



Put Your Christmas Tree to Work

CHRISTMAS TREE RECYCLING

The Town of Parker will host its annual Christmas Tree Recycling Program from Dec. 26 through Jan. 24. This year's drop-off site will again be the east paved Salisbury Park ballfields parking lot, located at 11920 Motsenbocker Rd., and available to Parker residents only.

Both green and flocked **REAL** trees are accepted. Before dropping off any Christmas trees, remove all plastic tarps, tree stands and nails, ornaments, lights, garland and tinsel. No artificial

trees, garland or wreathes with wire backing will be accepted.

Please drop off during park hours only, 6 a.m. to 11 p.m., and do not illegally dump any other items at the drop-off location. Commercial tree lot disposal or yard waste is not permitted.

The trees collected by the program will be chipped into mulch, which will be available at the same site at no charge to residents beginning Jan. 2. Remaining mulch will be utilized throughout the Town and not discarded in a landfill.

Residents should not place Christmas trees in garbage containers. Keeping trees out of the landfills helps extend the life of landfills and produces a useful resource. The annual Christmas Tree Recycling Program is just one of many ways that Parker residents can reduce, reuse and recycle.

Please contact the Town of Parker at 303.840.9546 with further questions.



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DID YOU KNOW?

Don't forget to shovel this winter! 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. Help us keep Parker's sidewalks safe for travel this winter!





From the Mayor and Town Council **DEALING WITH THE DANGERS OF CYBER-BULLYING**

“You’re pathetic and mean nothing. No one likes you @ school.”

Words such as these are so easily sent through various ways on social media, yet they can have such a powerful and potentially dangerous impact on whoever is receiving the message.

Parker Arts has joined forces with the local community to offer an arts-based approach to dealing with the dangerous world of cyber-bullying through the Working Group Theatre’s production of “Out of Bounds.” In addition to the performance, the PACE Center is hosting an event where families can engage with expert speakers and learn what can be done to prevent cyber-bullying and ultimately stop it.

About the Event

Over a dozen different groups will be present to offer their educational expertise on bullying, counseling and suicide prevention on Feb. 3 and 4

at the PACE Center. Special guest Kristy Arellano will discuss her family’s experience, after her daughter Kiana tried to end her life as a result of bullying. Following the play, a short panel discussion allows families to ask questions on the topic. Panelists include Arellano, along with Dr. Scott Ross, an expert on bullying from the Colorado Department of Education, and Ann Walton with the Douglas County School District Student Wellness Department.

Two performances of Out of Bounds will be held, the first at 5 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 3, as well as a school-day performance at 10 a.m. on Thursday, Feb. 4.

About the Play

In this honest play about cyber-bullying, a 14-year-old girl and her peers open a discussion about bullying, friendship, past mistakes and forgiveness. On a dare, Amy posted a picture of herself

online that she shouldn’t have. When the picture makes it around her school, the situation gets out of hand and she has to switch to a new school in the middle of the year. Hoping for a fresh start, Amy avoids the Internet and social media and attempts to make new friends. Unfortunately, her past catches up with her and the bullying threatens to start again.

Out of Bounds combines video footage, graphic illustrations and stories from parents, teachers and others who have faced the challenges of bullying. This Working Group Theatre production is both thoughtful and powerful for today’s students facing multi-faceted bullying.

For more information or to purchase tickets, visit www.ParkerArts.org or call the PACE Center box office at 303.805.6800. Tickets are \$12 for adults, while children ages 8 to 18 will be admitted for free.

WRAPPING UP THE HOLIDAYS

The holiday season has come and gone, but the memories of our Parker festivities and events live on! Cold weather and snow didn’t stop the community from enjoying the Mayor’s Holiday Lighting, Holiday Carriage Rides and Christmas Carriage Parade!

The Town of Parker would like to thank all the generous sponsors that helped make our annual festivities

possible: Authentic Brazilian Jiu Jitsu; Xfinity; Kneaders Bakery & Café; Swingle Lawn Tree and Landscape Care; Westerra Credit Union; Parker Station Professional Offices; Escalade Financial Partners; the Foerster Team, Cherry Creek Properties; Parker Flats at Old Town and Klingbeil Capital Management; Brightway Insurance; The Casey Family; and Spradlin Printing.



We would like to extend a special thank you to our Town Partners: Huntington Learning Center and Rocky Mountain Real Estate Advisors.

CELEBRATE THE STATE OF OUR TOWN

Reserve your place at the 2016 Parker State of the Town Luncheon and Mayor's Black Tie & Boots Gala!



The Rotary Club of Parker is honored to host the 2016 Parker State of the Town Luncheon on Feb. 23 and the Mayor's Black Tie & Boots Gala on Feb. 27 at the PACE Center. These events will provide you with the opportunity to support your community and visit with Mayor Mike Waid, Town Councilmembers and Town officials. A feature at the luncheon will be the presentation of the Parker Impact Award, which recognizes a person who has made a valuable contribution to the Parker community.

The seventh annual State of the Town luncheon will begin at 11:30 a.m. with a keynote address by Mayor Mike Waid. Following the Mayor's State of the Town address, the Rotary Club of Parker will continue its tradition of highlighting those who consistently make a valuable contribution to the community. Rotary officials will present the Parker Impact Award to one of the nominees.

The theme for the third annual fundraiser gala is "Mayor's Black Tie & Boots." The gala begins at 6 p.m. on Feb. 27. This black-tie/cocktail attire/

boots for everyone event will include heavy hors d'oeuvres and dancing to the American Honey Band. This event will give attendees the opportunity to meet and chat with the Mayor and Town officials and participate in a silent auction for a variety of fantastic items. A cash bar will be available throughout the evening.

The Rotary Club of Parker is a volunteer service organization whose members donate their time, talent and treasure to help others in the community and the world. Net proceeds from these events will be used for local and global community service projects supporting those in need. Plan on attending and helping to celebrate the Town of Parker. Make your reservations early, as these events sold out last year.

To purchase tickets or become a sponsor, visit www.ParkerRotary.org or contact Larry Brutlag (brutlagl@gmail.com; 303.947.9136) or Steve Trevino (snaatrevino@aol.com; 303.204.5407).

PARKER MAKES ANOTHER "BEST CITIES" LIST

The Town of Parker has been included in another ranking of the best cities to live, this time coming in at No. 19 on WalletHub.com's list of the "Best Small Cities in America" for 2015.

WalletHub's ranking included 1,268 cities with population sizes between 25,000 and 100,000 residents. The study compared the communities by 22 different metrics across four key categories: Affordability, Economic Health, Education and Health, and Quality of Life.

Parker was one of three Colorado cities to make the top 100 along with Littleton (No. 2) and Lafayette (No. 48).

The Town of Parker has received additional high ratings in recent years from a variety of sources, including being named the No. 12 "Best Place to Live" by *CNNMoney Magazine* in 2013 and the 47th "Safest City in America" for 2014 according to NeighborhoodScout.com, a data and research-based website.

Also, in the past month, Parker was named the "Bakery Capital of Colorado" and earned the No. 4 national rating among all of the top state picks in a geospatial and business data study cited by another research-based website, Graphiq.com.



EXCITING LIVE PERFORMANCES COMING THIS WINTER TO PACE

MARY POPPINS FLIES INTO PARKER!



• Jan. 15-31 • PACE Center
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.”

Practically Perfect Family Day with Mary Poppins

• Jan. 23 • PACE Center
Join us for a jolly holiday with Mary Poppins, Bert and the Banks family and enjoy a “Practically Perfect” day of events. Lunch and a spoonful of sweet treats for dessert will be provided. Kids will have a blast with fun crafts and the opportunity to meet their favorite Mary Poppins characters. Keep the good times going with the Family Day Package to stay and watch a matinee performance at 2 p.m., and then experience the magic behind the production with an exclusive backstage tour after the show! Don’t wait to register, as availability is limited. Reservations must be made by Jan. 16!

Big Bubble Circus

• Jan. 16 • PACE Center
Jim Jackson stars in this very funny family-friendly circus of silliness featuring bubbles of all sizes and shapes—some as big as a whale. Add to these giant soap bubbles a hilarious mix of circus, magic and buffoonery and you have the spell binding chaos of Big Bubble Circus!

Free Adult Lecture Series: Mining In Colorado

• Feb. 4 • PACE Center
Mining is essential to our daily lives and many of the resources it yields are produced right here in Colorado. Overall, mining generates \$8.8 billion in revenue for Colorado and produces more than 73,000 jobs. Join speaker Stuart Sanderson and mine for the facts on Mining In Colorado. *RSVP required to attend.*

Celtic Nights: Spirit of Freedom

• Feb. 5-6 • PACE Center
Through music, song, dance and storytelling, Celtic Nights honors the struggle of a people fighting to gain freedom, independence and true democracy. Join the Celtic Nights on a journey through their heritage’s past, present and future, capturing the essence of a great people from a small island.

Comedy & Cocktails: Jordan Doll

• Feb. 13 • PACE Center
Parker Arts, in association with The Empire of Crime, presents the best stand-up comedy talents from Denver and beyond. Enjoy a drink and have a laugh in this hilarious four-show series headlining Jordan Doll, recent winner of Comedy Works’ “New Faces of Comedy” contest. *For mature audiences only.*

UPCOMING ART EXHIBITS

The Art of Wellness

• Jan. 12 - Feb. 7 • PACE Center
Bellco Credit Union Art Gallery
The Art of Wellness exhibit is a collaboration with Parker Adventist Hospital and will feature works by local artists in fiber art and photography. The exhibit is part of the Healing Art Program integrating art into health care to benefit the mind, body and spirit for patients, families and staff in the health care industry. Various art mediums such as music and visual art have helped people reduce stress, calm the senses and even aid in the healing process. This exhibit brings to attention the health benefits art can provide us in our daily lives.

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.

KEEP YOUR NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS WITH PARKER PARKS AND RECREATION

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



Commit to Fit

The Commit to Fit Weight Loss Challenge will help you lose inches and pounds and gain new friends! Teams get the opportunity to work with a personal trainer twice a week, receive nutrition counseling, pre- and post-fitness testing, weekly group boot camp classes, weekly weigh-ins and more! Applications are available until Jan. 15 at the front desk of the Recreation Center and Fieldhouse.



Denver Nuggets Skills Challenge

The Denver Nuggets Skills Challenge gives boys and girls ages 7 to 14 a chance to compete in separate divisions in basketball dribbling, shooting and passing, with the winner of each division advancing to the sectional, which will be hosted at the Fieldhouse in February. Registration for this FREE event will begin at 4:30 p.m. with the event starting at 5 p.m. on Jan. 30.



Adult Soccer Players Needed!

Soccer players/teams are needed for both men's and women's adult spring leagues. There are NO player or referee fees! A one-time team fee of \$550 includes 10 games through regular season and playoffs AND prizes to the top team. Team registration for the men's league opens Jan. 26 and league play begins March 6. If you are interested in playing as a free agent or team for indoor women's soccer, email Errin at ekoon@parkeronline.org.



Parents' Night Out

Mom and Dad, enjoy a Saturday night out while we watch your kids at the Fieldhouse. Our talented staff will keep your kids active and entertained so you don't have to! We host plenty of games and activities, crafts, movies, climbing and skating (must bring your own skates) to keep your kids busy. Upcoming dates include Jan. 2, Feb. 6, March 12 and April 9.



Healthy Body, Healthy Baby

We offer many new classes and workshops for women who are expecting or wanting to prepare their bodies for pregnancy.

Prenatal Aqua Aerobics is a fun, relaxing, low-impact workout in the water! Class will improve your flexibility, strengthen your body and stabilize your spine.

Dr. Sears' L.E.A.N. Expectations workshop topics include preparing for pregnancy, eating well, prenatal exercise and self-care, both during pregnancy and postpartum.

Prenatal Yoga allows women to connect with moms in various stages of pregnancy, designed with stretching, breathing and relaxation techniques to relieve the common discomforts of pregnancy.

Zumba Kids!

Zumba Kids® is a fun, safe and effective way for your child to have a blast while staying active! Utilizing the Zumba® program's moves and high-octane workouts, Zumba Kids is designed to let kids max out on fun and fitness all at the same time.



PARKER POLICE DEPARTMENT

Keeping Our Community Safe

POLICE CHIEF KING ACHIEVES EXECUTIVE CERTIFICATION

Parker Police Department Chief David King was recognized for his commitment to law enforcement, receiving his executive certification from the Colorado Association of Chiefs of Police (CACP). In October 2015, Rick Brandt, Evans Police Chief and President of the CACP, presented the award to Chief King in front of the Parker Town Council.

To obtain certification by the CACP as a Police Executive, an individual has to show a high level of education, experience, leadership and dedication in the profession of law enforcement.



In 2007, after 21 years on the force, Chief King was sworn in as the fifth Chief of the Parker Police Department. Under his leadership, the department achieved its first accreditation through the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc. (CALEA) in 2013. In 2015, the

CALEA Public Safety Communications Accreditation was achieved. Also last year, the Parker Police Department became one of the first metro area agencies mandating the use of body-worn cameras for all officers.

Chief King has attended numerous schools throughout the country over the years, including: graduate of the FBI National Academy session 198, graduate of the Senior Management Institute for Police, graduate of the FBI – LEEDA (Law Enforcement Executive Development Association) and Drug Enforcement Commanders Academy.

POLICE DEPARTMENT TIDBITS

Parker Task Force Food Drive

Ten Parker Police Officers aided the Parker Task Force with their annual Thanksgiving Food Drive. Officers helped the Task Force load and unload countless boxes. Enough food was passed out to feed more than 1,000 Parker residents.



Cram the Cruiser

The Police Department's annual food drive, Cram the Cruiser, raised more than 10,000 individual servings of food for the Parker Task Force's Backpack Program. Residents enjoyed hot chocolate, caroling and a snow queen while delivering the food to our officers.



Remember: Give Blood!

To raise awareness about the importance of blood donation, eight Parker Officers donated blood in honor of Denver Officer Tony Lopez Jr. Along with first responders and hospital staff, blood donation is credited with helping to save Officer Lopez' life.



SENIOR SOURCE: MANAGE ARTHRITIS

New Parker Parks and Recreation Programs Aim to Ease Arthritis Pain

Parker Parks and Recreation is excited to offer two new Arthritis Foundation exercise programs, which are proven to reduce the pain of arthritis and improve overall health.

The Arthritis Foundation's Walk with Ease program is a six-week class that teaches participants how to safely make physical activity a part of everyday life. In addition to reduced pain and improved health, Walk with Ease is proven to increase balance and strength, as well as build confidence in the ability to be active. Participants meet Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 9 to 10 a.m. at the Fieldhouse. The cost is \$45 for Parker residents and \$50 for non-residents. New sessions begin Jan. 11 and Feb. 22.

The Arthritis Foundation's Aquatic Program is a low-impact water exercise class for those with arthritis and related



conditions. Led by a trained instructor, classes focus on joint range of motion, stretching, breathing and light aerobic activities. Participants meet Tuesdays and Thursdays from 1 to 2 p.m. at the Recreation Center. Six-week sessions are \$30 for residents and \$33 for non-residents. A new session begins Jan. 26.

Register online at ParkerRec.com. For additional information about these and other fitness and wellness programs, contact Deni at 303.805.3208 or email djacobs@parkeronline.org.

TAKE THE RUETER-HESS RECREATION SURVEY!

Do you like hiking, fishing and camping, or do you prefer challenge courses, biking and bouldering? The Parker Water & Sanitation District and its five regional partners (including the Town of Parker) have launched a public engagement process to develop the Rueter-Hess Reservoir Recreation Master Plan, and we want to know what you think!

Visit www.PWSD.org/Survey and take a quick, five-minute online survey. Simply mark your top-five choices for recreational activities on or near the reservoir and your top-five choices for the 425 acres on the north side of Hess Road. If the survey doesn't list one of your preferred choices, write it in!



The survey will be open through the first week in January. Results will be used to help create the initial concepts for the master plan. Public meetings and more online input from the public will help revise the concepts to create a final plan. While you are online, sign up to receive ongoing email updates on the planning process and ways in which you can stay involved.

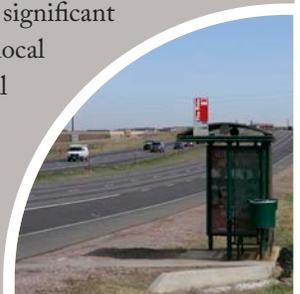
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORNER

Parker Road Corridor Plan

The Parker Road Corridor Plan is the next major comprehensive planning project for the Town of Parker's Community Development Department. The planning process will include both traditional and electronic means of public outreach with the goal of reaching the broadest cross section of Town residents, businesses, visitors and other stakeholders. Public input will help guide the development of a vision for the corridor including a comprehensive and integrated approach to land use, transportation, multi-modal access, redevelopment and urban design along the Parker Road corridor. The department is excited to reimagine the Parker Road Corridor.

RTD

On Nov. 17, the RTD Board of Directors approved the East and I-225 Corridors Preliminary Service Plan in preparation for the opening of the I-225 light rail extension and the new East Rail Line to DIA. In Parker, the plan includes replacement of Route 410 (Parker to Lincoln Station) and Route 153 (Parker to Aurora/Montbello) with a new Route 483 effective in April 2016. Route 483 will provide all-day weekday service in Parker to both the Lincoln Station and the 9-Mile Station (I-225 and Parker Road), providing a significant increase in local and regional transit service for our citizens!





TALK OF THE TOWN



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JANUARY 2016 COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Christmas Tree Recycling

- Dec. 26 to Jan. 24; 6 a.m. to 11 p.m.

Salisbury Park ballfields parking lot
Go to www.ParkerRec.com or call 303.840.9546 for more information.

Parents' Night Out

- Jan. 2; 6 to 10:30 p.m.

Parker Fieldhouse
Go to www.ParkerRec.com or call 303.805.6304 for more information.

Parker Town Council Meetings

- Jan. 4 and 19; 7 p.m.

Parker Town Hall
Go to www.ParkerOnline.org or call 303.841.0353 for more information.

Lessons & Lemonade and Teen Art Studio

- Jan. 9; 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Hobby Lobby (Parker & Mainstreet)
Go to www.ParkerArtistsGuild.com or call 720.542.8187 for more information.

Art Stop on the Go

- Jan. 11; 4:30 p.m.

Douglas County Libraries at Parker
Go to www.DouglasCountyLibraries.org or call 303.791.7323 to register.

Mary Poppins

- Jan. 15 to 31; times vary

PACE Center
Go to www.ParkerArts.org or call 303.805.6800 for more information.

Parent-Child Art Class

- Jan. 23; 9:30 a.m. to noon

Hobby Lobby (Parker & Mainstreet)
Go to www.ParkerArtistsGuild.com or call 720.542.8187 for more information.

Youth and Adult Sports League Registration Opens

- Jan. 26; 10 a.m.

Go to www.ParkerRec.com/Sports for more information.

Geeks Who Read: Teen Trivia Night

- Jan. 28; 6:30 p.m.

Douglas County Libraries at Parker
Go to www.DouglasCountyLibraries.org or call 303.791.7323 to register.

Love 'em or Leave 'em Valentine's Day 5K/10K

- Feb. 13; 10 a.m.

Parker Recreation Center
Go to www.ParkerRec.com/VDay5K10K or call 303.841.4500 for more information.

TOWN HOLIDAY CLOSURES

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| Jan. 1 | Jan. 18 |
| • New Year's Day | • Martin Luther King Jr. Day |
| Town Hall, | Town Hall closed. |
| Recreation Center, | |
| Fieldhouse and | |
| PACE Center | |
| closed. | |