



## *Major Road Project Coming this Fall*

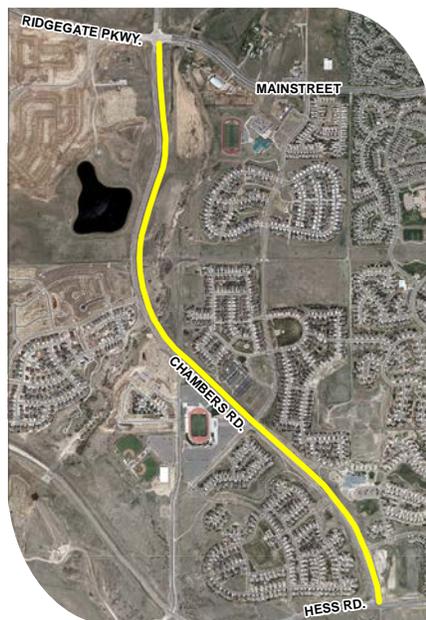
# CHAMBERS ROAD WIDENING

After a lengthy planning process, the much-anticipated Chambers Road Widening Project design has been completed. A competitive bid-opening was held in late January with construction anticipated to begin in the spring.

The anticipated completion date of the roadway widening is late fall 2016 with median landscaping to follow in 2017 (pending funding). Funding for this roadway widening project is a joint venture that includes Douglas County, the Douglas County School District and the Town of Parker.

This vital project, which begins at Hess Road and ends at Mainstreet, will widen the current two-lane, north/south route to a four-lane principal arterial roadway. The

increased traffic capacity was planned when the first section of roadway was completed in 2009 and is needed to support future growth in the area.



## REMINDER: KEEP DOGS ON LEASH

According to the Town of Parker's municipal code, dogs must always be on a leash, 30 feet or shorter, whenever they are outside of your home or fenced yard. Off-leash dogs are not allowed on public property under any circumstances, even if they are under voice control. This

ordinance applies to all parks and trails in Parker.

If you need more information or would like to reference this ordinance, please visit [www.ParkerOnline.org/MunicipalCode](http://www.ParkerOnline.org/MunicipalCode) or contact the Town Clerk's Office at 303.841.0353.

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## DID YOU KNOW?

An up-to-date list of the Town of Parker's current Capital Improvement Projects is available online at [www.ParkerOnline.org/CIPUpdate](http://www.ParkerOnline.org/CIPUpdate). Find out all of the latest information on projects like roadway improvements, maintenance projects, stormwater improvements and facility construction at this site. Individuals can also call the Town's Engineering Department at 303.841.0353.





# *From the Mayor and Town Council* **PARKER MAKES IT EASIER TO GET INVOLVED IN YOUR COMMUNITY!**

The Town encourages residents to get involved with local government and make their voices heard. We hope you take advantage of the variety of ways to get involved in Parker!

### **Contact the Mayor or Town Council**

The Parker Mayor and Councilmembers welcome your concerns and ideas. These individuals may be reached by email at [council@parkeronline.org](mailto:council@parkeronline.org), by phone at 303.841.0353 or by mail at 20120 E. Mainstreet, Parker, CO 80138. To read more about the Town Councilmembers, visit [www.ParkerOnline.org/Council](http://www.ParkerOnline.org/Council).

### **Town Council Meetings**

Attending Town Council meetings is an effective way to make your voice heard in your community and stay informed about what's going on in Parker. These meetings are open to the public, and residents are encouraged to attend. Regular Council meetings are held at Town Hall on the first and third Monday of each month, holidays excepted, at 7 p.m. Town Council meeting agendas are available online at [www.ParkerOnline.org/Agendas](http://www.ParkerOnline.org/Agendas). Time is allowed at each meeting for public

comments on any topic of community interest that is not already on the agenda. Public hearings on various topics are also held at Town Council meetings, during which community members are invited to provide feedback.

### **Planning Commission Meetings**

The Planning Commission holds public hearings on land use and related development issues. Commission meetings are held on the second and fourth Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. Meeting agendas can be found online at [www.ParkerOnline.org/Agendas](http://www.ParkerOnline.org/Agendas).

### **Town Commissions**

Each year the Town Council appoints a variety of citizen commissions and task forces to advise them about various issues in the Parker community. Learn more at [www.ParkerOnline.org/Commissions](http://www.ParkerOnline.org/Commissions).

### **Community Events**

The Town offers a wide variety of events and activities at low or no cost to the community. To see what is coming up, visit our online calendar at [www.ParkerOnline.org/Calendar](http://www.ParkerOnline.org/Calendar).

### **Sign Up for Email Notifications**

If you prefer to get Town updates on your home computer or mobile device, you can sign up for free email updates about different Town departments and activities. Citizens can choose to receive emails about many topics, including citizen involvement, events and roads. Sign up for email updates at [www.ParkerOnline.org/NotifyMe](http://www.ParkerOnline.org/NotifyMe).

### **Social Media**

The Town of Parker has a large presence on social media with several departments interacting with residents on both Facebook and Twitter!

#### **Town of Parker:**

[www.Facebook.com/Parker.CO](http://www.Facebook.com/Parker.CO)  
[www.Twitter.com/TownofParkerCO](http://www.Twitter.com/TownofParkerCO)

#### **Parker Police:**

[www.Facebook.com/ParkerPoliceDepartment](http://www.Facebook.com/ParkerPoliceDepartment)  
[www.Twitter.com/ParkerPolice](http://www.Twitter.com/ParkerPolice)

#### **Parks and Recreation:**

[www.Facebook.com/ParkerRec](http://www.Facebook.com/ParkerRec)  
[www.Twitter.com/ParkerRec](http://www.Twitter.com/ParkerRec)

#### **Parker Arts:**

[www.Facebook.com/ParkerArts](http://www.Facebook.com/ParkerArts)  
[www.Twitter.com/ParkerArtsCO](http://www.Twitter.com/ParkerArtsCO)

## **PARKER DAYS RETURNS IN JUNE!**

Dates for the annual Parker Days celebration have been set for 2016! Join the Parker Chamber of Commerce June 10 through 12 for live entertainment, carnival rides, a parade, a car show, a strongman competition, bounce houses, carnival food and heaps of fun! There's even a special sneak peek of the event the evening of June 9! Visit [www.ParkerDaysFestival.com](http://www.ParkerDaysFestival.com) for more information.



# TIME TO GET OUTSIDE THIS WINTER

Join Parker Parks and Recreation with the first event of its 2016 Run Series, the Love 'em or Leave 'em Valentine's Day 5K/10K!



Join us for the signature event of the Parker Parks and Recreation Run Series, the Love 'em or Leave 'em Valentine's Day 5K/10K with Sports Authority, on Saturday, Feb. 13 at 10 a.m. at Salisbury Park.

This sanctioned event and qualifier for the Bolder Boulder features an exciting 10K option, along with the popular 5K run/walk and free Huntington Learning Center Kids' Dash for children under 8 following

the run! Pre-race registration, which closes at noon on Feb. 11, is \$40 for the 10K and \$30 for the 5K, with race-day registration for an additional \$5. All registered participants receive a long-sleeve race shirt, a chance to win great prizes and a delicious, post-race pancake breakfast! Strollers and leashed dogs are welcome.

Register online at [www.ParkerRec.com/VDay5K10K](http://www.ParkerRec.com/VDay5K10K) or contact Charlie Rhode at 303.805.6304 or [crhode@parkeronline.org](mailto:crhode@parkeronline.org) for more event information.

Parker Parks and Recreation would like to thank our Love 'em or Leave 'em Valentine's Day 5K/10K Title Sponsor, Sports Authority, as well as our Finish Line Sponsors, The Enclave at Cherry Creek Apartments, Huntington Learning Center and RNK Running & Walking. Contact Jaime Vollertsen at [jvollertsen@parkeronline.org](mailto:jvollertsen@parkeronline.org) or 303.805.3267 for sponsorship information.

## RUETER-HESS RECREATION PUBLIC INPUT

The Rueter-Hess Recreation Authority is seeking input from the public to develop the Rueter-Hess Reservoir Recreation Master Plan. The planning process began in November with an online survey that garnered nearly 4,000 responses. Phase two of the process will include developing concept alternatives for public feedback.

There are three open house opportunities for the public to give input on proposed options related to recreation at the reservoir and surrounding area:

- Parker Town Hall  
Feb. 17 - 5 to 7 p.m.
- Lone Tree Recreation Center  
Feb. 20 - 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
- Castle Rock Recreation Center  
Feb. 27 - 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Everyone is welcome to stop by to see the alternatives, talk with landscape architects and share your ideas. Those who cannot attend a public open house may view options online and provide feedback from Feb. 19 to 27 at [www.PWSD.org](http://www.PWSD.org).

## GET YOUR STATE OF THE TOWN AND MAYOR'S GALA TICKETS SOON!

Make sure to reserve your tickets today for two highly anticipated community events held each year by the Rotary Club of Parker, the State of the Town Luncheon and the Mayor's Black Tie & Boots Gala!

The State of the Town Luncheon is scheduled for 11:30 a.m. on Feb. 23 and will feature a keynote address by Mayor Mike Waid, as well as the presentation of the Parker Impact Award, which recognizes an individual who has made a valuable contribution to the Parker community.

This year's fundraiser gala, set to begin at 6 p.m. on Feb. 27, is the "Mayor's Black Tie & Boots Gala." This black-tie/cocktail attire/boots for everyone event will include heavy hors d'oeuvres and dancing to the American Honey Band. A silent auction featuring a variety of fantastic items will be held to benefit the Rotary Club of Parker. A cash bar will be available throughout the evening.

Both of these events will be held at the PACE Center.

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



# SETTING THE “PACE” IN ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT THIS WINTER

## SPRING BREAK CAMPS & CLASSES

Don't let the kids just sit around this Spring Break! With Parker Arts' Camps and Classes, young explorers can discover acting through The Magical World of Harry Potter, take to the stars in Space Chase Camp or even learn about Robotics and Engineering using LEGO. With a wide variety of educational opportunities in art, music, science, dance and even cooking, kids will have a blast discovering new frontiers! Learn more at [www.ParkerArts.org/Education](http://www.ParkerArts.org/Education).

## FREE ADULT LECTURE SERIES

The Parker Cultural and Scientific Commission is pleased to sponsor talks on topics that impact Colorado citizens and residents of Douglas County. The intent of these talks is to increase the understanding of how science and technology address current and future issues facing our community. RSVP is required to attend; please call PACE Center Box Office at 303.805.6800.

- March 3 Human Viruses and Vaccines: Who Wins the Race?
- April 7 What Does Your DNA Have to Say?
- May 5 Living With Wildlife

### Wonderbound: “Rock Ballets”

• Feb. 13-14; PACE Center  
Ballets set to the music of David Bowie and Queen played live by a Denver super-group made up of musicians from Chimney Choir and Ian Cooke Band.

### Hooking Up with The Second City

• Feb. 20; PACE Center  
This gaspingly funny revue is a modern mix of romance, rancor and everything in between. Laugh about missed connections, girls' night out adventures and all the crazy things we do for love. *Intended for mature audiences only.*

### Parker Symphony Orchestra

• Feb. 26; PACE Center  
The Parker Symphony Orchestra (PSO) invites you to experience cinematic musical magic as they perform highlights from Oscar-winning films.

### Irish Step Dancers - Bennett School of Irish Dance

• March 5; PACE Center  
Celebrate Irish culture with traditional and modern Irish dancing steps. Discover the origins and evolution of the music and costumes going back to ancient Irish roots and even learn a few steps!

### Comedy & Cocktails: Sam Tallent

• March 5; PACE Center  
Enjoy a drink and have a laugh in this hilarious four-show series headlining Sam Tallent, one of the sharpest, most original rising talents in comedy today with whip-quick wit and rollicking improvisations. *Intended for mature audiences only.*

### Parents Night Out

• March 10; PACE Center  
Through stand-up comedy and hilarious audience participation, national headlining comedians Karen Morgan and Jim Colliton take you on a wild ride through the insane world that is family. *Intended for mature audiences only.*

### The Fantasticks

• March 11-13, 18-20; PACE Center  
The Fantasticks, the longest-running musical in the world and a timeless fable, is a funny and romantic musical about a boy, a girl and their two fathers who “try to keep them apart.”

### Super Diamond, A Neil Diamond Tribute

• March 12; PACE Center  
Say “Hello Again” to the music of Neil Diamond with a glittering, smoke-filled show of classics such as “Cracklin’ Rosie,” “Sweet Caroline,” “Forever in Blue Jeans” and many others.

For tickets and more information on Parker Arts shows and events, visit [www.ParkerArts.org](http://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](http://www.ParkerArts.org/Education).

# GET MOVING THIS WINTER WITH PARKER PARKS AND RECREATION

For more information about our programs or to register, visit [www.ParkerRec.com](http://www.ParkerRec.com) or call 303.841.4500.



## Have a Ball with Your Valentine

Treat your special little Valentine(s), ages 2 and up, to an evening they will always remember. Dancing, refreshments and activities will keep all of you entertained. The Valentine Ball will be held on Feb. 12 from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at the PACE Center. Cost is \$19 for residents and \$22 for non-residents. Prices are per person; please register every child and adult attending. Space is limited, so register now!



## Time for a Teddy Bear Picnic!

Who doesn't love a picnic? Especially when it's with your stuffed, furry friends! Ages 3 to 6 are invited to bring their favorite stuffed animal to the Teddy Bear Picnic at the Recreation Center to share a morning of stories, snacks, fun and games, all related to their fuzzy friends. This event will be held Feb. 18 from 10 to 11:30 a.m.; cost is \$16 for residents and \$19 for non-residents.



## Yoga for Golf

Improve your balance, strength and flexibility with Yoga for Golf on Thursdays from 4 to 4:55 p.m. at the Recreation Center. Practice poses are designed to help enhance your swing, improve your concentration and reduce injuries. A four-week session runs Feb. 18 to March 10 and costs \$20 for residents and \$22 for non-residents.



## Youth Inline Hockey

Inline hockey leagues are a fantastic way for kids to learn about hockey, make new friends and practice good sportsmanship! Kinder Inline Hockey for ages 4 to 6 and Youth Inline Hockey for ages 6 to 12 will both feature one practice and one game each week. Registration opens Jan. 26 and leagues begin March 7; cost is \$80 for residents and \$88 for non-residents.

## TRY SOMETHING NEW THIS WINTER!

### Pilates Reformer

Pilates Reformer equipment helps to improve strength, flexibility, balance and core stability. The Recreation Center features new Reformer equipment, along with private and semi-private training, and a variety of small scheduled classes, all with certified Pilates Reformer trainers. Have you heard about it or seen it and would like to give it a try? Join us at the Recreation Center on Feb. 17 for a free demo day! Please sign up for a time slot at the Recreation Center front desk.

### Aquatic Therapy Training

Parker Parks and Recreation now offers one-on-one Aquatic Therapy Training sessions. Aquatic Therapy is the use of water as a way of coping with disease or maintaining health. When in water, the effects of gravity on the body are relieved, giving a sense of weightlessness. This weightlessness helps in completing an exercise program without the painful stress on joints or muscles, while also providing resistance. Contact Deni at 303.805.3208 or [djacobs@parkeronline.org](mailto:djacobs@parkeronline.org) for more information or to register.



# PARKER POLICE DEPARTMENT

*Keeping Our Community Safe*

## PARKER CITIZEN'S POLICE ACADEMY RETURNS IN 2016

Parker area residents are invited to attend the Police Department's free 10-week Citizen Police Academy held March 10 through May 12. This program gives participants first-hand information about how the Police Department operates. Classes will focus on criminal law, the drug enforcement administration, evidence, dispatch, traffic laws, accident reconstruction, DUI laws, Taser demonstrations, youth education programs and many other topics.

In addition to the weekly classes, there is an optional trip to the law enforcement firearms training facility where

participants will have the opportunity to fire weapons used by Parker Police Officers. A graduation ceremony will be held at the end of the program.

The Parker Police Department began its Citizen Academy in 2005, with 359 citizens participating over the last 11 years. At the former police facility, classes could only accommodate up to 18 participants. Since the move to the new Police Department building in 2009, class sizes have increased to 35 students.

The classroom work, combined with field trips and tours, requires a commitment

of one night a week from 6 to 10 p.m. for 10 weeks. All classes are held on Thursday nights.

Registration opens Feb. 8 and will be hosted on the Police Department website, [www.ParkerPolice.org](http://www.ParkerPolice.org). There will be links to the registration posted on Facebook, Twitter and Nextdoor, as well. Participation is limited to 35 people ages 18 and older. There is no cost associated with the Academy. A criminal history check will be required. Those having a felony conviction or recent significant criminal history will not be considered.

## POLICE DEPARTMENT TIDBITS

### Cops Fighting Cancer

Five Parker Police Officers helped deliver hundreds of toys to the boys and girls at Children's Hospital. Lieutenant James Prior, Officer Dawn Cashman and Officer Ryan Wolff made sure children like Chase, pictured below, got the Star Wars toy he wanted. Lieutenant Chris Peters and Detective Christine Garrabrants were part of the honor guard leading the officers.



### Explorers in Arizona

Parker Police Explorers recently competed in the 18th annual Chandler Tactical Competition in Arizona. The Explorers trained with Parker Officers for months in preparation for the competition. High Risk Warrant Execution, Crisis Negotiations, Downed Officer Rescue and an obstacle course were just a few of the events at the competition.



### Shop with a Cop

Officers select children that they meet throughout the year on calls to participate in Shop with a Cop. Nineteen Parker children and their families joined more than 25 Parker Police Officers and civilian employees to shop at Walmart for Christmas presents and have a positive experience with law enforcement officers.



# COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORNER

Planning and building a healthy and sustainable Parker!



## Development Review and Building Activity

The year 2015 was a busy one for the Community Development Department consistent with the improving local economy and year-over-year increases in development activity.

The Development Review Division is responsible for processing land use applications, such as requests for annexation, rezoning, site plans and subdivision plats. The total number of land use applications submitted to the Town increased from 157 applications in 2014 to 177 applications in 2015. The Division also reviews Sign Permits, Vendor and Temporary Use Permits, Home Based Occupation applications and requests for variances from the Land Development Ordinance. Application activity for these types of approvals also continues to remain strong.

## Upcoming Open Houses

The Comprehensive Planning Division will hold two public open houses in February. For more information on either of these open houses, please contact Mary Munekata at [mmunekata@parkeronline.org](mailto:mmunekata@parkeronline.org) or 303.805.3337.

### Master Plan Update Open House

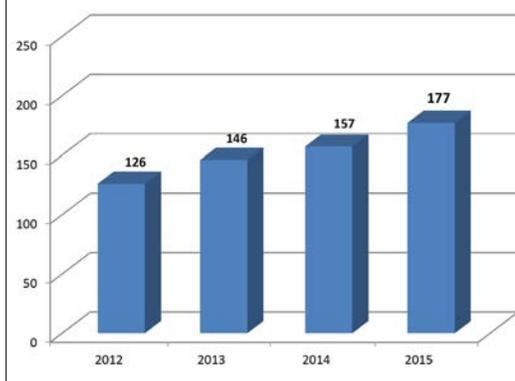
• Feb. 4; 5 to 7 p.m.; PACE Center  
The Town is updating the Parker 2035 Master Plan regarding self storage and a change in recommended land uses for the SW corner of Parker Road and Lincoln Avenue.

### Pine Curve Rezone Open House

• Feb. 10; 5 to 7 p.m.; PACE Center  
A rezone of the Town-owned parcel of 24.4 acres to the northeast of Town Hall from Historic Center to Planned Development has been proposed.

## 2015 Development Review Submittals

(annexation, site plan, subdivision, zoning)



Building Permit applications for new construction and remodel work continue to be robust. In 2015, the Town issued permits for 312 new single-family homes, 403 multi-family homes and 185,210 square feet of new commercial building space. Along with reviewing and issuing permits, the Building Division conducted 29,015 building inspections. Overall, it was a very busy year!

## WHEN DO YOU NEED A BUILDING PERMIT?

As spring approaches, the thoughts of many homeowners turn toward home improvements. Before you get started, remember that in most cases a building permit is required. You can call the Town's Building Division at 303.841.1970 to discuss the need for a permit. It's also a good idea to check in advance with your local Homeowner's Association to determine if there are any neighborhood restrictions that apply.

Some common home remodel projects that require a building permit include, but are not limited to: basement finishes; decks and patios; furnaces and air conditioners (new or replacement); gazebos; shade structures; pools; hot tubs; re-roofing; large accessory structures; garden sheds; interior remodels; any plumbing or electrical work; new siding; windows (new or replacement); additions; and kitchen or bathroom remodels.

The Town offers FREE homeowner building classes that cover a variety of home improvement projects. At each class, Building staff will walk you through the permitting process, as well as explain fees and required inspections. Classes are held on select Thursdays at 6 p.m. at Town Hall. Upcoming 2016 class dates are March 10, June 9, Sept. 8 and Nov. 3.





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# TALK OF THE TOWN

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**To: Parker Resident  
Local Patron**

## FEBRUARY 2016 COMMUNITY CALENDAR

### Parker Town Council Meetings

- Feb. 1 and 16; 7 p.m.
- Parker Town Hall
- Go to [www.ParkerOnline.org](http://www.ParkerOnline.org) or call 303.841.0353 for more information.

### Free Family Law Clinic

- Feb. 10; 3 to 6 p.m.
- Arapahoe CC in Littleton
- Go to [www.RobbinsLawFirmLLC.com](http://www.RobbinsLawFirmLLC.com) or call 303.953.0429 for more information.

### Pine Curve Property Rezone Public Open House

- Feb. 10; 5 to 7 p.m.
- PACE Center
- Go to [www.ParkerOnline.org](http://www.ParkerOnline.org) or call 303.841.0353 for more information.

### Harlem Wizards Basketball Game

- Feb. 10; 7 p.m.
- Legend High School
- Go to [www.LegendTitans.org](http://www.LegendTitans.org) or call 303.387.4500 for more information.

### Lessons & Lemonade and Teen Art Studio

- Feb. 13; 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- Hobby Lobby (Parker & Mainstreet)
- Free art classes for kids in grades 4-9.
- Register at [www.ParkerArtistsGuild.com](http://www.ParkerArtistsGuild.com).

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

- Feb. 13; 10 a.m.
- Parker Recreation Center
- Go to [www.ParkerRec.com/VDay5K10K](http://www.ParkerRec.com/VDay5K10K) or call 303.841.4500 for more information.

### #TeenThing

- Feb. 16; 3:30 p.m.
- Douglas County Libraries at Parker
- Go to [www.DouglasCountyLibraries.org](http://www.DouglasCountyLibraries.org) or call 303.791.7323 to register.

### The King and I pres. by Lutheran HS

- Feb. 18-19; 7 p.m.
- PACE Center
- Go to [www.ParkerArts.org](http://www.ParkerArts.org) or call 303.841.5551 for more information.

### Rueter-Hess Recreation Master Plan Public Open House

- Feb. 17; 5 to 7 p.m.
- Parker Town Hall
- Go to [www.PWSD.org](http://www.PWSD.org) or call 303.841.4627 for more information.

### Parker State of the Town Luncheon

- Feb. 23; 11:30 a.m.
- PACE Center
- Go to [www.ParkerRotary.org](http://www.ParkerRotary.org) for more information.

### Mayor's Black Tie Ball & Boots Gala

- Feb. 27; 6 p.m.
- PACE Center
- Go to [www.ParkerRotary.org](http://www.ParkerRotary.org) for more information.

### TOWN HOLIDAY CLOSURES

- Feb. 15**
- Presidents' Day
- Town Hall closed.