



PARKER
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TALK OF THE TOWN

April 2016



New Changes to Popular Spring Event

ARBOR DAY CELEBRATION

Join us for the newest event of the Parker Parks and Recreation Run Series, the Arbor Day 5 Mile Run/Walk with Sports Authority, held in conjunction with the annual Arbor Day Celebration on April 30 at 9 a.m. at Salisbury Park. Events include activities for the entire family, giveaways and a free delicious pancake breakfast!

The Arbor Day 5 Mile Run/Walk is professionally timed and features finishers' medals for all registered participants and the free Huntington Learning Center Kids' Dash for children 8 and under following the



run! Pre-race registration, which closes at noon on April 28, is \$25 with walk-up/race-day registration for an additional \$5. Strollers and leashed dogs are welcome. Get more information and register at www.ParkerRec.com/ArborDay5Mile.

Because our parks are sufficiently and beautifully planted, this year's Arbor Day Celebration participants will receive free seedling trees and have the opportunity to meet the Town's Parks and Forestry Team, who can answer questions about tree planting and pruning while kids build and take home a bird house, courtesy of Home Depot. **This year, there's no need to pack your shovels!**

Free seedling trees, refreshments and giveaways are limited and will be available on a first-come, first-served basis. For questions regarding the Arbor Day Celebration, visit our website at www.ParkerRec.com/ArborDay.

Parker Parks and Recreation would like to thank our Arbor Day 5 Mile Finish Line sponsors: Sports Authority, The Enclave at Cherry Creek Apartments, Huntington Learning Center and RNK Running & Walking.

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DID YOU KNOW?

Work continues at the east Mainstreet development site anchored by the new Parker branch of Douglas County Libraries and a Town of Parker park/plaza. Project updates are available online at www.ParkerOnline.org/EastMainDevelopmentProject. Douglas County Libraries also has its own individual project site, www.NoLeafUnturned.org/Parker, with numerous features on the future library facility.





From the Mayor and Town Council **GIVE BACK WITH VOLUNTEER CONNECT DOUGLAS COUNTY**

The Town of Parker is proud to be a partner in Volunteer Connect Douglas County, a helpful online resource for volunteers in our community.

Brought to you by the Partnership of Douglas County Governments (PDCG), the innovative countywide website, www.VolunteerConnectDC.org, offers one-stop shopping for volunteers wanting to share their time and skills in the communities of Douglas County.

Providing an interactive and centralized website experience, Volunteer Connect puts users in touch with countywide service opportunities that can be searched by interest, schedule, location or desired organization. Users can complete a simple profile and sign up for volunteer opportunities across the county with the click of a button.

The many user benefits of this exciting volunteer portal include:

- Complete one profile for all opportunities that reflects your skills and interests
- Find reliable and timely information on volunteer opportunities
- Filter through opportunities based on interest, location or organization
- Upload required forms and certifications
- Track your hours and mileage
- Easily find opportunities for teens and complete required school district forms
- Complete community service requirements
- Find opportunities for individuals, families or small and large groups
- Read news about local volunteerism and highlights in our community



- Instill volunteerism values in children at an early age

A project of the PDCG, Volunteer Connect Douglas County includes partnership from the Cities of Castle Pines and Lone Tree; Towns of Castle Rock, Larkspur and Parker; Douglas County; Douglas County Libraries; Douglas County School District; and Highlands Ranch Metro District. Additional non-profits will be coming on board soon!

JOIN THE PARKER PLANNING COMMISSION

Are you looking for a way to participate in local government? Volunteer commission member positions and alternate positions are coming open soon on the Parker Planning Commission.

The Planning Commission, an advisory board appointed by the Town Council, provides recommendations to Council on land use and related development issues. Those with an interest in land use and development are encouraged to apply.

Regular meetings are held the second and fourth Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. at Town Hall. To be appointed, you must be a resident of the Town of Parker for at least one year immediately preceding the date of appointment and be a registered elector.

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 Community Development Department, Attn: Rosemary Sietsema, 20120 E. Mainstreet, Parker, CO

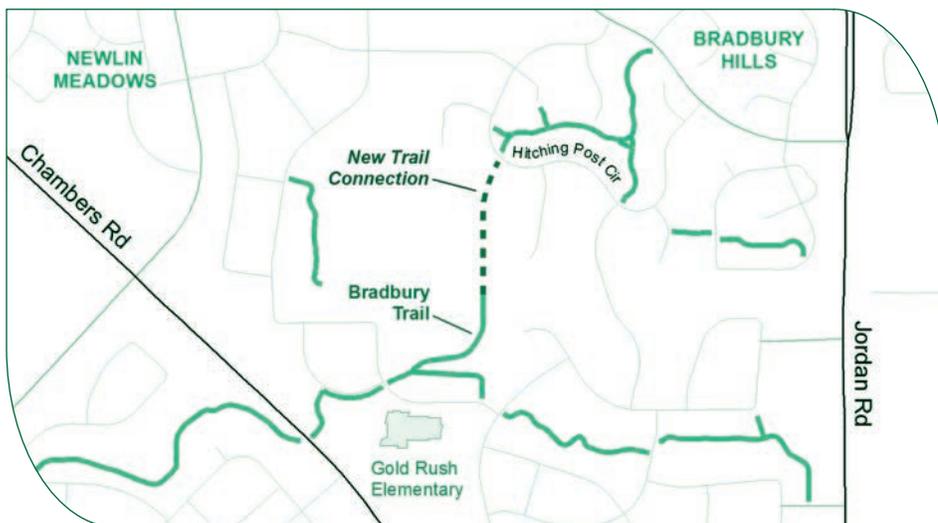
80138. The application deadline is Friday, April 29 at 5 p.m.

Please contact the Community Development Department with any questions at 303.841.2332.



NEW TRAIL CONNECTION IN THE WORKS

Trail Gap in Bradbury Hills Area to be Filled this Summer



A new route will be added to the Town of Parker's trails network this summer that will benefit residents, including a selection of students who walk to Gold Rush Elementary School.

This project will fill in a nearly 750-foot HOA trail gap located just northeast of Gold Rush Elementary School to Hitching Post Circle.

NEXT PINE CURVE REZONING OPEN HOUSE SET FOR APRIL 19

The next public open house regarding the rezoning of the Pine Curve property, a 24.4-acre, Town-owned parcel located north of Town Hall, will be held Tuesday, April 19 from 5 to 7 p.m. at the PACE Center.

In 2002, the Town purchased this parcel on the east side of downtown Parker for a proposed new police station and fire department headquarters. These facilities were eventually constructed at other locations and are no longer planned for this site.

The property is currently zoned Greater Downtown District – Historic Center,

The plans for this project feature a start date following the end of the school year and an estimated completion of late July. This new section of trail will be constructed by T2 Construction of Arvada.

For more information, please call 303.841.0343.

which allows for a mix of multi-family and commercial land uses. The property is proposed to be rezoned to Planned Development (PD). At this open house, Town staff will have proposed draft zoning and receive additional public comment.

For more information on this project, including information provided at previous open houses, please visit the Town's website at www.ParkerOnline.org/PineCurve.

SEE THE RUETER-HESS RECREATION MASTER PLAN PREFERRED OPTION

The Rueter-Hess Recreation Authority is holding a final public open house on April 20 to review the preferred option for the Rueter-Hess Reservoir Recreation Master Plan. The open house will be held at the Parker Water & Sanitation District offices located at 18100 E. Woodman Drive in Parker.

The goal of the master plan is to develop a range of recreational opportunities in and around the reservoir while safeguarding the quality of water in the reservoir and preserving the natural environment of the site.

People may stop by the open house anytime between 4 and 6 p.m. to see the preferred option, ask questions and offer comments. The preferred option will be online and open for comment April 18 through 29 at www.PWSD.org.

Landscape architecture firm Wenk Associates has used feedback and comments from previous surveys and open houses to draft the preferred option. The goal is to have a final master plan, projected budgets and a timeline for implementation by mid-summer 2016. Visit www.PWSD.org/Recreation for more information.





PARKER ARTS HAS PLENTY TO OFFER YOU AND YOUR FAMILY THIS SPRING



ART EXHIBITS

Wonderbound: Dust

- April 18- May 23; PACE Center

Featuring Art by Nathan Abels

Each Wonderbound season production includes an exclusive exhibition of a local artist's work curated by Leon Gallery. Inspired by Dust, Denver Artist Nathan Abels will create new works exploring dust particles floating in the air.

Massive Movement

- April 2 - June 4; The Schoolhouse
Opening Reception: April 7, 6:30 p.m.

The juried original artwork in this show dwarfs the competition, as each piece is four feet or larger in any direction.

FREE ADULT LECTURE SERIES

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

RSVP is required to attend; please call 303.805.6800. Is there a topic you would like to hear about in our Adult Lecture Series? Send us an email with your ideas at pacedu@parkeronline.org!

UPCOMING SHOWS

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" with Curious Theatre & Jesse Manley and His Band

- April 23-24; PACE Center

In collaboration with talented local actors and musicians, this unique and innovative ballet company explores the hardship, struggle and loss amid the Dust Bowl.

Parker Chorale: The Rhythms of Life

- May 7; PACE Center

With songs exploring love, loss, joy and sorrow, Parker Chorale invites you to delight in the rhythms and sounds that make up the experiences of our lives.

Lee Ann Womack Just Announced!

- May 26; PACE Center

The Grammy-winning voice behind Country songs like "I Hope You Dance," "I May Hate Myself in the Morning" and "A Little Past Little Rock" performs at PACE.

MORE TO LEARN!

Summer Camps at PACE

Looking for an enriching summer camp for your child? Look no further than Parker Arts. From romping with Wild Things and rocking out in a band to keeping growing minds active with creative writing or engineering LEGO catapults, we offer a variety of fun and educational camps for your child.

Missoula Children's Theater Red Riding Hood

- Auditions: May 9; The Schoolhouse

Over the river and through the woods to Grandmother's house she goes. Red Riding Hood, not so little anymore, and her pre-teen pals try to stay on the straight and narrow in the latest adventure from the Missoula Children's Theatre. This one-week production is a great introduction to the stage.

Parker Arts Cooking Classes

- Laminated Dough; April 2
- Pies and Tarts; April 4
- DIY Dressings; April 18
- Tea is Not Just for Drinking; May 2
- Elevated Grilling Side Dishes; June 6
- Ice Cream Basics; July 11
- Healthy Gluten-Free Living (FREE); July 14
- Quick and Easy Meals; Aug. 15
- Feed Your Brain: Nutrition for Concentration and Focus (FREE); Aug. 27

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.

IT'S RAINING PARKS AND RECREATION OPPORTUNITIES THIS SPRING IN PARKER!

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



Mommy/Daddy FIT

This total-body conditioning class is for moms and dads who want to get a great workout but don't want to leave their child in day care. If your goal is to lose weight, gain muscle and endurance, this class is for you! Class concludes with Ab Attack to tone those stubborn stomach muscles. Your children play while you work out! Infants in strollers, toddlers and older children are welcome. New sessions begin April 4 and May 16. Class runs on Mondays and Fridays at 9:30 a.m. at the Parker Fieldhouse.



Therapeutic Recreation Offerings

Therapeutic Recreation programs enhance the quality of life for individuals with disabilities. Adaptive programs are designed to minimize barriers, increase leisure awareness within the community, promote skill building, celebrate individual success and promote overall well-being for participants. Parker Parks and Recreation's Therapeutic Recreation program has many offerings, including adaptive personal training, aquatic therapeutic recreation, dances, game nights and more!



YOUR PRINCESS WILL HAVE A BALL

Treat your little girl, age 2 to 12, to an evening she will always remember at the Princess Ball on Friday, May 6 from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at the PACE Center.

Glitter, gold and sparkling tiaras make this a memorable night for your little princess and a special grown up. Our Princess Ball will feature dancing, crafts and refreshments. There may even be a surprise visit from a princess or two! It will be a night to remember.

Fees for this magical event are \$23 per person for Parker residents and \$26 for non-residents. Please register every child and adult attending. Space is limited, so register now at www.ParkerRec.com/PrincessBall. For more information on the Princess Ball and other Kids' Zone events and programs, please contact Diane at 303.805.3281 or by email at dlange@parkeronline.org.

DISCOUNTED H2O'BRIEN POOL PASSES AVAILABLE

Are you getting excited for summer? Get a head start on fun in the sun with the H2O'Brien Pool Season Pass Special.

Now through April 30, discounted Single passes are \$60/resident and \$70/non-resident and Couples passes are \$120/resident and \$130/non-resident. Families of three are \$150/resident and \$160/non-resident, families of four are \$180/resident and \$190/non-resident and families of five are \$210/resident and \$220 non-resident. Each additional family member is \$30. Annual and six-month membership holders of the Parker Recreation Center and Parker

Fieldhouse may purchase an add-on pool pass at a discounted rate.

Season passes are good for unlimited admission all summer and may be purchased at the Recreation Center or Fieldhouse. H2O'Brien Pool opens for the 2016 season on May 28 (weather permitting) and will be open through Labor Day (weekends only starting Aug. 8). Ask the front desk staff at any Parker Parks and Recreation facility for information on purchasing season passes, call 303.841.4500 or go online to www.ParkerRec.com/H2OBrienPool.



PARKER POLICE DEPARTMENT

Keeping Our Community Safe

CHECK OUT THESE UPCOMING COMMUNITY CLASS OFFERINGS FROM PARKER PD

For more information on these opportunities or to register, call 303.841.9800 or visit www.ParkerPolice.org/Classes.

Teens Take the Wheel

Start a meaningful dialogue with your teen about safe driving. Participate in distracted driving simulations and games, witness a mock teen crash trauma scenario and hear the story of a teen crash survivor. The Parker Police, South Metro Fire Rescue, South Metro Safety Foundation and Parker Adventist Hospital will be hosting Teens Take the Wheel on April 18 from 6 to 8 p.m. at Parker Adventist Hospital.

Drug Take-Back Event

According to the Partnership for Drug-Free Kids, 25 percent of teens have misused or abused a prescription drug in their lifetime. Studies show that a majority of abused prescription drugs are obtained from family and friends, including the home medicine cabinet. National Prescription Drug Take Back Day will be Saturday, April 30 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Bring your unused or expired medication to the Parker Police Department for safe disposal.

Career Night

Students will have the opportunity to learn and ask questions about careers in law enforcement on Monday, April 18 from 6 to 8 p.m. Join us at the Parker Police Department to speak to a police recruiter, crime scene investigator, emergency dispatcher and a police investigator. Learn firsthand about the many roles that these dedicated peace officers provide to our community. Interested DCSD students should contact the Douglas County Educational Foundation to register.

GETTING INVOLVED IN OUR COMMUNITY

Kind Company of the Month

The Parker Police were honored with the first Kind Company of the Month award in Parker (pictured upper right). The Kindness Revolution is a national non-profit organization with the mission to raise awareness of kindness in our communities. The Parker Police feel blessed to live and work in such a supportive community. Chief David King understands the importance of treating every person the Parker PD encounters with dignity and respect and has the same expectation of every officer. "The goal is to have every person you encounter say, 'Thank You' at the end of every interaction, even if you are writing them a ticket."



2016 Citizen's Police Academy

The 2016 Citizens' Police Academy is underway with 35 Parker residents participating. Town Administrator Randy Young (pictured below left) kicked things off in the first week with an overview of Town government. Students have also learned about Rules of Conduct, Crime Analysis, Victims Advocate Program, Criminal Law and Krav Maga (Police Officer defensive tactics). With six weeks left in the class, students still have a SWAT Team Overview, DUI Laws and Testing, and Crime Scene Management to look forward to.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORNER

Planning and Building a Healthy and Sustainable Parker!



RTD Bus Service Changes Coming to Parker

The Regional Transportation District (RTD) is bringing all-day bus service to the Town of Parker with the new Route 483 beginning April 25.

Route 483 will replace the Routes 410 and 153 through the Town and provide expanded weekday service connecting Parker to the Lincoln Light Rail Station and the Nine Mile Light Rail Station. The new route will connect Parker to the Lincoln Station weekdays every 30 minutes during peak travel times and every 60 minutes during mid-day hours. The new service between Parker and Nine Mile Station will run every 60 minutes all day. The implementation of the Route 483 will be the first time all-day local bus route service will be offered in Parker.

The new route will connect to the AT SkyRide route at Nine Mile, providing

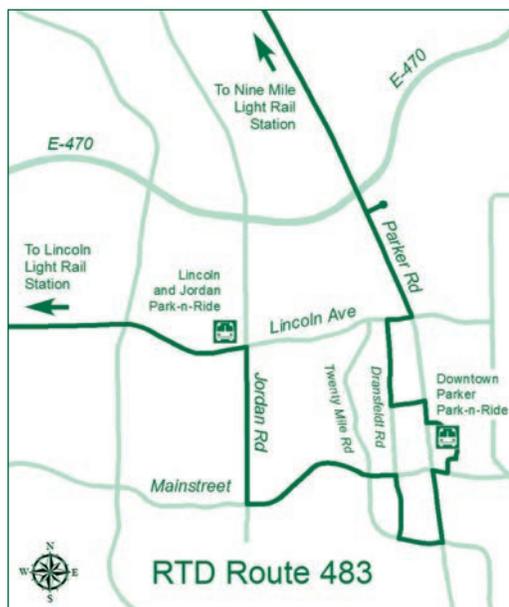
improved transit access to Denver International Airport. The new route will also continue to provide transit access to shopping and employment areas along Twenty Mile and Dransfeldt Roads.

It is important for residents to note that although the change provides improved access and service along the new route, local bus service south of Twenty Mile

Road along Parker Road to the Pinery Park-n-Ride will be discontinued. The Route P Regional commuter service will continue to provide transit service to the Pinery Park-n-Ride.

For RTD route and schedule information, call 303.299.6000

or visit RTD-Denver.com. Patrons with hearing or speech impairments should call the TDD information service at 303.299.6089.



SPRING BRINGS TALL GRASS & WEEDS

Spring and summer means grass and weeds will be growing, and with all the moisture we tend to see in the spring, you can expect them to be growing tall before you know it!

The Town of Parker would like to remind residents about its municipal ordinance dealing with weeds and tall grass. Any non-native grass or weeds over 12 inches tall must be cut. We request that noxious weeds be pulled or sprayed as mowing them won't remove the threat of spreading.

We also ask that all residents take a moment and look over their front, side and back yards to ensure they are free from tall grass and weeds. If your property does have tall grass and weeds, please take care of them as quickly as possible and continue to maintain your property throughout the year. Any violation of this ordinance could result in a fine up to \$499 per day that the violation exists.

Undeveloped property is permitted to grow native and other acceptable vegetation to naturally occurring heights. This practice is essential for accepted erosion-control practices, wildlife habitat and natural suppression of weeds. Please contact Neighborhood Services regarding undeveloped fields at 303.841.2332.

Thank you in advance for inspecting your property and complying with this ordinance!



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APRIL 2016 COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Parker Town Council Meetings

• April 4 and 18; 7 p.m.
Parker Town Hall
Go to www.ParkerOnline.org or call 303.841.0353 for more information.

Parents' Night Out

• April 9; 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)

• April 9; 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.

Macaroni Kid Douglas County Summer Camp & Activities Fair

• April 10; 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
The Wildlife Experience
For more information, go to www.HighlandsRanch.MacaroniKid.com.

Parker Planning Commission Meetings

• April 14 and 28; 7 p.m.
Parker Town Hall
Go to www.ParkerOnline.org or call 303.841.0353 for more information.

Spring Fling Craft Fair

• April 16; 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Ponderosa High School
Email PHSMusicCraftFair@gmail.com or call 303.805.3938 for more information.

Rueter-Hess Reservoir Recreation Master Plan Final Open House

• April 20; 4 to 6 p.m.
Parker Water & Sanitation District Offices
Go to www.PWSD.org for more information.

Parent-Child Art Class

• April 23; 9:30 a.m. to noon
Hobby Lobby (Parker & Mainstreet)
Register at www.ParkerArtistsGuild.com.

Tea and Travels

• April 24; 1 p.m.
Douglas County Libraries at Parker
Go to www.DouglasCountyLibraries.org or call 303.791.7323 to register.

Hilltop Art Fair

• April 30; 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
5748 Flintwood Road and
10926 E. Democrat Road
Go to UCCParkerHilltop.org for more information or email ejenterline@yahoo.com.

Arbor Day Celebration and 5 Mile Run/Walk

• April 30; 9 a.m.
Salisbury Park
Go to www.ParkerRec.com/ArborDay or www.ParkerRec.com/ArborDay5Mile for information.

Gear Up! Bicycle Expo

• April 30; 10 a.m.
Douglas County Libraries at Parker
Go to www.DouglasCountyLibraries.org or call 303.791.7323 for information.