



Town of Parker COLORADO™

TALK OF THE TOWN

October 2015



Halloween Fun FOR THE ENTIRE FAMILY!

Calling all ghastly ghouls, spooky spirits and wicked witches! The 2015 Fieldhouse Fright Night Halloween event will be held on Saturday, Oct. 24 from 5:30 to 9 p.m. at the Parker Fieldhouse. The cost is only \$6; get \$1 off with a canned food donation. All ages are welcome!

Fieldhouse Fright Night will celebrate Halloween with the Spook Skate (bring your own skates), Rock'n Halloween at the Climbing Wall and Ghoulish Games on the turf. Daredevils can brave the family-friendly haunted house; scare levels are dependent upon the age of the child. Little goblins can collect candy and play games in the "Scream Rooms" off of Trick-or-Treat Street.

Wear your best costume to compete in the kids costume contest in categories for different age groups. There will also be a category for best family costumes. Judging starts at 7 p.m. Find costume age groups and categories at www.ParkerRec.com/FFN.

Fieldhouse Fright Night isn't just for kids. Prepare for a spooktacular night of dodging and ducking with a coed, double-elimination dodgeball tournament and adult costume contest! Register online at www.ParkerRec.com/Sports.

For more information, visit www.ParkerRec.com/FFN or contact Brenda at bmooney@ParkerOnline.org. If you are interested in being a vendor for the event, please contact Wendi at wepps@ParkerOnline.org.



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A NEW LOOK!

The Talk of the Town is sporting a refreshed design! Each issue of the Town of Parker's official newsletter will now feature more images that show off the beauty of our outstanding community. While the look may be different, the Talk of the Town will still feature the same great content each month, 11 months every year (November and December issues are combined). We hope you enjoy the new design!





From the Mayor and Town Council HELP US WELCOME NEW MEMBER OF THE TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S OFFICE

The Town of Parker is pleased to welcome John Batey, the new Assistant Town Administrator (ATA)/ Development Services. Batey, who began his employment with the Town on Sept. 8, comes to the Town from Pueblo, where he has served as the Executive Director of the Pueblo Urban Renewal Authority (PURA) since 2010. In that position, he oversaw all functions of the PURA and implemented the directives of the Urban Renewal Authority Board of Commissioners.

“We are pleased to welcome John to our team,” said Town Administrator Randy Young. “His wide range of development experience will allow the Town to provide an even higher level of service in this area.”

Batey, who holds a B.A. and an M.A. in Political Science, as well as a Ph.D. in Comparative Studies, is a certified planner and seasoned redevelopment agency director. He has extensive experience in community and economic development, real estate finance, state and local government administration, high-level policy analysis and organizational development. Batey also has broad exposure to urban planning, business development, public finance, affordable housing and neighborhood improvement principles and practices.

“I am very excited for this new opportunity,” said Batey. “There are many innovative projects happening in Parker and I look forward to becoming an integral part of this community.”

As the ATA/ Development Services, Batey will oversee the efforts of the Community Development; Economic Development; Parks, Recreation and Open Space; and Public Works Departments and provide strategic leadership, vision and coordination of efficient operations within those departments and with the development community.



Batey can be reached at 303.841.0353 or jbatey@ParkerOnline.org.



WE WANT YOUR PARKER PHOTOS!

Don't forget to submit your entries for the Town of Parker's 2016 Calendar Photo Contest before the deadline on Friday, Oct. 23. We are looking for striking images that highlight life in our beautiful Town—anything from natural landscapes, wildlife, events, facilities, businesses, architecture or weather to people living, working, shopping or playing. Selected photos will be included in our 2016 Calendar and Annual Report that will be mailed to all addresses within the Town limits!

Photo Guidelines:

- Photos must be taken within the 80134 or 80138 zip codes.
- Horizontal digital photos are preferred. Please send images with a resolution of 300 dpi.
- Photos with date stamps or caption text will not be considered.

Visit www.ParkerOnline.org/CalendarContest for more information and to submit your entries or contact Andy Anderson at aanderson@ParkerOnline.org or 303.805.3257.

JOIN THE PARADE!



On the second Saturday of December each year, the Town of Parker and the Colorado Driving Society host the annual Christmas Carriage Parade. This year's special event is themed "A Storybook Christmas" and will be attended by thousands on Saturday, Dec. 12. Be more than a spectator this year and enter the parade!

Individuals, businesses and organizations are encouraged to enter the parade! Commercial entries are \$100 and may display advertising for their business on their hired carriage or horse group (the parade is open to equine entries only). There will be no entry fee charged to private entries that do not charge for their services or

display any type of advertising, other than for a not-for-profit group. Please note that the Christmas Carriage Parade is open to equestrian entries and marching bands only. If entering the parade is not for you, but you would like to support the event, sponsorship opportunities are available!

Parade space is limited and all entries will be taken on a first-come, first-served basis. All applications are due Nov. 20. For an entry form, please visit www.ParkerOnline.org/CarriageParade, or contact Brooke Spain at bspain@ParkerOnline.org or 303.841.0353 for more information on how you can be a part of this year's event.

SERVE ON THE SPECIAL LICENSING AUTHORITY

The Town is seeking volunteers to serve as members of the Special Licensing Authority to work on issues regarding liquor, arcade and sexually oriented business licenses in Parker. Liquor licensing topics include the consideration of new licenses, renewals of existing licenses, monitoring compliance with liquor regulations and making recommendations to Town Council on related issues.

There is a commitment of one night per month. Applicants must be residents of the Town, must not have any vested interest in any establishment

with a liquor, arcade or sexually oriented business license within the Town, must not have an abhorrence to alcohol and will be required to undergo a confidential background check.

If interested, please send a letter of interest to: Parker Special Licensing Authority, Attn: Carol Baumgartner, 20120 E. Mainstreet, Parker, CO 80138. Letters of interest must be received by Friday, Oct. 30 at 5 p.m. Detailed application packets will then be sent out to all applicants.

SNOW REMOVAL REMINDER

With winter weather on the way, remember that it is the homeowner's responsibility to remove snow and ice from all sidewalks adjacent to their property within 48 hours of the end of any snow, sleet or freezing rain. Failure to do so in the specified time frame is a violation of the Town's Municipal Code and can result in a fine to the homeowner.

Snow left on walks turns into ice and makes for hazardous walking conditions for neighbors, including school children and the elderly. Once notice of violation is given to the homeowner, snow and ice must be removed within 24 hours. After that time, the Town may make arrangements to have it cleared at the resident's expense.

Individuals can reduce the potential for ice by shoveling snow into their yard after a storm, rather than into streets and gutters.

If you have any questions, call the Town's Neighborhood Services Division at 303.841.2332.





EXPERIENCE MUSIC, DANCE AND MORE WITH PARKER ARTS

HOLIDAY CHEER IS NEARLY HERE!

The holiday season is just around the corner. Don't forget to join in on the celebrations! With country, jazz, ballet and more on its way, there is plenty of holiday cheer to go around with Parker Arts.



Asleep at the Wheel

- Asleep at the Wheel – Nov. 27
- CJRO Big Band Christmas – Nov. 28
- A Classic Parker Holiday – Dec. 4-6
- A Taffeta Christmas – Dec. 11-20
- The Manhattan Transfer – Dec. 12
- The Nutcracker of Parker – Dec. 17-20

UPCOMING ART EXHIBITS

PACE Center

- Bellco Credit Union Gallery: Parker Artists Guild – (Nov. 18–Jan. 9)



Wonderbound: The Seven Deadly Sins

• Oct. 17 to 18; times vary

In a groundbreaking new collaboration, musician/composer Tom Hagerman (best known for his work with Denver band DeVotchKa) has created all-new melodies played live by musicians from the Colorado Symphony. Experience Garrett Ammon's incredibly human choreography as the talented artists from Wonderbound explore pride, greed, envy, wrath, lust, gluttony and sloth in this sinfully delightful world premiere.

Parker Symphony Orchestra: Honor and Strength

• Oct. 24; 7:30 p.m.

With Veteran's Day on its way, join the Parker Symphony Orchestra (PSO) and special guests, the Colorado Mormon Chorale, in commemorating the brave men and women who have served our country. An orchestral program featuring patriotic themes will be performed to honor our American heroes. Show your support and appreciation by joining us for this tribute to those who best exemplify honor and strength.

Adult Lectures

The Parker Cultural and Scientific Commission is pleased to sponsor talks on topics that impact Colorado citizens and residents of Douglas County. All lectures are FREE and open to the public, but an RSVP is required to attend. Please call the PACE Center Box Office at 303.805.6800.

- Lamb Springs Archeological Site – Oct. 8; 6:30 p.m.
- Mosaic Art Presentation – Oct. 17; 1-2 p.m.
- Fracking: Fracfocus – Nov. 5; 6:30 p.m.
- Mining in Colorado – Feb. 4; 6:30 p.m.

Travel Classes

Interested in traveling but don't know where to start? Learn from our traveling guru, Kate Engel, who will help you discover local getaways, plan a destination trip or volunteer in a foreign country. Call 303.805.6800 or go online at www.ParkerArts.org/Education to register or learn more.

- Destination Peru – Oct. 21; 7-9 p.m.
- African Safari – A Trip of a Lifetime! – Oct. 28; 7-9 p.m.
- Travel and Volunteer – Cultural Experiences – Feb. 3; 7-9 p.m.
- Destination – Germanic Europe: Germany, Austria, Switzerland – March 3; 7-9 p.m.
- Destination – Guatemala – March 10; 7-9 p.m.

For tickets and more information on Parker Arts shows and events, visit www.ParkerArts.org or call our Box Office at 303.805.6800. Information on classes and other educational opportunities is available at www.ParkerArts.org/Education.

ENJOY FALL WITH PARKER PARKS AND RECREATION

Parker Parks and Recreation offers something for everyone! Whether you're looking for a place to picnic, a youth yoga class or an athletic league to join, you've come to the right place.

For more information about the programs below, or to register, visit www.ParkerRec.com or call 303.841.4500.



Take Some Parent/Child Time

- **Toddler Music Makers** (18 mo. to 3 yrs.)

Dates: Nov. 9-Dec. 7

Toddler Music Makers activates your toddler's imagination through music, practicing a steady beat, ear training, pitch, dexterity, balance and coordination.

- **Baby OM Yoga** (6 wks. to 18 mo.)

Dates: Nov. 9-Dec. 7

Baby OM Yoga includes calming and nurturing sequences for baby.

Fall Break Camps

Camps keep your kids active during school breaks! Register online at www.ParkerRec.com or contact the Recreation Center at 303.841.4500 or the Fieldhouse at 303.805.6300 for more information.



Fun in the Kids' Zone

- **Gym Jam** (3 to 6 yrs.)

Dates: Oct. 30-Nov. 20

Gym Jam features fun and games, all focused on developing large motor skills and burning some energy.

- **Bricks 4 Kids** (3 to 5 yrs.)

Dates: Nov. 11-Dec. 2

Classes use LEGO® Duplos to help learn colors, shapes, letters, numbers and vocabulary.



Camp	Date	Time	Location	Ages	Rate
Fall Break Speed and Agility Camp	Oct. 12-14	10 a.m.-noon	Recreation Center	8-16	\$36 R \$40 NR
SkateStart/720 Boardshop SkateCamp	Oct. 12	9 a.m.-12:30 p.m.	Railbender Park	5+	\$55 R \$60 NR
303 Volleyball Fall Break Camp	Oct. 16	9 a.m.-noon	Fieldhouse	8-14	\$50 R \$55 NR
Parker Fieldhouse Day Camp	School Breaks	Varies	Fieldhouse	5-13	Varies

Youth Adult and Winter Sports Registration

Winter Sports registration opens Nov. 3 with new registration software! On Nov. 1 and 2, visit www.ParkerRec.com and choose Register Now to create a new account and familiarize yourself with the new online registration system. Registration will not be taken on Nov. 1 and 2. On Nov. 3, winter registration will open at 10 a.m. For instructions on creating a new account, visit www.ParkerRec.com/NewRegistration.

Prepare to Hit the Slopes

- **willPower ATHLETIX® SKI** (13+ years)

Dates: Tu, Th; Oct. 13-Nov. 19
willPower ATHLETIX SKI integrates Foot Fitness with sports specific movement patterns and cues to motivate, empower and encourage teamwork.

Excel with Youth Enrichment

- **Handwriting Group** (5 to 7 yrs.)

Dates: Tu; Oct. 20-Nov. 24
Class focuses on correct formation of letters and numbers, improving spatial awareness and pencil control.

- **Friendship Skills Adventure** (5 to 11 yrs.)

Dates: W; Nov. 4-Dec. 16
The program focuses on improving social relationships, increasing attention, self-confidence, coping skills, conflict resolution and more.



PARKER POLICE DEPARTMENT

Keeping Our Community Safe

POLICE DEPARTMENT DEPLOYS BODY-WORN CAMERAS

You will likely notice a new piece of equipment being worn by Parker Police officers next time you see them around Town. All officers are now equipped with body-worn camera.

“These cameras reinforce our dedication to transparency and commitment to quality service,” said Parker Police Chief David King.

While other organizations are coming under scrutiny for their body-worn

camera policy, Parker’s is receiving national support. The Parker Police Department worked with the ACLU to ensure the rights of both officers and citizens.

“Our collaborative effort resulted in what the ACLU believes to be one of the best policies in the country,” said ACLU Public Policy Director Denise Maes.

Body-worn cameras increase the accountability of both officers and

community members. National studies on the use of such devices have shown a drop in use-of-force by officers and an even larger drop in complaints against officers. The cameras have been credited for quickly neutralizing defiant behaviors of suspects when they realize they are being recorded. The recorded video may also be used as evidence in court proceedings.

For more information, call 303.805.9800. or email police@ParkerOnline.org

SERGEANT JOE CUMMINGS SAVES ANOTHER LIFE

For Parker Police Department Sergeant Joe Cummings, it was an ordinary Friday. He had just finished lunch with his wife and gone back on duty. That’s when he heard the call over his radio that there had been an accident.

At 12:34 p.m. on Aug. 21, Daniel Tischhauser was driving southbound near Jordan Road and Centre Court when he struck the rear of another vehicle. When Sergeant Cummings arrived on scene, he found Tischhauser unresponsive and without a pulse inside his vehicle. After pulling the victim out of the vehicle, Sergeant Cummings began administering CPR. For the fifth time in his career, Sergeant Cummings saved a life.



After spending five days at Parker Adventist Hospital, three in ICU, Tischhauser was released from the hospital.

“You saved my life, but I never saw your face until today,” said Tischhauser. He made the bold statement while

reuniting with Sergeant Cummings a week after the accident. Tischhauser and his family had the opportunity to thank Sergeant Cummings and the staff at South Metro Fire and Parker Adventist Hospital who saved his life.

Parker Police Chief David King and Town of Parker Mayor Mike Waid thanked Sergeant Cummings for his heroic actions. Town of Parker councilmembers John Diak, Amy Holland and Debbie Lewis were also on hand to show their appreciation for the man of the hour.

“I didn’t do anything that anyone in blue wouldn’t have done,” said Cummings.

SENIOR SOURCE: HEALTH WORKSHOPS

Check Out These Workshops for Active Aging Adults



Dr. Sears' Prime-Time Health is a scientifically proven plan for healthy aging that is taught by certified coaches through interactive workshops. Workshops are held on select Tuesdays from 1:15 to 2:45 p.m. at the Parker Recreation Center and include hands-on activities, workbooks, healthy snacks and recipes.

Individual sessions cost \$25 each or receive the four-session discount of \$75. Register for Dr. Sears' Prime-Time Health Workshops online at www.ParkerRec.com/Fitness. Registration

for the full series and October sessions is now open. Registration for the November and December individual sessions will open Nov. 3.

For additional information, contact Hillary Roemersberger at 303.805.3278 or hroemersberger@ParkerOnline.org.

- Oct. 6 – Open Your Internal Pharmacy
- Oct. 20 – Make Health Your Hobby
- Nov. 17 – Move Waste from Your Waist
- Dec. 1 – Live Without Pain and Inflammation

HELP PROTECT TOWN FLOODPLAINS

The Town of Parker has many drainageway corridors that are set aside for open space, trails and flood protection. The corridors are continually managed to ensure the functions are not impaired. While trails are maintained and the open space vegetation is managed, the overall flood capacity is also carefully analyzed.

The Town has not allowed development encroachment into these corridors to ensure there is adequate space to safely convey the 100-year flood discharge. These corridors also require routine inspections and maintenance to ensure there are no excessive debris blockages that could block a road crossing during

a flood or channel and bank instability that could result in a shift of the flood flows. Dumping of yard waste and/or trash in the storm system and open spaces could lead to large debris blockages that may cause flooding downstream. Please do your part in keeping these corridors clear of debris and safe from flooding.

For additional information related to flood insurance, floodplains or stormwater facilities, please visit the Stormwater section of the Town's website at www.ParkerOnline.org or www.FloodSmart.gov.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORNER

October is National Community Planning Month. This year's theme, "Healthy Communities, Healthy People," focuses on how the built environment plays an integral role in our health. The way our community is planned – including land development patterns, transportation options and community design – has an impact on access to healthy foods and opportunities to get outside and exercise.

We all recognize that change is constant and affects all communities. Community planning can help manage change and optimize choices. Starting in 1985 with the Town's first Master Plan, Parker and its citizens thoughtfully developed a comprehensive plan that resulted in the quality of life that we all enjoy today. The Town, with the input of citizens, continues to plan for the future by looking at our community holistically. We consider immediate and future impacts of decisions - all while striving to continue to enhance the overall quality of life for current and future residents.

National Community Planning Month gives us the opportunity to recognize the participation and dedication of professional planners, members of planning commissions and other citizen planners who have contributed their time and expertise to the improvement of our community.





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OCTOBER 2015 COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Estate Planning 101 & 201

- Oct. 5 and 12; 6:30 to 8 p.m.
- Crossroads Community Church
- Email Wade@DCandAssociates.com or call 720.840.4610 to RSVP.

International Walk to School Day

- Oct. 7
- Go to www.WalkBiketoSchool.org for more information.

Step Seven Ministries Free Community Dinner

- Oct. 9; 6:30 p.m.
- The Schoolhouse
- Go to www.StepSeven.org or call 720.387.7860 for more information.

Parker Senior Center Craft Fair

- Oct. 9-10; 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- Parker Senior Center
- Go to www.ParkerSeniorCenter.org or call 303.841.5370 for more information.

Lessons & Lemonade and Teen Art Studio

- Oct. 10; 9:30/11:30 a.m. and 1 p.m.
- Hobby Lobby (Parker & Mainstreet)
- Go to www.ParkerArtistsGuild.com or call 720.542.8187 for more information.

Parker Genealogical Society: "The Salem Witchcraft Hysteria"

- Oct. 10; 1:30 p.m.
- Stroh Road Fire Station
- Call 720.840.3202 for more information.

Geeks Who Read, Teen Trivia Night

- Oct. 13; 7 p.m.
- Parker Library
- Go to www.DouglasCountyLibraries.org to register or call 303.791.7323 for more information.

Evening with Author Christine Goff

- Oct. 21; 7 p.m.
- Parker Library
- Go to www.DouglasCountyLibraries.org to register or call 303.791.7323 for more information.

9-1-1 For Kids

- Oct. 24; 9 a.m., noon or 3 p.m.
- Parker Police Department
- Go to www.ParkerPolice.org to register or call 303.805.6611 for more information.

Women's Divorce Workshop

- Oct. 24; 8 a.m. to noon
- Southeast Christian Church
- Go to www.DivorceWorkshopDenver.com or call 303.210.2607 for more information.

Old Town Wine Walk

- Oct. 30; 5 to 8 p.m.
- Downtown Parker
- Go to www.ParkerChamber.com or call 303.841.4268 for more information.

Trick or Treat on Mainstreet

- Oct. 31; 3 to 8 p.m.
- O'Brien Park and Downtown Parker
- Go to www.CCVRotary.org for more information.