT COACHLINE

2019: 18,484 | 2020: 25,367

**37%
INCREASE**



CHALLENGE HILL AT PSM

2019: 261,527 | 2020: 341,138

**30%
INCREASE**

**39%
INCREASE**



EPCT AT THE MEADOWS

2019: 43,641 | 2020: 60,551



2021 CHRISTMAS TREE RECYCLING

For nearly two decades, the Park Operations and Maintenance Division has recycled Christmas trees for Castle Rock residents. From Dec. 26 through Jan. 31, nine staff members recycled 1,738 trees that were dropped off at Metzler Ranch, Founders and Paintbrush parks.

The mulch is used in Town-owned parks and other landscaped areas. Beginning in April, the mulch is also available to residents on a first-come, first-served basis through Oct. 31. The mulch can be picked up on Saturdays from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. at the [Douglas County slash-mulch site](#) at Caprice Drive.

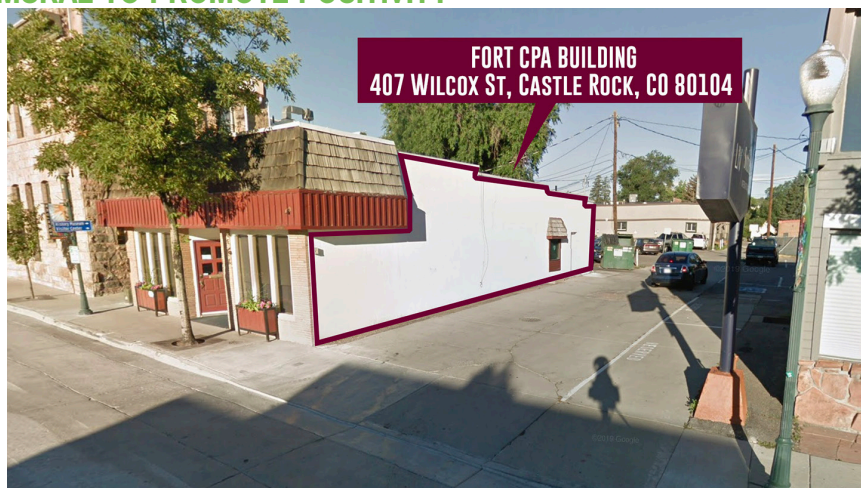




Arts & Enrichment

CALL FOR ENTRIES ISSUED FOR FUTURE MURAL TO PROMOTE POSITIVITY

The Public Art Commission is excited to partner with the Castle Rock Artist Cooperative to foster unity, hope and love during these uncertain times through Painting Positivity, an art and outreach campaign. The first phase of this campaign will feature a large-scale mural on the Fort CPA Group's building at 407 Wilcox St. in Downtown Castle Rock. The Commission issued a call for entries for the mural and will accept applications through Sunday, Feb. 21. More information about the call can be viewed at CastleRockArtCoop.com/PaintingPositivity.



Strong public art programs are found in thriving communities all over the world, and there is growing excitement from the local art community, downtown businesses and residents to add artistic places of interest to Downtown Castle Rock. A recent public art survey demonstrated that 92% of 300 respondents felt art added value to the community. This mural project, along with the Painting Positivity campaign, will be highly visible to locals and tourists alike and enhance and beautify downtown.

PUBLIC ART ASSESSMENT CONDUCTED IN PREPARATION OF FUTURE MAINTENANCE PLANNING

In late 2020, the Public Art Commission (PAC) issued a Request for Proposals to obtain bids for an art condition assessment. The awarded contractor, Pacific Coast Conservation (PCC), evaluated the condition of the existing artworks within the collection in January. Using the assessment, PCC will develop a 5-to-10-year public art maintenance plan. The plan will make recommendations on how to take care of each piece, as well as provide cost estimates. This long-range plan will better enable PAC to budget adequate funding for future maintenance and conservation needs.

The Town of Castle has purchased over 30 pieces of art for its permanent collection. This collection includes a diversity of styles ranging from murals and two-dimensional paintings to sculptures composed of stone, brass, glass and bronze. Each piece within this collection will require its own unique set of maintenance needs.

Pacific Coast Conservation is a Denver-based art collections care and conservation firm, offering holistic care, preservation and conservation for works of art and artifacts. With over 10 years of experience, PCC offers a highly-qualified team of professional conservators, technicians, registrars and mount-makers who produces museum-quality results.

The Public Art Maintenance Plan will be reviewed and finalized by the Public Art Commission and Pacific Coast Conservation in March.



Education

REGISTRATION NOW OPEN FOR YOUTH SUMMER CAMPS

The year has just begun, but kids are already wishing that school was out for summer. Whether it's those lazy, hazy, crazy days, or time spent busy with science camps, swimming and socializing, Castle Rock has something for every kid looking to enjoy the dog days of summer.

The Town's Parks and Recreation Department offers a wide range of youth camps. Spots fill up quickly and registration is now open. Those who sign up for Athletic and Adventure Camps before Monday, Feb. 15 will receive \$10 off per camp using coupon code CAMP21. Please note this code may not be applied toward specialty camps.

Running from late May to early August, the Town's summer camps will be available for kids ages 3 to 17 with a variety of themes. Camp offerings are listed below. Registration and more information on all camp offerings is available at CRgov.com/Camps.

Summer Camps

Enroll today!

Specialty Camps

KidzArt
"Our Green eARTH!" Camp | ages 5-12
"World Explorers" Camp | ages 5-12
Summer Clay Creations Camp | ages 7-12
Dance Exploration
Fairy Tale Princess Dance Camp | ages 3-5
Party in the USA Cheer Camp | ages 6-10
Fairy Tale Ballet Camp | ages 3-5
Youth Tech
Animation | ages 9-17
Roblox Studio-Programming | ages 9-15
Video Game Design | ages 10-17
Inspire to Learn and Imagine
Wizardry HP Camp with Lego Bricks | ages 5-12
Advanced Robotics Camp | ages 7-14
Escape Room Creator Camp | ages 7-14
Fencing | ages 8-17
Mad Science
Bubbling Beakers | ages 6-11
Engineering the Future | ages 6-11

Athletics & Adventure Camps

Gold Medal Camp | ages 7-12
Multisport Camp | ages 5/14
RockRec Camp | ages 5-14
The Great Outdoors Camp | ages 10-15
Preschool Camp | ages 3-5



JOIN THE ADVENTURE; REGISTRATION FOR PRESCHOOL NOW OPEN

Have a little learner excited to start school? Worried about getting your child's education off on the right foot? The Town's Adventure Club junior preschool, preschool and pre-kindergarten programs may be the answer. Registration opened Tuesday, Jan. 19.

Research shows children who attend preschool are more prepared for kindergarten. The Town's state-licensed program will help ensure your child understands all the basics. The program is accepting children ages 2.5 to 5 for the 2021-2022 school year. Classes will begin the week of Monday, Aug. 30 and are held at the Recreation Center, 2301 Woodlands Blvd.

The Town's Adventure Club Preschool has earned a Level 3 rating from Colorado Shines 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. Preschool programs with a high rating offer a program that is safe and supports healthy development.

For more details on program fees and schedules or to register, visit the Recreation Center or CRgov.com/AdventureClub.





Fitness & Wellness

NEW ZOOM ROOM EXPANDS VIRTUAL FITNESS OFFERINGS

The Fitness and Wellness Division has expanded its group fitness offerings! Not only are there now more in-person group fitness classes, but Recreation Center members can now participate in more of their favorite classes with their favorite instructors from the comfort of home. The Fitness Studio was recently converted into a Zoom Room, which allows classes to simultaneously occur in-person and virtually. Virtual classes offer great fitness opportunities to those who may not feel comfortable taking an in-person class yet. With classes offered early morning through the evening, there is always an offering that will fit a busy schedule, even when in-class reservations are full. View and register for in-person and virtual classes at CRgov.com/Registration.

