



Celebrate the Holidays **IN YOUR HOMETOWN!**

The holiday season is upon us! Celebrate with the Town of Parker at these popular annual events.

Mayor's Holiday Lighting presented by Xfinity

Bundle up and bring your family and friends to kick off the holiday season at the Mayor's Holiday Lighting presented by Xfinity on Friday, Nov. 27 at 5 p.m. in O'Brien Park. Enjoy a festive lineup of holiday entertainment and then experience the magic when you join the Mayor, Town Council, Xfinity, Mr. and Mrs. Claus and the Parker Chorale at 6 p.m. for a Town sing-a-long of Silent Night before the grand park lighting. Concessions will be available for spectators to enjoy during the

show. Visit www.ParkerOnline.org/MayorsHolidayLighting for more information.

Free Holiday Carriage Rides

Enjoy the beauty of downtown Parker during the holidays! The Town is providing free carriage and wagon rides every Saturday night between Thanksgiving and Christmas from 4:30 to 8:30 p.m., with a special opening night at the Mayor's Holiday Lighting on Friday, Nov. 27 (6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.). Rides are free, but participants will need to pick up a ticket at one of our two Ride Stations to get on the carriages. Visit www.ParkerOnline.org/CarriageRides for more information on ticket pick-up locations.

Free visits with Santa are also being offered at the PACE Center sponsored by the Foerster Team, Cherry Creek Properties, from 5 to 8 p.m. The Carriage Rides are sponsored in part by the Foerster Team, Cherry Creek Properties and Parker Flats at Old Town and Klingbeil Capital Management.

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DID YOU KNOW?

Do you have an American flag that needs to be retired? You can drop your flags off at Parker Town Hall Monday through Friday between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Town Hall serves as a collection point and provides collected flags to local scout troops to formally retire the flags.





From the Mayor and Town Council **THIS HOLIDAY SEASON, PLEASE REMEMBER TO SHOP PARKER!**

The holiday season is upon us and the Town of Parker is encouraging residents and visitors to “Shop Parker” and support local businesses! The goal of the Shop Parker program is to create awareness within our community about the value and benefits of shopping local.

By shopping locally, you can take an active role in supporting and improving the Parker community, as area businesses pump dollars back into the local economy by way of taxes, payroll and purchases. This means more money for new jobs, improved roads and other important services. This process is not limited to just dollars spent at locally owned or independent retailers.

Shopping at all Parker businesses makes a positive impact on our economy, and the Town is committed to supporting all aspects of local commerce.

Parker has been very fortunate in recent years to benefit from a strong local economy thanks to a unique collection of businesses. The results of this strong local commerce have been extremely favorable to the community. Parker now boasts some of the area’s best public amenities, including state-of-the-art recreational facilities, amazing parks and trails, exciting community events and so much more.



Help fund the trails you enjoy, the streets you drive and the programs you love by shopping locally! Look for window stickers on the storefronts of local businesses that have chosen to adopt the Shop Parker cause. Show these merchants just how much civic pride you have by supporting their business, and help us keep our local economy strong!

IT’S THE MOST WONDERFUL TIME OF THE YEAR!

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Christmas Carriage Parade

Continue the holiday tradition in downtown Parker at the Christmas Carriage Parade on Saturday, Dec. 12 at noon! See spectacular marching bands, equestrian entries and catch



a glimpse of Mr. and Mrs. Claus! Come early and stay after the parade to experience holiday ice sculpting sponsored by Kneaders Bakery & Café and Huntington Learning Center and a petting zoo and pony rides sponsored by Westerra Credit Union and Swingle Lawn and Tree Landscape Care from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. The Home for the Holidays Winter Market will be open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and there will be pictures with Santa sponsored by Authentic Brazilian Jiu Jitsu from 1 to 3 p.m.!

The 2015 parade is themed “A Storybook Christmas” and will begin heading west on Mainstreet

at noon. Parade spectators are asked to remember that Mainstreet and Victorian roads will be closed from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and those parked in this area will not be able to exit until roads are reopened. Parking outside of these limits is advised. Visit www.ParkerOnline.org/CarriageParade for maps and more information. You may also call 303.841.0353.

Many thanks to the sponsors that help make this event possible: Authentic Brazilian Jiu Jitsu, Kneaders Bakery & Café, Swingle Lawn Tree and Landscape Care, Westerra Credit Union, Parker Station Professional Offices, Escalade Financial Partners and Spradlin Printing. A special thank you to our Town Partners: Huntington Learning Center and Rocky Mountain Real Estate Advisors.

GET READY FOR SNOW SEASON



It is the Town of Parker's goal to provide the best snow service possible within the constraints of budget, personnel and available equipment. Keep in mind that Parker Road/State Highway 83 is maintained and plowed by the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT), rather than the Town.

Snow Operations Policy

Although the Public Works Department has a snow plowing priority system in place, the time required to clear the roads depends on several variables such as the snowstorm intensity, duration, wind and the temperature.

The Town of Parker sees approximately six feet of snow during an average snow season, which is typically spread over several dozen snow events. Arterial roadways are our first priority and will be cleared first. These are the major roadways that carry the most traffic volume, such as Stroh Road, Hess Road, 20 Mile Road, Cottonwood Drive, Canterbury Parkway, Lincoln Avenue, Jordan Road, Pine Drive, Hilltop Road and Mainstreet.

Collector streets are our second priority, including, but not limited to, Dransfeldt, Riva Ridge, Motsenbocker, J. Morgan, Nate, Bradbury Parkway, Clark Farms Drive, Pine Lane, Apache Plume, Crown Crest Boulevard, Tallman, Omaha and Canterbury Trail. These streets provide access to the

arterial roadways and will be cleared once the arterial roadways have been plowed.

School bus routes not already plowed under the second priority are our third priority and will be plowed when accumulation exceeds three inches. Per Town Council policy, local residential roads and cul-de-sacs that provide traffic flow within subdivisions and access to homes are not plowed unless 10 inches or more snow has fallen or if major drifting has occurred. Snow depths are determined by the National Weather Service reporting within the Town limits. When residential streets are plowed, only approximately an 18 to 20 foot-wide path will be cleared.

A map of the Town of Parker's snow routes is available online at www.ParkerOnline.org/Snow-Priority-System. For more information on the Town's snow policy, email Public Works at publicworks@parkeronline.org or call 303.840.9546.

TIPS FOR WINTER

▶ Park vehicles off of the street when it snows. This keeps vehicles from being plowed in, protects them from passing vehicles and gives snow plows more space to maneuver.

▶ Shovel your sidewalks! Don't forget to shovel sidewalks on your property when the snow stops falling. Snow left on walks turns into ice and makes for hazardous walking conditions for you and others.

▶ Avoid shoveling or blowing snow into the street. If your street is plowed, some snow will get back on your driveway and we understand that this can be frustrating. You can help by shoveling snow from sidewalks or driveways into your yard as any snow placed in the street will likely be pushed back into your driveway by a passing snow plow. In addition, snow placed in the gutter may cause icing issues.

▶ Stay at home if possible and avoid the stress of driving in poor weather conditions. Every car left at home reduces the number of potentially stranded vehicles which can slow down plowing operations. When there are fewer vehicles operating on the roadways, the quicker the streets can be cleared.

▶ Keep children out of the street. Remind your children to avoid playing on snow piled on the road or in cul-de-sacs. Equipment operators may not see children playing due to low visibility or other causes.

▶ When driving near a snow plow, slow down and use caution. If you can't see the snow plow's mirrors, the driver probably can't see you.



CELEBRATE THE SEASON WITH PARKER ARTS

GET YOUR TICKETS FOR MARY POPPINS!



Jan. 15-31 • PACE Center

With the Banks children running rampant, a magical nanny flies in to save the day. The show is pure confectionery fun, featuring songs you know and love, like “Chim Chim Cher-ee,” “A Spoonful of Sugar,” “Feed the Birds” and countless other merry melodies. Chock full of dancing chimney sweeps, an eclectic array of colorful characters, spectacular singing and eye-popping sets and costumes, this family musical is nothing short of “Supercalifragilistic-expialidocious.” *Makes a great gift for the holidays!*

COMING SOON!

The New Year means new shows! Don't miss out on these great performances coming in 2016.

- Out of Bounds – Feb. 3-4
- Celtic Nights: Spirit of Freedom – Feb. 5-6
- Wonderbound: Rock Ballets – Feb. 13-14
- Hooking Up with Second City – Feb. 20
- Parker Symphony Orchestra:
PSO Goes to the Movies – Feb. 26

PARKER ARTS HAS THE HOLIDAY FESTIVITIES TO MAKE THIS YEAR ONE TO REMEMBER!

Asleep at the Wheel: Merry Texas Christmas Y'all

Nov. 27 • PACE Center

This Western swing band combines their most popular songs with holiday favorites and originals.

Colorado Jazz Repertory Orchestra: Big Band Christmas with the CJRO

Nov. 28 • PACE Center

Colorado's premier 16-piece big band swings holiday classics.

A Classic Parker Holiday

Dec. 4-6 • PACE Center

Get in the spirit of the holiday season with the Parker Chorale and the Parker Symphony Orchestra.

The Manhattan Transfer

Dec. 12 • PACE Center

This 10-time Grammy® winning vocal quartet with brilliant harmonies sings holiday jazz.

Nutcracker of Parker

Dec. 17-20 • PACE Center

The Colorado School of Dance performs its annual splendid production of Tchaikovsky's holiday classic.

WINTER/SPRING CLASSES

Parker Arts' Winter/Spring classes are open for registration! With tons of great theater, art, science, music and dance classes, kids can explore anything from space to robotics, acting to painting and more. You don't have to be a kid to learn something new; Parker Arts offers a variety of adult classes, too!

Learn more about our educational offerings at www.ParkerArts.org/Education.

KIDS' WINTER BREAK CAMPS

Winter is coming! Register for our fun and educational Winter Break Camps and keep your child's mind and imagination warm and toasty as the weather gets cold. With camps like “Science in Motion” and “Jedi Master Engineering Using LEGO,” kids will have a blast learning something new!

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.

GET OFF THE COUCH THIS WINTER WITH PARKER PARKS AND RECREATION

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



Holiday Fitness Special

Let Parker Parks and Recreation help you look good, increase energy and decrease stress with our Holiday Fitness Special. Dec. 7 through 31, purchase unlimited, one-hour personal training sessions for \$35 each, and one-hour Pilates Reformer sessions for only \$40. Purchase three one-hour youth/senior personal training sessions and get one free. You may also buy three 30-minute express personal training sessions for \$99 and get an additional session free.

Winter Break Camps

Winter camps for youth will keep kids active during school breaks! Camps are held at the Parker Fieldhouse. For more information or to register for sports camps, visit www.ParkerRec.com/Sports. For more information about the Parker Fieldhouse Day Camp, visit www.ParkerRec.com/DayCamp.

Camp	Date	Ages
NBN Basketball Shooting Development Camp	Dec. 18	6-17
Holiday Fundamentals Basketball Camp 1	Dec. 21-23	6-17
Langtry Winter Break Beginner's LAX Camp	Dec. 21-22	6-13
303 Volleyball Holiday Camp	Dec. 29-30	8-18



Spend Time with Old St. Nick

Milk & Cookies with Santa (3 mos. to 9 yrs.)

- Dec. 13; 1 to 2:30 p.m.

Don't miss the opportunity to spend some quality time with jolly old St. Nick and kick off a magical holiday season. The cost is \$10 for Parker residents and \$13 for non-residents. Registration opens on Nov. 3 at 10 a.m. at www.ParkerRec.com/KidsZone. Space is limited.



Camp	Date	Ages
Holiday Softball Camp	Dec. 29-30	5-12
Jedi Training Camp	Dec. 28-30	8-18
Winter Break Fencing Camp	Dec. 28-30	8-18
Parker Fieldhouse Day Camp	School Breaks	5-13

Get Fit This Thanksgiving!



Kick off a happy, healthy Thanksgiving Day with family and friends at our annual Turkey Day 5K FUN Run/Walk on Nov. 26 at 8 a.m. starting at the Parker Recreation Center.

Pre-registration, which closes at midnight on Nov. 24, is only \$15 and race-day registration is \$20. All pre-registered participants will receive commemorative winter gloves and a chance to win prizes. Participants who bring a non-perishable food item for the Parker Task Force will receive an additional prize drawing ticket (limit one per person).

Register for this event online at www.ParkerRec.com/TurkeyDay5K or contact Hillary Roemersberger at hroemersberger@parkeronline.org or 303.805.3278 for more information. Strollers are welcomed, but please leave dogs at home.

Parker Parks and Recreation would like to thank our Turkey Day 5K Finish Line Sponsors: Allstate – Eddie Pacheco Agency, Huntington Learning Center, Rocky Mountain Real Estate Advisors, Sports Authority and Stonegate Dental Care.

Become a sponsor for our 2016 Run Series! Visit www.ParkerRec.com/RunSeries for more information.



PARKER POLICE DEPARTMENT

Keeping Our Community Safe

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH GETS 21ST-CENTURY REBOOT WITH NEXTDOOR

The Parker Police Department re-launched its Neighborhood Watch program with the aid of the social media website Nextdoor. Over the years, the participation in traditional Neighborhood Watch programs has declined. We understand the importance of developing a sense of community and how it impacts public safety and quality of life. Neighborhoods where people know each other are neighborhoods where people watch out for each other.

Social media has helped make the world a smaller place. It is an excellent tool to keep in touch with people all over the world. However, it has also reduced the interactions people have with their

neighbors. Thirty years ago, people knew everyone on their block. Today, 28% of Americans don't know any of their neighbors' names. The challenge in today's fast-paced world is finding a way to connect neighbors and build that feeling of community.

Nextdoor is a free and private social network for neighborhoods. Unlike Facebook, where you can be friends with people from anywhere in the world, on Nextdoor only people living within the same area have access to the neighborhood website. People get to know their neighbors, organize neighborhood events, report suspicious activities and get notifications of local

crimes. Through the use of Nextdoor, the Parker Police Department will be able to send out targeted messages to those affected.

Attending traditional Neighborhood Watch meetings has become increasingly difficult. The development of a virtual meeting place where residents can consume the information at their convenience will revitalize the Neighborhood Watch concept.

Please join the Parker Police Department and your neighbors at www.Nextdoor.com. When neighbors start talking, good things happen.

LIEUTENANT JOKERST GRADUATES FBI ACADEMY



Congratulations to Parker Police Department Lieutenant Doreen Jokerst on her graduation from the FBI National Academy.

On Sept. 18, Lieutenant Jokerst successfully completed the three-month course devised for U.S. and international law enforcement leaders. The academy is the premier educational program for law enforcement upper level command

staff in law enforcement organizations.

After spending six years volunteering in the Parker Police Department Cadet Program, Lieutenant Jokerst was hired in May 1998. She has worked her way up through the department, assigned to all divisions of the organization to include Patrol, Investigations and Office of Professional Standards. She graduated from the Leadership in Police Organizations, Northwestern University School of Police Staff and the Senior Management Institute for Police. In 2009, Jokerst was appointed as the Town of Parker Emergency

Manager and was later promoted in 2012 to the rank of Lieutenant. She graduated with a Master of Arts degree with an emphasis on psychology from Regis University, and a Bachelor of Science degree in criminal justice from Metropolitan State College of Denver. She is currently a Lieutenant in the Patrol Division.

Parker PD now has five FBI National Academy Graduates on the force: Chief of Police David King, Captain Jim Tsurapas, Captain Ron Combs, Lieutenant James Prior and Lieutenant Jokerst.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORNER

Planning and Building a Healthy and Sustainable Parker!

With the growing Colorado economy, the Town's land use application submittals and construction activity has consistently been on the rise in the past five years. Parker's high quality of life and amenities continue to be the attractants in all development sectors, keeping the Development Review Division extremely busy!

Multi-family development has seen an increase in the first time in over 10 years. Developments under construction include Watermark Apartments on Mainstreet, Parker Flats Apartments in downtown and the Enclave at Cherry Creek on Pine Lane. These projects will provide Parker with over 730 new multi-family homes. In addition, two more multi-family projects are under review and will break ground next year adding another 600 dwelling units.

Commercial activity is also on the rise with the addition of Gander Mountain and Boondocks Family Fun Center in Crown Point; King Soopers Marketplace in Cottonwood; Culvers, Wendy's, Freddy's Frozen Custard and Kneaders restaurants; CarMax; CVS Pharmacy; Dransfeldt Business Center; Parker Auto Plaza Service & Sales Facility; Advance Auto Parts; and the new Douglas County Parker Library.

The Comprehensive Planning Division continues to plan for the future of our



growing community with the goals of maintaining our high quality of life and Parker's economic sustainability. The Town recently approved the Mainstreet Master Plan with 140 recommendations focused on strengthening and growing our downtown, including both sides of Parker Road. The Plan reinforces Town Council's goal of promoting downtown as a successful, economically sustainable and vibrant destination where citizens, businesses and visitors come together to live, work, shop and play. The division also continues to work with RTD, Douglas County and volunteers from the public to improve transit services to and throughout Parker.

The Neighborhood Services Division continues to work with property owners to help them comply with the Town's codes. So far in 2015, Neighborhood Services has conducted a total of 4,636 inspections in Town, which includes neighborhoods, shopping centers and vacant fields.

The Community Development Department expects further growth in 2016 and looks forward to continuing our role of community planning to ensure quality growth and the safety of the buildings while maintaining our high quality of life.

NEW ONLINE REGISTRATION FOR PARKER RECREATION AND PARKER ARTS

ACTIVE
network.

Parker Parks and Recreation and Parker Arts are excited to announce the release of a new online registration system!

The new ACTIVE Net® system will allow participants to easily search, register and pay for activities and leagues, view memberships and manage profiles on any computer, tablet or smart phone.

ACTIVE Net will be available to explore beginning Nov. 1 at 7 a.m. with activity and league registrations opening on Nov. 3 at 10 a.m. Visit www.ParkerRec.com/NewRegistration for recreation activities and leagues or www.ParkerArts.org/Education for cultural arts and science activities.

Contact Sarah Armsbury at sarmsbury@parkeronline.org or 303.805.3273 with questions.





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NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2015 COMMUNITY CALENDAR

A Walk Through Colorado Wineries

• Nov. 6; 6:30 p.m.
Douglas County Libraries at Parker
Go to www.DouglasCountyLibraries.org
or call 303.791.7323 to register.

Castle Rock Writers of Douglas County Annual Writers Conference

• Nov. 7; 8:15 a.m.
PACE Center
Go to www.CastleRockWriters.com or call
303.521.8615 for more information.

Yuletide Bazaar

• Nov. 14; 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Parker Fieldhouse
Go to www.MPCParker.org or call
720.336.3447 for more information.

Lessons & Lemonade and Teen Art Studio

• Nov. 14; 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.

Ponderosa Performing Arts Dinner and Auction: A Sweet Charity Fundraiser

• Nov. 14; 6 to 10 p.m.
Colorado Golf Club
Go to www.PonderosaTheatre.com or call
720.933.0986 for more information.

Coffee and Coloring

• Nov. 16; 6:30 p.m.
Douglas County Libraries at Parker
Go to www.DouglasCountyLibraries.org
or call 303.791.7323 to register.

Turkey Day 5K FUN Run/Walk

• Nov. 26; 8 a.m.
Parker Recreation Center
Go to www.ParkerRec.com/TurkeyDay5K
for more information.

Women's Divorce Workshop

• Nov. 28; 8 a.m. to noon
Southeast Christian Church
Go to www.DivorceWorkshopDenver.com
or call 303.210.2607 for more information.

Yes Virginia, There is a Santa Claus

• Dec. 5 & 6; 2 and 5:30 p.m.
The Schoolhouse at Mainstreet
For tickets go to www.ParkerArts.org or
call 303.841.9620 for more information.

TOWN HOLIDAY CLOSURES

Nov. 11
Town Hall closed.

Nov. 26
Town Hall,
Recreation Center
and Fieldhouse
closed.

Nov. 27
Town Hall closed.

Dec. 24
Town Hall closed.
Recreation Center
and Fieldhouse
close at noon.

Dec. 25
Town Hall,
Recreation Center
and Fieldhouse
closed.

Dec. 31
Recreation Center
and Fieldhouse
close at 4 p.m.

Jan. 1
Town Hall,
Recreation Center
and Fieldhouse
closed.