

## **Parks and Recreation Committee**

### **Mission Statement**

The Committee's mission is to guide the future recreational development of The Village at Castle Pines through the maintenance of facilities and prudent additions to them, for both the current and projected use by its homeowners. This will be accomplished through recommendations to the Castle Pines Homes Association Board. The Committee provides oversight of existing facilities and new quality construction that: 1) complements the natural environment and beauty of the community, 2) creates minimal disruption of the natural setting and community, 3) are easy to maintain, 4) receive maximum use by the community, and 5) is fiscally responsible and within budget limitations. Additional oversight responsibilities include maintenance of trails, pocket parks and open space, and the planning and hosting of community events.

In short, we are committed to upholding the "Exceptional Living, Exclusively Colorado" mission of The Village Castle Pines.

**Canyon Club Pool and Pavilion** – We enjoyed another successful and safe year for one of our most popular venues, the Canyon Club. During this, our tenth year, we did find it necessary to replace the boiler heating the pool late in the summer, otherwise the season went by smoothly. We also successfully completed the installation of the card access system, bringing additional security and control to this amenity. Front Range Recreation once again provided our lifeguard services, working diligently to provide a safe and fun environment for Village residents. The Committee, with support of the Castle Pines Homes Association Board of Directors, is evaluating the possibility for future expansion of the available facilities.

The Village at Castle Pines Stingrays swim team had another enjoyable and competitive season. Registration for this summer's program will start in early April.

**Summit Club Pool and Pavilion** – The Summit Club has a full-sized family pool with a zero-depth entry children's end and a slide. In addition to the pool facility, other amenities include a covered picnic area, observation deck with a fire pit and grill, full restroom and changing facilities, and a playing field with soccer and lacrosse nets. The pavilion area at the Summit Club can be reserved by residents after hours, and the key to the fire pit may be obtained from the Homes Association Office. In 2018, Front Range Recreation provided lifeguard services for the Summit Club. As with the Canyon Club Pool, we also successfully installed a card access system, bringing additional security and control to this amenity. In addition, we successfully completed a full pool resurfacing.

**Village Lake Fitness Center and Pool** – This facility provides an exercise venue for The Village. It is located at 4300 Prospect Drive, which is on the south side of The Village just east of the Canyon Club. It is an adult only facility. Children ages 16 and 17 may use the facility if accompanied by an adult, however children under 16 are not permitted.

Included are an exercise/yoga room, free weights, various exercise and cardio machines, a TRX suspension trainer, and a summer lap pool and hot tub. Also, a variety of fitness classes are offered to Village residents. The Fitness Center opens daily at 4:30 AM and closes at 10:00 PM, and a resident access card is required for entry.

In May of 2018 the Village Lake Fitness Center underwent a deep cleaning. In addition, the upstairs and downstairs HVAC systems were replaced.

**Pocket Parks and Playing Fields** – There are three small playgrounds, also known as pocket parks, inside The Village. Equinox Park is located on the north side of The Village on Country Club Parkway between Anaconda Drive and Equinox Drive. Summit Park is located on Country Club Drive north of the Summit Club pool. The largest pocket park is located at the Canyon Club on the south side of the Village. In 2018 the playground equipment was replaced at Equinox Park, providing updated play structures and a refreshed ground cover, specifically designed for play areas, with a greater depth, which adds to the safety of the park. Multi-use playing fields are located at the Summit and Canyon Clubs and may be reserved for team practices. The Parks and Recreation Committee purchase new soccer and lacrosse goals for the fields as needed.

In 2019 we will look to refresh the playground area and ground cover at the Summit Park, while also providing continued maintenance and upkeep of the playground equipment at each of individual pocket parks.

**Tennis Complex** – 2018 saw a continuing increase in the tennis activity within The Village. The list of residents who have expressed an interest in tennis continues to grow. With this increased demand, the committee works closely with outside vendors and Homes Association staff to maintain the courts as needed and conduct a thorough cleaning three times during the course of the season. The Committee, with support of the Board, is also evaluating the possibility for future expansion of the available facilities.

A Spring Warm-Up took place in early April and was followed by three weekend mixed doubles socials throughout the season. A Women's Night and Men's Night were held in May. Participation was excellent, and the activities were thoroughly enjoyed by all. Women's and Men's groups reserved courts for practices and open tennis activities throughout the spring, summer and fall. There were also a variety of tennis clinics and private lessons for children, teens, and adults. A similar slate of activities is planned for 2019, with the primary intention being on increasing resident participation outside of the usual group of tennis advocates.

During 2018 the Village fielded 39 USTA/Colorado competitive tennis teams. Five of these teams qualified for the Colorado District Championships by winning their league. The breakdown of the 39 Village teams is 21 Women's teams, 12 Men's teams and 6 Mixed Doubles teams.

We continued to support Junior Team Tennis within The Village. Teams are formed by age groups and experience levels. In 2018 we had four teams and 13 players between 7 and 18 years old. One team made it to the finals of the Colorado District Championship!

Given the growing popularity of the sport, in addition to the Pickleball lines added to the basketball court, lines were added to the tennis backboard court, giving The Village two multi-purpose courts for resident use.

In sum, between league activity, socials sponsored by the Tennis Activities Group, lessons and clinics, and casual resident play, The Village has become a very active tennis - and now Pickleball - community!

**Village Trails and Common Space** – There are approximately 13 miles of trails within The Village. The majority of the trails are paved with either asphalt or concrete, some are composed of loose recycled asphalt or gravel, and the rest are rustic, natural trails. The routine maintenance of the asphalt trail system in The Village began in 2009 and is based on the Castle Pines Homes Association Reserve Study recommendations. For resident (and their furry companion's) convenience, there are multiple "Mutt Mitt" stations along the trails and within the pocket parks, which now include containers for waste disposal. Based upon resident feedback, a few additional stations were added along the trail system in 2018. The focus for 2019 will be the ongoing resurfacing and repaving of those sections of trail requiring maintenance.

**Village Events** - Events are planned for the enjoyment of all Village residents to foster a sense of community and spirit throughout the neighborhood. Events in 2018 included Winterfest at the Summit Club, the annual Easter Egg Hunt, a Father's Day Barbecue at the Canyon Club, the Fourth of July Fun Run, Parade and Barbecue, an Adult Social at the Pavilion, a Kid's Triathlon, the Metro District Picnic (which is generously sponsored by this entity), Oktoberfest, and two newly introduced events... Movie Night in the Park and the 1<sup>st</sup> annual Pickleball Tournament.

We plan to offer similar events in 2019, with a few notable changes to the events calendar. The Father's Day Barbecue is being replaced by a Summer Solstice Jam, and we are adding an Indoor Triathlon challenge at the Village Lake Fitness Center. As always, we are very appreciative for resident volunteers willing to assist with running these events.

For feedback, suggestions and volunteer interest, please contact the Homes Association office, or use the following e-mail address:  
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Respectfully submitted,

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