



Phase 2 Construction Begins this Summer
EAST-WEST TRAIL EXPANSION

The East/West Trail – Phase 2 project design has been completed and will be bid this spring with construction slated to begin this summer.



west is a future Douglas County project.

Phase 3 will continue within this corridor from the Motsenbocker/Todd Drive intersection east to the Cherry Creek Trail. It is currently being designed with construction planned

The Phase 2 project limits are from Chambers Road to Newlin Gulch Boulevard and consists of constructing a multi-use recreational concrete trail within and adjacent to the PSCo/Xcel power line corridor. This phase will include crossing Newlin Gulch and will end at a concrete box culvert undercrossing of Chambers Road, which was constructed in 2009. The continuation of the trail to the

for 2017. Phase 1 (Newlin Gulch Boulevard to Motsenbocker Road) was completed during the summer of 2015.

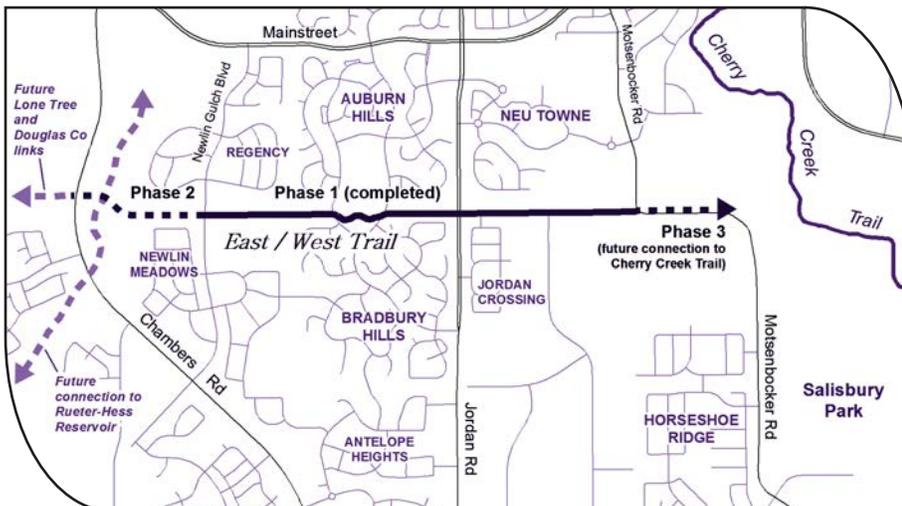
Town of Parker funding for this improvement is from a ½-cent sales tax dedicated for parks, trails, open space and recreational amenities.

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DID YOU KNOW?

Your non-profit community event may qualify for publicity assistance from the Town of Parker! If certain criteria are met, events may qualify for display on the Town's electronic message boards at O'Brien Park and Town Hall and/or a listing in our online or Talk of the Town community calendars. To see if your event qualifies, visit www.ParkerOnline.org/Publicity.





From the Mayor and Town Council

NEW ORDINANCE PROMOTES ADDITIONAL HOUSING OPTIONS

To give our residents an opportunity to rent or purchase homes in a wide range of styles, locations and affordability, the Town encourages and promotes the development of a variety of Parker housing options. To enhance this effort, the Town Council proactively adopted an ordinance in January designed to encourage the construction of condominiums in Parker.

Despite a genuine demand for owner-occupied, multifamily developments, very few condominiums are being developed in Parker, which is negatively affecting both current and potential Parker residents. This has the unique impact of lack of work-force housing, as well as housing for many seniors that would like to live in Parker to be close to their families, but desire a low-maintenance home.

The scarcity of condominiums available in our community is believed to be the result of a litigation climate that puts builders and developers at risk of substantial judgments, often including punitive damages, for alleged construction defects. The risk of exposure to large damage awards has led insurance companies that would normally insure development projects to stop writing policies for owner-occupied multifamily projects.

To help change this climate, the Town Council recently adopted an ordinance designed to promote condominium development in Parker by reducing the risk and exposure to builders and developers of such projects, while still protecting homeowners with legitimate construction defect claims.

Specifically, the ordinance limits using a violation of the Parker Building Code as a basis for a construction defect claim requires a majority of the homeowners' association (HOA) members to consent before an HOA can file a construction defect claim and promotes arbitration instead of court as the forum for construction defect claims. The Town Council also approved an ordinance in 2015 that allows a property owner to request the addition of a plat note that would provide binding arbitration, instead of litigation, as a sole remedy for addressing construction defects claims associated with new projects.

It's the hope of the Town Council that this proactive change will bring more condominiums to Parker, broadening the housing options available to residents in our community.

HELP GUIDE THE FUTURE OF YOUR COMMUNITY!

Are you looking for a way to get involved in your community and participate in improving the Town? Volunteer positions are available on the Parker Authority for Reinvestment (PAR) Advisory Committee.

The PAR Advisory Committee is an advisory body to be appointed by the Parker Authority for Reinvestment Board. The role of the committee is to provide recommendations to the PAR (an Urban Renewal Authority) on priorities for public investment of Tax Increment Financing (TIF) revenues,

as well as assist with evaluating private project requests for TIF funding. Town residents, business owners and those with a vested interest in the future of our community are encouraged to apply. A background in real estate, law, architecture, planning, finance or other related fields is encouraged, but not required to apply. Regular meetings will be held the fourth Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m. at Town of Parker Economic Development offices, 19801 E. Mainstreet. Additional meetings may be required for education and training.

Relatives of Town employees and officials are not eligible to apply. If you are eligible, please send a letter of interest and resume to Town of Parker Economic Development Department, Attn: Darlene McCampbel, 20120 E. Mainstreet, Parker, CO 80138 or email dmccampbel@parkeronline.org. The deadline for applications is Friday, March 18 at 5 p.m.

Please contact the Economic Development Department with any questions at 303.805.6260.

GETTING ACTIVE FOR A GOOD CAUSE

Parker Parks and Recreation to Host Fundraising Events Muckfest MS, Tour de Cure this Summer at Salisbury Park



Parker Parks and Recreation will serve as host for two major fundraiser events this summer when the MuckFest MS and the Tour de Cure Colorado roll into Town. Both events, which raise funds and awareness for major charity organizations, are open to public entries.

The MuckFest MS, a 5K race featuring numerous obstacles and a whole lot of mud, will be staged at Salisbury Park North on Saturday, July 16 beginning at 9 a.m. Created to support the National Multiple Sclerosis Society, the event has raised more than \$22 million toward combating the disease in its history.

The race features teams running in several large waves, so you can experience all the muddy shenanigans, epic spills and thrills together. Following the race, celebrate your accomplishments with a free beer (or soda) in the MuckFestival. Spectators can enjoy all the mud and spills with free admission, and there is even a free Lil' Muckers play area for little ones to enjoy.

Registration is now open and currently only \$60 through March 16 (or until

quantities run out); the entry fee will increase periodically until race day. All participants receive a race bib, MuckFest MS T-Shirt, a free beverage, MuckFestival & Lil' Muckers admission, free event photos and free parking. Visit www.MuckFest.com for more information and to register.

The Tour de Cure, also being held at Salisbury Park, rolls into Parker on Saturday, Sept. 24. A partnership between the Southern Colorado Tour de Cure, Tour de Cure Colorado and Denver Step Out: Walk to Stop Diabetes, this event is a walking/running and cycling event packed with competitors joining forces to help support the American Diabetes Association.

The Tour de Cure features routes designed for everyone from walkers, runners, cyclists, occasional riders and even families. Cycling route distances include 20K, 50K, 100K and 100 miles.

Registration for the Tour de Cure is available for \$15 with a fundraising minimum of \$200. Visit www.TourdeCureCO.com for more information and to register.

BE PREPARED FOR BABYSITTING

Are you a child or teen who would like to start babysitting or brush up on your skills? Parker Parks and Recreation offers a pair of great courses to get you started on the right foot!

Led by Advanced Care, the Babysitting course will prepare kids ages 11 to 15 for babysitting opportunities with basic child care skills, as well as rescue breathing, CPR and choking procedures. Class will be held on March 26 or April 3 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

For more experienced babysitters, ages 13 to 16, who want to prepare to care for more children or for longer jobs, the Experienced Babysitter Course will cover topics such as CPR/First Aid, activity planning for groups, safety preparedness and more. Class will be held on March 5 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Both the Babysitting and Experienced Babysitter Courses will be held at the Parker Recreation Center, 17301 E. Lincoln Ave. Register online at www.ParkerRec.com. For more information on these and other Youth Enrichment activities, please contact Diane at dlange@parkeronline.org or 303.841.4500.





HIGHLIGHT YOUR SPRING WITH OFFERINGS FROM PARKER ARTS



CHEFS AND ROBOTS AND WIZARDS; OH MY!

Looking for a Spring Break camp for your student? Look no further than Parker Arts. From exploring the halls of Hogwarts, to mastering tasty recipes, to building robots that are out of this world, we offer a variety of fun and educational camps for your little explorers. To learn more and register, visit www.ParkerArts.org/Education or call 303.805.3374.

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 303.805.6800.

- April 7 What Does Your DNA Have to Say?
- May 5 Living With Wildlife

Parents Night Out

• March 10; PACE Center
Ditch the kids and let 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; The Schoolhouse
The longest-running musical in the world, this timeless fable is a funny and romantic musical about a boy, a girl and their two fathers who “try to keep them apart.”

Rocky Mountain Brassworks

• March 13; PACE Center
St. Patrick’s Day is on its way! Join Rocky Mountain Brassworks on a ride into Celtic heritage through song and dance featuring bagpipes and Scottish and Irish dancers.

Opera Colorado’s Hansel and Gretel

• April 2; PACE Center
When they become stranded in the magic forest, things look “Grimm” indeed for Gretel and her brother Hansel. An Opera sung in English and staged traditionally.

Stuart Little

• April 6-9; PACE Center
This endearing play about a mouse who is born into an ordinary New York family has all the charm, wisdom and joy of the E.B. White classic.

Comedy & Cocktails: Aaron Urist

• April 9; The Schoolhouse
Enjoy a drink and have a laugh in this hilarious four-show series headlined by Aaron Urist, a Denver-based comedian, writer and co-owner of a Subaru Outback. *Intended for mature audiences only.*

Colorado Jazz Repertory Orchestra: Big Band Classics

• April 16; PACE Center
With music from the libraries of greats like Count Basie, Maynard Ferguson, Buddy Rich and more, the CJRO will dazzle the audience with the best of big band jazz.

Wonderbound: “Dust”

• April 23-24; PACE Center

Parker Symphony Orchestra: The Music of John Williams

• May 6; PACE Center

Parker Chorale: The Rhythms of Life

• May 7; PACE Center

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.

SPRING INTO ACTION WITH PARKER PARKS AND RECREATION

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



Galactic Adventure in Kids' Zone

Kids ages 3 to 6 are invited to join us for a morning of Star Wars fun at Galactic Adventure class on March 17 from 10 to 11:30 a.m. at the Parker Recreation Center. Enjoy this class, you will!

Register online at www.ParkerRec.com.



Sky Zone Adult Dodgeball

Sky Zone Adult Dodgeball League combines the intense game of dodgeball with the electrifying thrill of fast, furious, high-flying matches on Sky Zone's walled trampoline courts. Between breathtaking dodges and stunning hits, the game is equally exhilarating to play and to watch, with the biggest prizes in the sport of dodgeball. The league runs Sunday nights from April 3 to May 1 at Sky Zone Parker. Cost is \$240 per team. Register online at www.ParkerRec.com/Sports.



SUMMER SPORTS LEAGUE REGISTRATION OPENS SOON

Adult and Youth sports league registrations are opening soon!

Registrations opening on March 29 include adult kickball and softball for ages 18 and older. Registration for Girls' Modified Fast Pitch Softball, for ages 6 to 14, opens March 22. Additional summer youth sports registrations, including baseball, soccer and track, open April 5 and summer adult sports registrations, including inline hockey, soccer and volleyball, begin April 26. All registrations open online at 10 a.m.

For schedules, more details or to register, visit www.ParkerRec.com/Sports or contact Errin Koon at ekoon@parkeronline.org or 303.805.6308.



2016 KIDS' SPRING BREAK CAMPS

CAMP	DATE	AGES	CAMP	DATE	AGES
Spring Break Basketball Camp 1	March 21 - 24	6-15	Vans/SkateStart Spring Break SkateCamp	March 22	6-14
Footability Spring Break Camp	March 21 - 23	9-14	Breakfast Club Camp	March 22 - 24	6-9
Spring Break Speed and Agility Camp	March 21 - 24	8-16	303 Volleyball Spring Break Clinic	March 25	4-14
Performance Soccer Goalie Academy	March 21 - 24	7-14	Spring Break Basketball Camp 2	March 28 - 31	6-15
Fencing School Break Camp	March 21 - 25	8-18	Master Chef Jr. Camp	March 29 - 31	8-11
Jedi Training Fencing Camp	March 21 - 25	8-18	Langtry LAX Spring Break Beginner's Camp	March 31 - April 1	6-12

Get more information and register online at www.ParkerRec.com/SpringBreakCamps.



PARKER POLICE DEPARTMENT

Keeping Our Community Safe

CHECK OUT THESE UPCOMING COMMUNITY CLASS OFFERINGS FROM PARKER PD

The Parker Police Department offers a variety of classes to help promote safety, education and awareness in the community. For more information or to register for one of these opportunities, please visit www.ParkerPolice.org/Classes or call 303.841.9800.

Become a Weather Spotter

Weather spotters help save lives and property. This is your chance to become an essential part of the warning decision process of the National Weather Service. Registration is open for this May 3 class that runs from 6 to 8:30 p.m.

Training for Interventions Procedures (TIPS)

Parker PD is offering two opportunities for local businesses to get their employees trained in the responsible service, sale and consumption of alcohol. Training for Interventions Procedures (TIPS) is a skills-based, responsible alcohol training and certification program that is designed to prevent intoxication, underage drinking and drunk driving by enhancing the people skills of servers, sellers and consumers of alcohol. You can register now for the March 6 class (8 a.m. to noon) or the May 18 class (5:30 to 9:30 p.m.).

Scout Night

Crime Prevention, Fingerprinting and Evidence are just a few of the topics covered at the Police Department's upcoming Scout Night scheduled for March 30, from 5 to 8 p.m. Scouts will learn how to handle emergencies and keep their families safe, as well as emergency preparedness. We expect to accommodate 100 Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts and troop leaders for this merit badge training event. Please visit www.ParkerPolice.org to register for this fun night.

GETTING INVOLVED IN YOUR COMMUNITY

Children's Hospital Telethon

Parker Police staff recently participated in the annual Alice 105.9 Cares for Kids event at Children's Hospital Colorado by answering phones. Our officers are proud to support this world-class facility that has helped children of several department employees and many local children. Thank you to everyone who donated to this great cause.

Women's Self-Defense Class

Officer Amy Lantz recently taught self-defense to 14 Parker women. The Rape Aggression Defense system empowers women in methods of self-defense and instills the self-confidence necessary to defend themselves against an attacker. There was no cost to attend the class. To register for an upcoming class, follow our social media pages for availability.

Out of Bounds

Detective Shannon Brukbacher was part of the panel discussion about how parents and kids can deal with cyber-bullying at the stage show, "Out of Bounds," at the PACE center. Officers Greg Epp and Sherry Corcoran hosted a booth with information and tools to help kids feel comfortable when reporting bullying.



COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORNER

Planning and Building a Healthy and Sustainable Parker!



Parker 2035 Master Plan - Balancing Growth and Quality of Life

With the strengthening Colorado economy comes growth and development. The Town receives inquiries about its role in managing growth and development to which there are many considerations, including related issues such as preserving natural resources, open space and recreation, public facilities, municipal services, sprawl reduction, quality of life, economic development and private property rights. The Town's Master Plan is the first document consulted to understand long-range goals and a framework for the future of Parker.

The Town of Parker adopted its first comprehensive Master Plan in 1985. The current vision of the Parker 2035 Master Plan states:

"Our Parker community will have land uses that complement each other aesthetically, socially and economically and will be designed to enhance quality of life and ensure long-term prosperity. The Town is a community with a traditional form, with higher density uses located near downtown, along major highway corridors and at major intersections with lower densities near the fringes."

It is important to the Town leadership that growth management efforts work to strike a balance between our quality

of life, creating a healthy local economy, allowing for housing options, preserving open space, creating recreational opportunities and providing quality transportation options. In addition, growth management efforts must also be sensitive to the rights of private property owners who desire to develop their property - as long as it complies with zoning and design standards.

A few of tools that Parker uses to manage growth are:

- Growth Boundary – The Master Plan's General Land Use Plan includes an 'Urban Growth Area' (UGA). The Town can grow only to this boundary.
- Zoning – Zoning regulates the way land and structures are used. Zoning guides future growth consistent with the Town's 2035 Master Plan.
- Land Development Ordinance – The Land Development Ordinance regulates the required review process for land uses and specific design requirements such as landscaping, park dedication requirements and open space.

For more information on the Parker 2035 Master Plan, visit www.ParkerOnline.org/MasterPlans or call 303.841.0353.

NO BUILDING INSPECTIONS ON MARCH 2

Due to continuing education training for Town of Parker staff, no building inspections or plan reviews will be performed on Wednesday, March 2. However, the Building Division office will be open as normal during regular business hours.

HOMEOWNER BUILDING CLASS

The Town of Parker's Building Division will host its quarterly Homeowner Building Class on March 10 at 6 p.m. at Town Hall. This class provides a chance to ask all kinds of building-related questions to Town staff, who will take you through the permit process, explain fees and discuss required inspections. This is a good opportunity to meet the people who will help you with the application and plan review process and also to meet with field inspectors.

TOWN BLOOD DRIVE

The Town of Parker will be hosting a Blood Drive on Thursday, March 3 from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at Town Hall. This event is open to all residents who would like to participate. Please set up an appointment time by contacting Diane Lewis at 303.805.3332 or dlewis@parkeronline.org.





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MARCH 2016 COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Town of Parker Blood Drive

• March 3; 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
Parker Town Hall
Go to www.ParkerOnline.org or call 303.841.0353 for more information.

Saturday Skate Night

• March 5; 5:30 to 9 p.m.
Parker Fieldhouse
Go to www.ParkerRec.com/SkateNight or call 303.805.6309 for more information.

Parker Town Council Meetings

• March 7 and 21; 7 p.m.
Parker Town Hall
Go to www.ParkerOnline.org or call 303.841.0353 for more information.

Homeowner Building Class

• March 10; 6 p.m.
Parker Town Hall
Go to www.ParkerOnline.org/Homeowners or call 303.841.0353 for more information.

Parents' Night Out

• March 12; 6 to 10:30 p.m.
Parker Fieldhouse
Go to www.ParkerRec.com/PNO or call 303.805.6304 for more information.

Lessons & Lemonade and Teen Art Studio (Three Classes)

• March 12; 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.

Finding and Managing Volunteers for Your Nonprofit

• March 15; 1 p.m.
Douglas County Libraries at Parker
Go to www.DouglasCountyLibraries.org or call 303.791.7323 to register.

Central Park 5 Movie and Racial Justice Discussion

• March 17; 6 to 9 p.m.
Douglas County Libraries at Parker
Email jkelly@prairieuu.org or call 720.312.2643 for information.

Book Lover's Evening

• March 23; 6:30 p.m.
Douglas County Libraries at Parker
Go to www.DouglasCountyLibraries.org or call 303.791.7323 to register.

Women's Divorce Workshop

• March 26; 8 a.m. to noon
Southeast Christian Church
Go to www.DivorceWorkshopDenver.com or call 303.210.2607 for more information.

The Hunt! Easter Egg Hunt

• March 26; 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
O'Brien Park
Go to www.VisitCrossroads.com or call 303.841.3785 for more information.

TOWN FACILITY CLOSURES

March 27 - Easter Sunday
Parker Recreation Center and Fieldhouse closed all day.