



Castle Rock  
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## Upcoming Events

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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

SEPTEMBER  
**19**  
**FARMERS MARKET**  
9 a.m. - 2 p.m.  
Festival Park

SEPTEMBER  
**24**  
**PARKING LIGHTS AND MOVIE NIGHTS  
FEAT. INDIANA JONES AND THE  
TEMPLE OF DOOM**  
7 - 9 p.m.  
Event Pad at Philip S. Miller Park

SEPTEMBER  
**25**  
**PARKING LIGHTS AND MOVIE NIGHTS  
FEAT. UP**  
7 - 8:30 p.m.  
Event Pad at Philip S. Miller Park

SEPTEMBER  
**26**  
**FARMERS MARKET**  
9 a.m. - 2 p.m.  
Festival Park

OCTOBER  
**2**  
**CASTLE ROCK TRAIL FESTIVAL AND  
LIVEBIG RUN**  
7:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.  
Philip S. Miller Park

OCTOBER  
**16**  
**RIDGELINE WRANGLERS TRAIL  
MAINTENANCE EVENT & END OF  
SEASON PARTY**  
8:30 - 11:30 a.m.  
Ridgeline Open Space at Coachline

OCTOBER  
**16**  
**FALL FESTIVAL FEAT. CREEPY  
CRAWLIES AROUND THE ROCK**  
10 a.m. - 3 p.m.  
Festival Park

OCTOBER  
**29**  
**PARKING LIGHTS AND MOVIE NIGHTS  
FEAT. HOCUS POCUS**  
6 - 8 p.m.  
Event Pad at Philip S. Miller Park

OCTOBER  
**30**  
**PARKING LIGHTS AND MOVIE NIGHTS  
FEAT. MONSTER HOUSE**  
6 - 8 p.m.  
Event Pad at Philip S. Miller Park





## Open Space & Trails

### OPEN HOUSE HELD TO PLAN FUTURE OPEN SPACE

The Town owns 230 acres of open space dedicated through the Cobblestone Ranch planned development. The property is located on the northeast end of Cobblestone Ranch and abuts the 450-acre Macanta Regional Park owned by Douglas County. The Town has the unique opportunity to partner with the County to master plan both parcels as one contiguous 680-acre open space/park area, with the goal of eventually providing access to the property through parking and trails. Cobblestone Ranch Open Space access improvements are identified in the Parks and Recreation 5-year Capital Improvement Plan.

On Sept. 1, the Parks and Recreation Department in partnership with Douglas County Open Space and Natural Resources hosted an open house to gather public feedback on the master plan of the joint project. A draft was presented featuring potential trail routes and other various improvements.

Approximately 30 people attended the event, and, in addition to Department and County staff, representatives from the project's design firm, the Architerria Group, were also present. While there is no timeline set for improvements, public feedback will help determine trail alignments, project scope and future budget needs. Residents unable to attend the open house were encouraged to view the draft plan and provide feedback online prior to Sept. 30 at [CRgov.com/OpenSpacePartnership](https://CRgov.com/OpenSpacePartnership).

At the open house, staff also provided an update on Colorado Front Range Trail development through Castle Rock and representatives from this project's design team – Short, Elliott and Hendrickson – were also present. Work is set to begin on the 2.7-mile central segment to connect Hangman's Gulch and McMurdo Gulch trails in 2022. Another 0.6-mile northern segment will connect through the Cobblestone Ranch neighborhood. These are two of the last three segments in Castle Rock that are part of the envisioned Statewide network. Once complete, Castle Rock residents will be able to travel north to Denver via the Cherry Creek Regional Trail. Learn more at [CRgov.com/FrontRangeTrail](https://CRgov.com/FrontRangeTrail).







## Community Events

### DADDY DAUGHTER BALL SUMMER EDITION

Due to capacity restrictions in February 2021 at the Daddy Daughter Ball, the annual tradition was extended into the summer and a second event hosted on Friday, Aug. 20. Nearly 900 people attended to dance the night away under the stars at The Amphitheater at Philip S. Miller Park. All ages were welcome – including grandfather and granddaughter couples! In addition to dancing, families enjoyed refreshments, yard games, food trucks, an LED wall, taking photographs and all of the glitz and glam of the ball.

### HIT MOVIE NIGHTS CONTINUE INTO FALL AND WINTER

Put the car in park and break out the blankets. Tickets are now available for the Town's Parking Lights and Movie Nights to be offered during the fall and holiday seasons. These flicks will shine bright at the Event Pad at Philip S. Miller Park starting Friday, Sept. 24, with "Indiana Jones and the Temple of Doom" and Saturday, Sept. 25, with "Up." The summer movies completely sold out, so don't miss the chance to live a bit of nostalgia and rediscover some favorite flicks in a scenic setting as reservations are required. Tickets can be purchased for \$10 per vehicle at [Crgov.com/MovieNights](https://crgov.com/MovieNights).

The fall/holiday 2021 schedule will feature:

- "Indiana Jones and the Temple of Doom" (PG) – Friday, Sept. 24
- "Up" (PG) – Saturday, Sept. 25
- "Hocus Pocus" (PG) – Friday, Oct. 29
- "Monster House" (PG) – Saturday, Oct. 30
- "Christmas Vacation" (PG-13) – Friday, Dec. 17
- "Elf" (PG) – Saturday, Dec. 18





## FIRST FRIDAYS FREE CONCERTS AND 5K RUNS WRAP UP FOR SEASON

Friday nights in the summer are made for spending time close to home, enjoying beautiful weather and unwinding from the long week. Throughout 2021, tens of thousands came out to partake in free live music at Festival Park on the first Friday of each month. This summer's series was very well attended, with high-energy and well-loved bands.

June featured Got Groove, a variety dance band from New Orleans; July featured New Doubt, a No Doubt tribute band; August featured Tusk, a Fleetwood Mac tribute band; and September featured Shelvis and the Roustabouts, Denver's best rockabilly. With a little something for everyone, families also relished food trucks, cocktails and activities for kids. Each event also featured a First Fridays 5k themed race, so motivated runners could start their weekends right. Nearly 600 people participated in the race series.

- June 4- Super Hero Run – 132 Participants
- July 2- Patriot Run – 207 Participants
- Aug. 6- Rodeo Run – 126 Participants
- Sept. 3- Aint Nothin' but a Hound Dog- 79 Participants

## CASTLE ROCK SUMMER JAM, SUBLIME WITH ROME

As part of the Summer Concert Series, Sublime with Rome headlined the 2021 Castle Rock Summer Jam Festival on Saturday, Aug. 21. The sold-out show had 2,400 concert goers rocking out at the all-day festival, which also featured local bands, beer and cocktails, including the John Saunders Band.

Sublime with Rome is a musical collaboration between Eric Wilson, formerly of the ska band Sublime, and singer and guitarist Rome Ramirez. The group's name is not only a reference to the singer's first name, but to the fact that they chiefly perform songs by the original Sublime, which was fronted by Bradley Norwell until his death in 1996.





## Education

### SUMMER CAMP RECAP

**PRESCHOOL CAMP | AGES 3-5** Campers had a blast in this fun-filled environment as they participated in music, arts and crafts, games, drama, science and more based around camp themes. Themes included: Artful Antics, Fun at the Beach, Out of this World, Bug's Life, Dino Dig, Down On the Farm, Stars and Stripes, and Splish Splash. With a new theme each week, several children attend multiple weeks. The summer ended with Splish Splash, and children got to participate in a foam party hosted by Blinks and Winks.

### Athletics & Adventure Camps

Rock Rec **566**  
Multisport 5-8 **220**  
Multisport 9-14 **142**  
Great Outside **201**  
Preschool **120**  
Gold Medal Full Day **230**  
Gold Medal Half Day **564**  
**2,043 campers**

**ATHLETICS AND ADVENTURE ROCK REC | AGES 5-13** Rock Rec offered a unique day-camp experience in the familiar setting of the beautiful and safe Philip S. Miller Park. With a combination of outstanding amenities, exciting programming and energetic counselors, this structured and fun camp offered a great environment. Each day featured a new and exciting experience as no two days were alike. Activities included swimming, hiking, kickball, arts and crafts, Nerf games, team building, adventure playground, wacky Wednesdays, trampolines, the Challenge Hill and fitness programming.

**ATHLETICS AND ADVENTURE MULTISPORT | AGES 5-15** Multisport was designed for youth ages 5-8 and 9-15, offering each camper an opportunity to experience a different sport each day. Multisport was engineered to appeal to youth who are interested in a full week of sports and/or learning a new sport. Campers participated in small and large group instruction broken down by age and ability. Daily activities include drills and scrimmages. Sports offered included soccer, flag football, lacrosse, baseball/softball and kickball.

### Specialty Camps

Dance Exploration **33**  
Dungeon & Dragons **64**  
Inspire to Learn & Imagine **50**  
KidzArt **56**  
Mad Science **30**  
Fencing **38**  
Clay Creations & Crafts **20**  
Youth Tech **112**  
Early Care Full Summer **15**  
Late Care Full Summer **15**  
**433 campers**

**SPECIALTY CAMPS | AGES 5-17** The Youth and Arts and Enrichment divisions hosted a variety of specialty camps this summer, including Mad Science, KidzArt, Fencing, Dance Exploration's dance camps, Youth Tech, Clay Creations and Craft Camp and Inspire to Learn and Imagine's Lego camps. Dance Exploration offered three new youth dance camps this summer called Fairy Tale Princess Dance Camp, USA Cheer Camp and Fairy Tale Ballet Camp. Each sold out.

**GOLD MEDAL FULL DAY AND HALF DAY | AGES 7-12** The Youth and Athletic divisions worked together to offer both full- and half-day Gold Medal Camps throughout the summer. Each week featured a different sport, and three new sports were introduced this summer. Sports included basketball, volleyball, lacrosse, soccer, baseball, flag football, softball and baseball. These camps were held at the Recreation Center gym for basketball and volleyball, and all other sports were hosted at Phillip S. Miller Park. Full-day campers joined the Rock Rec Campers in the afternoons for swimming, games, arts and crafts, and other fun activities.

**ATHLETICS AND ADVENTURE THE GREAT OUTDOORS | AGES 10-15** The Great Outdoors camp took advantage of the sprawling 300-acre Philip S. Miller Park, including the Miller Activity Complex, Millhouse, Amphitheater, Challenge Hill, Ziplines, Adventure Tower, Sky Trek, adventure playground area as well as over ten miles of hiking and biking trails. Tweens and teens experienced outdoor adventures – the challenge of trying something new while growing outside their comfort zone. Nothing builds self-confidence like mastering new and challenging activities. Counselors educated the campers about the beauty and power of the great outdoors while encouraging a healthy and active lifestyle.





## Arts & Enrichment

### NEW SCULPTURES INVITE THE PUBLIC TO ENCOUNTER ART IN CASTLE ROCK

Public art can help brighten a community, and new sculptures at several public places throughout Castle Rock are helping these areas shine. It's all 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.

Seven sculptures were recently installed throughout Castle Rock:

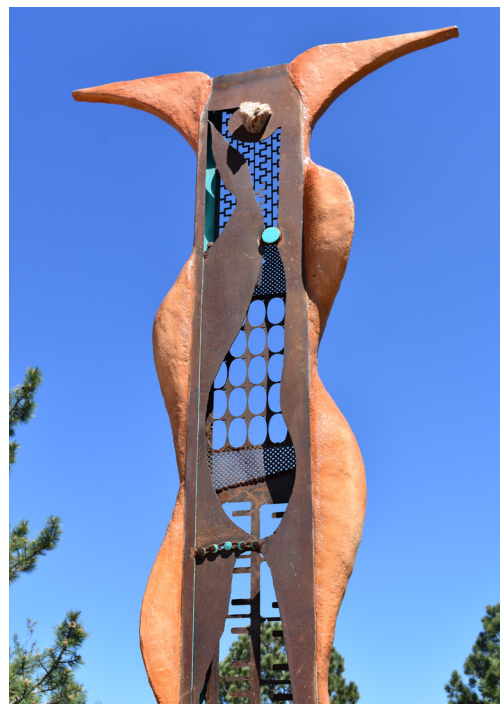
- "American Gold," for sale at \$17,000 by artist Dimitry Domani Spiridon, is at the intersection of Third and Perry streets
- "Convergence," for sale at \$14,000 by artist Stephen Shachtman, is at The Miller Activity Complex, 1375 W. Plum Creek Parkway
- "Ego," for sale at \$4,500 by artist Jacob Novinger, is at Festival Park, 300 Second St.
- "Meridian," for sale at \$7,000 by artist Pavia Justinian, is at the intersection of Plum Creek Parkway and Gilbert Street
- "SOAR," for sale at \$8,600 by artist Scott Froschauer, is at the East Plum Creek Trail near Plum Creek Parkway
- "Solace," for sale at \$14,000 by artist Reno Carollo, is at Triangle Park, 804 Sixth St.
- "Splice," for sale at \$15,000 by artist Kyle Ocean, is at Bison Park, 1390 Clear Sky Way

To loan the pieces, the Town provides 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 Public Art Advisory Committee selects a judge well-versed in public art to review each sculpture and select a winner.

New to public art? Take a self-guided tour through the mobile app Otocast. Download the free 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).





## Red Hawk Ridge

### JUNIOR GOLF ACADEMY

In August, the Junior Golf Academy at Red Hawk Ridge wrapped up for the 2021 season. The academy demonstrated strong participation with 120 total students. The Academy is one of Colorado's top junior golf programs and offers many classes and leagues to meet the needs of any skill level. The goal is to provide valuable golf and life-learning experiences through every program offered. Participants in all programs are invited to celebrate junior golf at the annual Junior Golf Day and participate in the end-of-the-year Junior Golf Championship.

### GOLF LEAGUES

Golf leagues continued to be extremely popular at Red Hawk in 2021.

#### LADY 9ERS

The Lady 9ers was established in 2002 to provide fun, fellowship and golf enjoyment to women. Full at 76 participants with waitlist.

#### 18-HOLE LADIES

This league was also established in 2002. Regardless of skill level, the 18-hole Ladies strives to improve each golfers' ability, knowledge of the game and an understanding of rules. Full at 91 participants with waitlist.

#### 2021 LADIES NEW TO GOLF

Ladies New To Golf offers instructional programming designed for beginning to novice players who desire to play on a regulation course. All sessions full with max of 18 participants.

#### COED

This 9-hole golf league is fun and holds an informal tournament each month. Participants are coed pairs who enjoy a low-pressure league. Full at 100 participants with waitlist.

#### MEN'S CLUB

The Red Hawk Ridge's Men's Club is a fun and competitive weekend league. Full at 151 participants with waitlist.





## Recreation Facilities

### VISITATION AND MAINTENANCE UPDATE

August was a strong month for participation at the Recreation Center. Daily admissions finished ahead of 2019, pre-pandemic admissions by two percent. When compared to August 2019, the Recreation Center finished with an increase of 78%.

The Recreation Center also saw the return of its annual maintenance closure. This facility closure – which typically lasts five days - happens when the Douglas County School District returns for fall. This year served as a catch-up year to reset the facility to a base standard of quality due to the closure not happening in 2020 as the facility was returning to normal operations following the pandemic. While no major renovations were implemented, facility quality improvements such as painting, wood floor refurbishing, carpet cleaning and general deep cleans were completed. The aquatics areas also saw improvements with the re-grouting of the spa and sauna, as well as the draining and acid washing of the lap pool and deck spaces. Planned activities for 2022 include the replacement of fitness equipment and fitness flooring.

