



Castle Rock  
**PARKS &  
RECREATION**  
*July 2021*



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## Upcoming Events

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AUGUST  
**17**  
**SMALL FRY FIELD DAY**  
10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.  
The Amphitheater at Philip S. Miller Park

AUGUST  
**19**  
**TUNES FOR TRAILS FREE CONCERT  
FEAT. FACE VOCAL BAND**  
6:30 - 9 p.m.  
The Amphitheater at Philip S. Miller Park

AUGUST  
**20**  
**DADDY DAUGHTER BALL**  
6 - 9 p.m.  
The Amphitheater at Philip S. Miller Park

AUGUST  
**21**  
**CASTLE ROCK SUMMER JAM FEAT.  
SUBLIME WITH ROME**  
4 - 10 p.m.  
The Amphitheater at Philip S. Miller Park

AUGUST  
**27**  
**PARKING LIGHTS AND MOVIE NIGHTS  
FEAT. SPACEBALLS**  
7:30 - 9:30 p.m.  
Event Pad at Philip S. Miller Park

AUGUST  
**28**  
**PARKING LIGHTS AND MOVIE NIGHTS  
FEAT. THE FORCE AWAKENS**  
7:30 - 10 p.m.  
Event Pad at Philip S. Miller Park

SEPTEMBER  
**3**  
**FIRST FRIDAYS FEAT. SHELVIS & THE  
ROUSTABOUTS & 5K RUN SERIES**  
5 - 9 p.m.  
Festival Park

SEPTEMBER  
**11**  
**SUMMER CONCERT SERIES  
FEAT. SUPER DIAMOND  
WITH THE DENVER POPS**  
5:30 - 9 p.m.  
The Amphitheater at Philip S. Miller Park

SEPTEMBER  
**12**  
**TRI THE ROCK**  
7:30 a.m. - noon  
Butterfield Park

SEPTEMBER  
**14**  
**BATTY ABOUT CASTLE ROCK**  
6 - 7:30 p.m.  
The Millhouse at Philip S. Miller Park

SEPTEMBER  
**16**  
**TUNES FOR TRAILS FREE CONCERT  
FEAT. THE LONG RUN BAND**  
6:30 - 9 p.m.  
The Amphitheater at Philip S. Miller Park

SEPTEMBER  
**17**  
**FITNESS DANCE GLOW MARATHON  
CHARITY EVENT**  
6 - 9 p.m.  
The Amphitheater at Philip S. Miller Park



## Recurring Summer Events

Join us for the following events, recurring throughout the summer. View up-to-date information at [CRgov.com/Events](http://CRgov.com/Events).

LOCAL & FRESH PRODUCE  
EVERY SUNDAY

# FARMERS MARKET

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

the LOCAL COMMUNITY EVENTS  
PARKS & RECREATION

# Yoga in the Park

FITNESS & WELLNESS  
PARKS & RECREATION

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.

FITNESS & WELLNESS  
PARKS & RECREATION



## Community Events

### WESTERN HERITAGE WELCOME

The annual longhorn steer drive successfully kicked off the Douglas County Fair and Rodeo in Castle Rock on Friday, July 30. This welcome celebrates and honors a time when large herds of cattle were driven through Downtown Castle Rock. Cowboy and city folk alike were invited to attend this year's event. Over 4,000 came out to watch cowhands steer longhorn cattle from Rock Park along Perry Street and enjoy a variety of western-themed activities, including food and cocktails, old-time photos and crafts. The Park County Regulators also put on a good show through a reenactment of the wild west.

### PEDAL THE MOON

On Friday, July 23, 188 families and riders of all ages grabbed their helmets and bikes to light up the night at the Town's annual Pedal the Moon community event. The riders departed Castle View and Douglas County high schools and traveled along the East Plum Creek Trail to Festival Park. At the bike decorating station at the Hangman's Gulch and East Plum Creek trail intersection, participants were encouraged to get creative. Following the ride, everyone enjoyed hot dogs provided by the Boy Scouts of America and looked through telescopes set up by the International Dark-Sky Association at Festival Park. All registrants received a t-shirt and meal.





## EDUCATION

### RAPTORS OVER THE ROCK

The Town has once again partnered with the Douglas Land Conservancy to offer free, informational presentations by Nature's Educators throughout 2021 through the Animals Around the Rock series.

In July, Raptors Over the Rock introduced nearly 200 people to various types of raptors native to the Castle Rock region of Colorado. Four raptor ambassadors were presented to the audience – an Eastern Screech Owl, a Peregrine Falcon, a Turkey Vulture and a Golden Eagle. Nature's Educators reviewed unique characteristics of each bird including diet, hunting practices and habitat. Presenters also highlighted the need to continue to conserve and protect the birds' habitat. The night ended with a "meet and greet" where kids and parents were able to get up close to the ambassadors, ask questions and take pictures.

Douglas Land Conservancy is a local, nonprofit land trust dedicated to the protection and conservation of the natural character, habitats, ecosystems, and open space of Douglas County and other areas along the Front Range of Colorado.

Nature's Educators is a nonprofit wildlife organization based in Sedalia and Florence, whose mission is to elevate the care and protection of wildlife by fostering memorable connections that inspire the community to become more environmentally conscious through collaboration, education and rehabilitation.

Upcoming Animals Around the Rock events will feature:

Batty About Castle Rock

6-7:30 p.m. | Tuesday, Sept. 14

Millhouse at Philip S. Miller Park

Creepy Crawlies Around at the Rock

10 a.m.-3 p.m. | Saturday, Oct. 16

Festival Park

What a Hoot!

7-7:30 p.m. | December 2021 (specific date TBD)

Virtual



## Arts & Enrichment

### CULTURAL PROGRAMS AND SPECIALTY CAMPS

Through hard work, motivation and perseverance, the Cultural Arts Division was able to consistently offer many programs throughout 2021, despite the uncertainties at the beginning of the year. For example, staff strategically added a new Line Dance Aerobics class to accommodate six-foot social distancing rules, which boosted adult dance class attendance over the previous year. Additional offered classes included Spanish, fencing, youth dance and a variety of art instruction. Staff is also preparing to hire an instructor to provide community members an assortment of new pottery classes to address increased demand this fall.

Specialty camps offered through this division also increased over 2021 due to expanded marketing efforts. A new clay creations spring break camp sold out, leading to additional offerings through the summer and an anticipated program during fall break. Three new youth dance camps were also offered and featured Fair Tale Princess, Fairy Tale Ballet and USA Cheer.

2021 year-to-date participation within the Cultural Arts division has already increased by 98% compared to all of 2020, even with four months remaining.

15 Adult Spanish



12 Fencing



126 Adult pottery

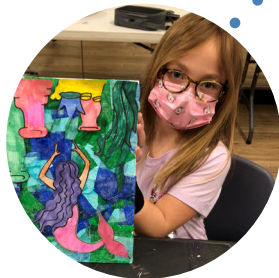


2021 CAMP PARTICIPATION

94 Adult dance



141 Youth art



51 Youth dance



232 Specialty camps





## RECREATION FACILITIES

### ANNUAL RECREATION CENTER MAINTENANCE CLOSURE

The Recreation Center was closed the week of Aug. 9 for routine maintenance and general cleaning. The facility is typically closed for one week annually, and this year's improvements will include:

- Painting of various areas
- Refurbishing wood floors
- Draining and washing the lap and leisure pools
- Maintaining the pool pump filters
- Completing tile work in the steam room
- Overhauling the parking lot to install ADA accessible curbing (this project will likely extend past the closure date)

The Recreation Center will reopen for normal business hours Saturday, Aug. 14. The gym, racquetball court and fitness studio and garage will remain closed, however, through Monday, Aug. 16, so crews can complete work on the floors.

During the closure, Recreation Center memberships and multi-visit passes will be valid at the Miller Activity Complex and at Butterfield Crossing and Burgess pools. The functional fitness area at the MAC will provide an excellent alternative for gym-goers to utilize during the closure, and group fitness classes will be available indoors at the MAC and outdoors at Philip S. Miller Park.

The graphic is a composite image. The top left is an orange rectangle with the text "annual REC CENTER MAINTENANCE CLOSURE" in a mix of lowercase and uppercase fonts. The top right is a photograph of the interior of the Recreation Center, showing a large gymnasium with people working on the floor. The bottom left is a photograph of two workers on a wooden gymnasium floor, one using a sander and the other a broom. The bottom right is a blue rectangle with the text "MONDAY, AUG. 9 THROUGH FRIDAY, AUG. 13" in white, uppercase letters.



## Community Outreach

### SMALL FRY FIELD DAY

Wondering what the Parks and Recreation Department has to offer for your littlest of family members? Find out at the Small Fry Field Day from 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 17. This family-friendly event is designed to introduce parents and children ages 1 through 5, to the wide selection of programs Parks and Recreation will offer this fall. At the Amphitheater at Philip S. Miller Park, families may explore booths and guide children through hands-on activities. This event is free to the public and registration is not required. The 2021 event will feature:

- Adventure Club Preschool - These classes offer a secure, enriching and nurturing environment where children are able to establish a solid academic and social foundation.
- Castle Rock Learn to Swim - The Town's swim program strives to open the door to a lifetime of opportunities in water through progressive instruction in a group or individual setting with year-round offerings.
- Castle Rock Athletics - Keep the whole family active with the Town's youth athletic programs where children are introduced to a variety of sports including blastball and T-ball.
- Dance Exploration - Creative dance classes are designed as an interactive playtime to introduce dance and movement to preschool-aged children.
- Denver Behavior Consultants - This group presents a fun way to learn about social dynamics through instruction, team activities, group discussion, games, movement, role-play and other activities.
- Inspire to Learn and Imagine - Classes focus on reinforcing kids' knowledge of colors, shapes, letters, numbers and vocabulary, while incorporating building with various building blocks and exciting crafty and scientific activities and games.
- KidzArt - Students will build self-confidence, become creative problem solvers, exercise their creative muscles and learn how to draw.
- Soccer Buddies - Expert coaches use soccer as a tool to teach confidence, perseverance and teamwork – core values that will help your child thrive in any situations.

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**AGES: 1-5**  
**CRAFTS! GAMES!**  
**SO MUCH FUN!**

Adventure Club Preschool  
Castle Rock Swim Lessons  
Castle Rock Youth Athletics  
Dance Exploration  
Denver Behavior Consultants  
Inspire to Learn and Imagine  
KidzArt • Soccer Buddies





## Parks Operations & Maintenance

### COACH OF THE YEAR AWARD

The Season D All-state Baseball teams of Colorado honor the best in the sport as judged by leagues and coaches. The Parks and Recreation Department is excited to announce that one of its very own, Bob Maloney, received high honors through the Class 4A Coach of the Year Award. Bob has coached at Ponderosa High School since 2014. The Ponderosa Mustangs dominated the state championship game and Ponderosa teammate Dom Lopez also received the Player of the Year award.

### 2021 ATHLETIC FIELD MAINTENANCE DIVISION SUMMARY TO DATE

- Grooms 13 synthetic fields every six weeks
- Maintains and game-preps 9 skinned, dirt infields; groomed several times each week
- Adds infill to high usage areas of Metzler Ranch Community Park baseball fields on weekly basis
- Prep baseball fields for tournament play weekly; since January 2021, Castle Rock's parks have hosted baseball tournaments 24 of 31 weekends
- Prep baseball/softball fields for regular league practices and games; over 750 games have been played since January 2021
- Maintains and paints 42 soccer fields weekly from March through May at six parks
- Added 26 tons of infill to the outdoor synthetic turf field at Philip S. Miller Park in January
- Added 100 tons of infield mix to baseball/softball fields at Paintbrush and Founders parks
- Purchased a Turf Tank painter; efficiency of painter reduced weekly paint usage from 20 to 1.25 gallons
- Removed old scoreboards and installed four new scoreboards for the baseball fields at Metzler Ranch Community Park; the new boards feature LED lights
- Enhanced Paintbrush Park through the installation of new stair case to ease access to field three
- Installed permanent dugout covers at Metzler Ranch Community Park
- All projects were completed with two full-time employees and two seasonal employees in addition to general maintenance

