



Castle Rock
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May 2021



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Upcoming Events

View up-to-date information at CRgov.com/Events.

JUNE
17
**TUNES FOR TRAILS FREE CONCERT
FEAT. WOODLAND PARK**
6:30 - 9 p.m.
The Amphitheater at Philip S. Miller Park

JUNE
19
**SUMMER CONCERT SERIES
FEAT. 38 SPECIAL**
6 - 10 p.m.
The Amphitheater at Philip S. Miller Park

JUNE
25
**PARKING LIGHTS AND MOVIE NIGHTS
FEAT. CARS**
8:30 - 10 p.m.
Event Pad at Philip S. Miller Park

JUNE
26
**PARKING LIGHTS AND MOVIE NIGHTS
FEAT. TALLADEGA NIGHTS**
8:30 - 10 p.m.
Event Pad at Philip S. Miller Park

JUNE
30
**COBBLESTONE RANCH
NEIGHBORHOOD PARK
GROUNDBREAKING**
noon
Cobblestone Ranch Park Site

JULY
4
JULY 4 FIREWORKS
9:30 - 10 p.m.
Santa Fe Quarry Mesa

JULY
10
**SUMMER CONCERT SERIES
FEAT. PARMALEE**
6 - 10 p.m.
The Amphitheater at Philip S. Miller Park

JULY
13
RAPTORS OVER THE ROCK
6 - 7:30 p.m.
The Amphitheater at Philip S. Miller Park

JULY
15
**TUNES FOR TRAILS FREE CONCERT
FEAT. THAT EIGHTIES BAND**
6:30 - 9 p.m.
The Amphitheater at Philip S. Miller Park

JULY
23
PEDAL THE MOON
7 - 10 p.m.
Castle View High School

JULY
23
**PARKING LIGHTS AND MOVIE NIGHTS
FEAT. GREASE**
8 - 10 p.m.
Event Pad at Philip S. Miller Park

JULY
24
**PARKING LIGHTS AND MOVIE NIGHTS
FEAT. FINDING NEMO**
8 - 10 p.m.
Event Pad at Philip S. Miller Park

JULY
30
WESTERN HERITAGE WELCOME
6 - 9 p.m.
Downtown Castle Rock



Recurring Summer Events

Join us for the following events, recurring throughout the summer. View up-to-date information at CRgov.com/Events.

LOCAL & FRESH PRODUCE
EVERY SUNDAY

**FARMERS
MARKET**

MAY 9 - SEPT. 26
9 A.M. - 2 P.M.
FESTIVAL PARK

Yoga in the Park

June - August | Sundays | 9 - 10 a.m.
The Amphitheater at Philip S. Miller Park

SUMMER FITNESS GET FIT

The Amphitheater
at Philip S. Miller Park

FREE
admission

► FITNESS FRIDAY SCHEDULE
8-9 a.m.



Parks, Open Space & Trails

TOWN COUNCIL APPROVED RESOLUTION ACCEPTING DONATION FROM ROBERT F. METZLER



This gift from the Estate of Robert F. Metzler consists of approximately 60 acres and a homestead and silo near Founders Parkway and Crowfoot Valley Road.

Born September 5, 1923, Bob Metzler was a cattle rancher, educator,

artist, musician, adventurer, developer and philanthropist. Brother to Rosemary Metzler, they were the grandchildren of Irish immigrants Patrick and Margaret Lucas, who were among the first homesteaders in Douglas County. The Lucas family settled 160 acres in what is now Castlewood Canyon State Park and built a wooden house in 1894 to raise eight children.

Both Bob and Rosemary developed a love of learning and education from parents Mary (Lucas) and August Metzler at an early age. Rosemary taught English for 33 years in Douglas County, specializing in Shakespeare and British Literature, and she later authored a series of popular children's books. Bob received his BA and MA degrees from Denver University and



began his career in education in 1944 as a teacher in a one-room school. After serving as principal, Bob was

eventually elected County Superintendent of Douglas County Schools.

To honor this donation and the Metzler heritage, the property will be named the Metzler Family Open Space. The site is part of the original Metzler Ranch Planned Unit Development of 770 acres, which was annexed into Castle Rock in 1984. This tract is the last remaining, undeveloped parcel from the original annexation area. Once finalized, this will be among the largest land donations the Town of Castle Rock has ever received.

Certain conditions will be necessary to reflect the desires and intent of the donor. The Douglas Land Conservancy will manage a

conservation easement to limit the uses of the property to preserve its natural state. This local nonprofit is dedicated to land



conservation within the County. DLC's easement will govern approximately 49 acres, including a 4-acre tract containing the homestead and ranch buildings. The Town has committed to restoring or preserving the historic silo, but will assess the long-term viability and use of the additional structures in the future.

The additional 11 acres is being donated as an educational parcel and will contain a future parking lot to provide access. This site could also feature a future community or educational building, depending on Town Council direction and available funding, but would be subject to the declaration of covenants within the land deed.

The Town has allocated \$1.6 million for various improvements, including soft-surface trails, parking and interpretative signage and is anticipating to close on the property in June.



TOWN COUNCIL APPROVED CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT WITH WHITE CONSTRUCTION GROUP FOR PHASE 1 DEVELOPMENT OF COBBLESTONE RANCH

The 168-acre site is located in eastern Castle Rock, near Castle Oaks and Arabella drives. Ultimately, the property will serve as a regional destination for the entire community. The first phase of the project will develop approximately 12 acres and will include an entry road off of Castle Oaks Drive, off-street parking, picnic pavilions, playground areas, a pump track for biking, a half-court for basketball, a lawn area, concrete sidewalks and landscaping. Six pickleball courts and a plumbed restroom were also added to this first phase. A groundbreaking event will be held at noon on Wednesday, June 30 to officially mark the commencement of construction. Learn more at CRgov.com/FutureParks.





Community Events

2021 FREE CONCERT SERIES

TUNES FOR TRAILS

Enjoy the fresh summer air while listening to free live music at The Amphitheater at Philip S. Miller Park. Craft beers, cocktails and delectable delights will be available for purchase from area vendors. Yard games and bounce houses will also be set up for children. Proceeds from alcohol sales benefit the Castle Rock Parks and Trails Foundation, whose mission is to enhance and maximize the recreational experiences of the community. Learn more about this local nonprofit's projects at GetOutdoorsCastleRock.org.

Seating is available on a first-come, first-serve basis. Bands typically perform from 6:30 - 9 p.m. Learn more about this free concert series at CRgov.com/TrailTunes.

FIRST FRIDAYS

On the first Friday of each month, June through September, head to Festival Park to enjoy live music, food trucks, cocktails and activities for the kids. Start off the night with the First Fridays 5K. These free, theme-based run/walks are fun for the whole family. The unofficially timed races start at 5:30 p.m. in Festival Park. Prizes will be awarded to the best themed costumes. Then stay for the music! Live music starts at 5:45 p.m.. Learn more at CRgov.com/FirstFridays.

MURDER MYSTERY DATE NIGHT

What if you suddenly found yourself in the middle of a crime scene? On Friday, May 21, 80 people did just that at the Millhouse at Philip S. Miller Park. At the Dinner Detective show, non-costumed actors were hidden amongst the audience. Participants not only solved a hilarious crime scene, but also enjoyed a three-course dinner buffet. The event was a killer success.

TUNES FOR TRAILS LINEUP



06.17 | WOODLAND PARK



07.15 | THAT EIGHTIES BAND



08.19 FACE VOCAL BAND



09.16 | THE LONG RUN BAND -
COLORADO'S TRIBUTE TO THE EAGLES

FIRST FRIDAYS LINEUP



06.04 | GOT GROOVE
SUPER HERO THEME 5K



07.02 | NEW DOUBT
PATRIOT THEME 5K



08.06 | TUSK
RODEO RUN THEME 5K



09.03 | SHELVIS AND THE ROUSTABOUTS
"YOU AIN'T NOTHIN' BUT A HOUND DOG"
THEME 5K



Arts & Enrichment

NEW MURAL UNVEILED TO PAINT POSITIVITY

To instill community cheer and good spirit, the Town of Castle Rock Public Art Commission in partnership with the Castle Rock Artist Cooperative plans to bring a slew of grassroots public art installations to Downtown this summer.

The Painting Positivity Campaign officially launched on Friday, June 4 with the unveiling of a mural at The Fort CPA Group, 407 Wilcox St. Over 30 people attended the dedication event to celebrate the art installation with the artists.

The Commission issued a call for proposals in March, and artists were invited to submit designs to provide a large-scale work of art to inspire positivity, unity and hope. After reviewing more than 70 submissions, artists Emma Gottschalk and Josh Eller were selected.

Combined, Gottschalk and Eller have nearly a decade of experience in fine art, mural production and graphic design, making them an ideal team. The artists' vision was to use vibrant colors, bold illustration style and inspiring language to enhance the vibrancy of Castle Rock.

Learn more about Painting Positivity and upcoming art installations at PaintingPositivity.org.

**PAINTING
POSITIVITY**



Education

ADVENTURE CLUB PRESCHOOL

The Parks and Recreation Department's Adventure Club Preschool offers a secure, enriching and nurturing environment where children are able to establish the solid educational foundations required for success in future academic and social endeavors. Adventure Club serves ages two and a half through five and offers state-licensed Junior Preschool, Preschool and Prekindergarten programs.

A graduation ceremony was held on Monday, May 24 at the close of the 2020-2021 school year. The division hosted graduation at the Amphitheater at Philip S. Miller Park. The children sang songs for the parents and walked across the stage to receive diplomas. A reception followed.

Registration is already demonstrating strong enrollment for the 2021-2022 school year, which opened on Tuesday, Jan. 19. All morning classes are full at this time. To meet demand, staff will be offering an additional three-day prekindergarten class. As a result, every available classroom will be full with Adventure Club programs each day. With only 31 spots remaining, people are encouraged to register in person with Youth Specialist Mindy Fortin at the Recreation Center.

ANIMALS AROUND THE ROCK WILL PROVIDE ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION OFFERINGS THROUGHOUT 2021

Join the Town in partnership with Douglas Land Conservancy to dive into the characteristics that define local wildlife, including raptors, reptiles, bats and other species at Animals Around the Rock. This environmental education series connects kids and families to local wildlife experts and provides accessible opportunities to learn about animal behavior and even meet select wildlife in person. These events are free but donations to the Douglas Land Conservancy are appreciated to help further program. The 2021 series will feature five programs. Learn more about each offering at CRgov.com/RockAnimals.

- Raptors Over the Rock: 6-7:30 p.m. | July 13 | Amphitheater at Philip S. Miller Park
- Reptiles Under the Rock: 6-7:30 p.m. | Aug. 10 | Amphitheater at Philip S. Miller Park
- Batty About Castle Rock: 6-7:30 p.m. | Sept. 14 | Millhouse at Philip S. Miller Park
- Creepy Crawlies at the Rock: 10 a.m.-3 p.m. | Oct. 16 | Festival Park
- What a Hoot! Virtual Owl Presentation: date and time TBD in December





POST Partners Volunteer Program

POST PARTNERS HOSTS TWO CLEAN-UP EVENTS



- WHAT** Homeless camp clean up
- WHERE** CDOT property bordering East Plum Creek and I25
- WHEN** April 28
- WHO** 11 volunteers donating 22 hours of service
- VALUE** \$627.88* value of service



Two **1-ton** dump trucks were filled with trash



Paraphernalia was properly collected and discarded, including **13** needles and **3** pipes

- WHAT** Graffiti clean up
- WHERE** Plum Creek Parkway train underpass
- WHEN** June 3 - 4
- WHO** Parks Maintenance staff, with assistance from 20 volunteers donating 60 hours of service
- VALUE** \$1,712.40* value of service



Parks staff filled a **1-ton** dump truck with trash



Volunteers covered graffiti with **30** gallons of paint



**based on 2021 national value of a volunteer hour*



Athletics & Adventure

RUETER-HESS PADDLE DAYS RETURN

Float your kayak, canoe or stand-up paddle board at the Rueter-Hess Reservoir this summer.

Just minutes from Downtown Castle Rock, the reservoir sits on Hess Road, one mile east of I-25 at the Castle Pines Parkway exit. The property is owned and managed by the Parker Water and Sanitation District. While the district's top priority is maintaining water quality, the Rueter-Hess Recreation Authority plans future recreational opportunities. The Authority is composed of appointed representatives from the Town of Castle Rock, Town of Parker, City of Lone Tree, City of Castle Pines, Douglas County and the District.

Paddle Days will be held Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays from May 28 through Sept. 5. Reservations are required for each person entering the facility and will be available one week prior to the first of each month. The entrance fee is \$15 per person and no day-of or gate reservations will be available. Participants should plan to bring their own watercraft. For more information visit RHRecreation.org.

CLIMB4CHANGE EVENT RAISED OVER \$6,000 FOR ADAPTIVE RECREATION

The Climb4Change Adaptive Recreation fundraiser was held on Saturday, May 22. Volunteers, businesses and families with children with cognitive and physical disabilities banded together to host this race up the 200-step Challenge Hill at Philip S. Miller Park. This year's event offered participants many opportunities to ascend the 178 vertical feet of climb. Nearly 300 racers participated in six race formats. This year's Climb4Change raised \$2,950 from sponsorships to further the mission of ensuring everyone in the community has access to recreational opportunities; net program revenue will also contribute to this cause.



264

TOTAL
RACERS

41

POWER
HOUR

100

CLIMB'N'
RUN 5K

46

CLIMB'N'
RUN 10K

39

TRAIL
REPS

10

RACE TO
THE TOP

28

RUN-4-
FUN

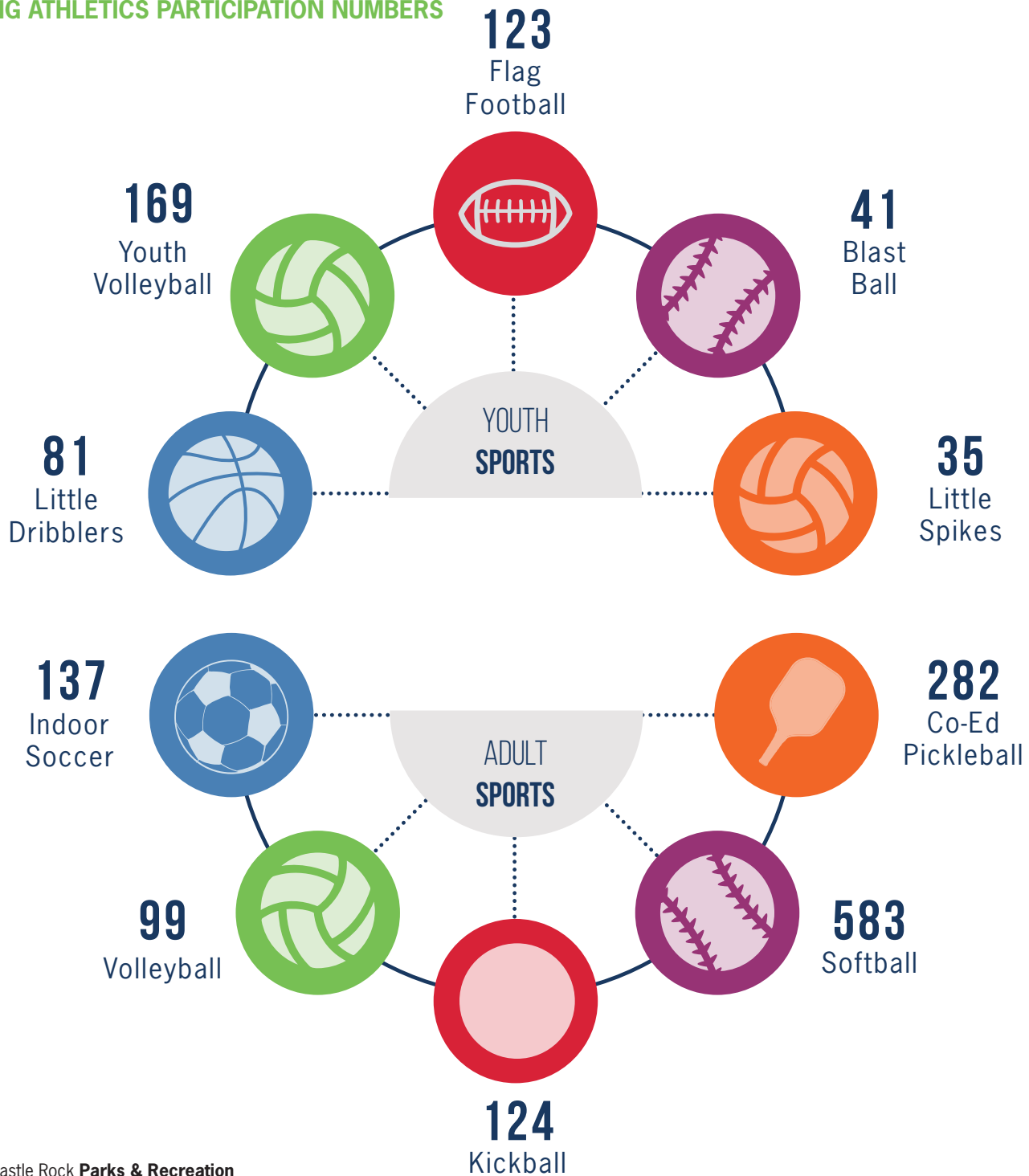
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REGISTRATION



Athletics & Adventure

SPRING ATHLETICS PARTICIPATION NUMBERS





Parks Maintenance & Operations

TOWN TROLLEY AVAILABLE FOR RENT

After a year off, the Trolley is back and running strong. The Trolley ran for four Saturdays in May, shuttling history buffs from Festival Park to the Castle Rock Museum for the Scavenge the Rock event in Downtown Castle Rock. Residents will see the Trolley out and about in June for Music in The Meadows, the Tunes for Trails free concert, 38 Special's performance at the ticketed Summer Concert Series, as well as brew tours. What an adventurous way to get out and see beautiful Castle Rock!

The Trolley is available for rent for birthdays, weddings, reunions, brew tours, business functions and other special events. Learn more at CRgov.com/Registration.