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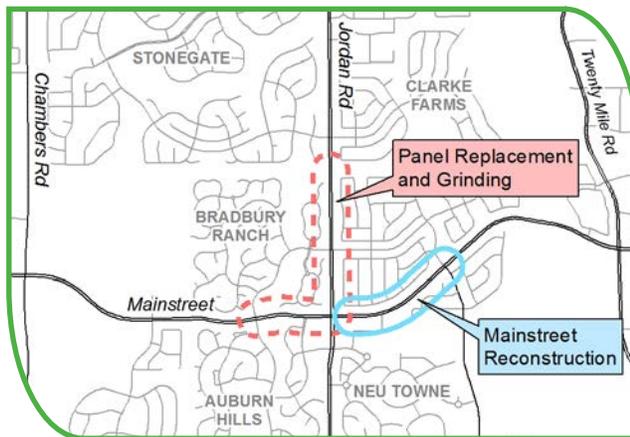
TALK OF THE TOWN

May 2016



Mainstreet Project Scheduled for Summer ROADWAY RECONSTRUCTION

This year's Town of Parker Townwide Roadway Reconstruction Program will include concrete pavement panel replacement and grinding on east and westbound lanes of Mainstreet from Bradbury Ranch Drive to Jordan Road and on the southbound lanes of Jordan Road from Mainstreet north for approximately one-half mile.



In addition, reconstruction of the eastbound lanes of Mainstreet from Jordan Road to Motsenbocker Road will also be included with this vital project.

Panel replacement began in late April with grinding to follow. Mainstreet reconstruction is planned to commence following area school dismissals for summer in early June. Work will consist of removing the existing eastbound concrete pavement and replacing it with asphalt pavement.

As a result of this project, the eastbound lanes of Mainstreet will be closed and the existing westbound

lanes (north lanes) will be converted to two-way traffic (one lane each direction). This temporary four-lane to two-lane conversion will last about two months. Once the contractor has completed construction through this section, the eastbound asphalt lanes will be reopened to their current configuration.

Total costs for this project will be approximately \$1.7 million. Updates on this project and other Town capital improvement projects can be found online at www.ParkerOnline.org/CIPUpdate.

If you have any questions concerning this project, please contact the Town of Parker Engineering Department at 303.840.9546.

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DID YOU KNOW?

Parker Parks and Recreation offers a wide variety of summer camps, leagues and events to keep kids active! Among this summer's camps are:

- Fitness & Wellness
- Kids' Zone
- Baseball, Basketball, Fencing, Flag Football, Lacrosse, Multi-Sport, Skateboarding, Soccer, Softball, Tennis and Volleyball

For more information, visit www.ParkerRec.com/SummerCamps.





From the Mayor and Town Council

STRATEGIC PLAN INITIATIVE PROVIDES DIRECTION FOR PARKER'S FUTURE

Parker's new Strategic Plan and Goals outline how the Town can best serve its residents in the future. To develop these strategic priorities, we first had to examine the Town's current goals and determine if they were being achieved. Although our original goals were sufficient in previous years, they no longer provided adequate direction for a growing community with a variety of services and programs.

In Fall 2015, the Town Administrator's office initiated a larger strategic planning effort for Town Council that would incorporate the current priorities of the Council and our departments. Using area research, citizen survey data, a review of internal documents and previous Town strategic goals, a set of six new strategic goals were presented to Town Council in September 2015.

Although these goals are new in form, they are not new areas of priority for the Town. To show the Town's commitment to some of its key service

areas, it was appropriate to cement these goals as our strategic goals.

Each strategic goal is represented by an icon, a goal title and a brief description. These pieces help departments and Council quickly identify how a program is aligned with a specific strategic goal or objective.

The redevelopment of the strategic goals led to a larger Town strategic planning effort, as we began to put our departments' implicit goals into tangible ideas. The Town of Parker Strategic Plan emphasizes our commitment to the future well-being of Parker in a format we hope is easy to understand. The plan also debuts a new vision and mission statement.

Later in 2015, each department developed a list of strategic objectives that fall under the Council's strategic goals. These objectives demonstrate how the departments are already working towards Council's priorities

in key ways, and will be continually modified over time. Departments are working with the Town Administrator's office through Spring 2016 to develop individual strategic plans that align with the overall strategic plan of Council. In this way, Town Council and our stakeholders can look directly into the work of our departments and see how each project aligns with the Town's priorities.

This Strategic Plan will serve as a guide for the Town and also aligns with the Town's master plan. The plan includes the critical strategies necessary to successfully reach our goals. This singular, guiding document will connect the goals and initiatives of each of our individual departments into a unified vision for our community. We hope it will be a useful tool that will allow us to collaborate on a shared vision for the future of Parker. You can find a link to the new Strategic Plan and other documents at www.ParkerOnline.org/StrategicPlan.

THANK YOU TO OUR TOWN PARTNERS!

Christian Brothers Automotive and Huntington Learning Center have joined the Town of Parker as Town Partner sponsors.

The Town Partner relationship goes beyond a single venue, event or program. Our partners believe in the fundamental missions of the Town and work side-by-side with us to meet our big picture goals. The Town would like

to thank each of them for their support and endorsement of Parker events and for demonstrating their commitment to our growing community.

Find additional information about Town Partner opportunities at www.ParkerOnline.org/Sponsorship or contact Brooke Spain at 303.805.3253 or sponsorship@parkeronline.org.



2016 HOUSEHOLD CHEMICAL ROUNDUP

Tri-County Health and the Town of Parker will hold a Household Chemical Roundup on Saturday, May 21 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Parker Joint Services Center (17801 E. Plaza Drive). This event is open to all Douglas County residents; participants are asked to bring proof of residency, such as a driver's license, and \$25 per vehicle to offset the high cost of hazardous waste disposal. To decrease wait time at the event, residents are encouraged to register in advance at www.TCHD.org/250/Home-Chemical-Waste. As a reminder, dumping of any waste into the storm drainage systems is considered an illicit discharge and a Municipal Code violation. Please do your part by disposing of waste properly and protecting the environment.

Acceptable Items

- House and garden chemicals
- Passenger vehicle and pickup truck tires **removed from rims**
- Paint and paint products*
- Automotive fluids
- Fuels
- Propane tanks
- Vehicle and household batteries
- Items containing mercury
- Fluorescent light bulbs, including CFLs
- Fire extinguishers

Unacceptable Items

- Business waste
- Radioactive waste
- Smoke detectors
- Electronics of any kind
- Scrap metal
- Oil drums
- Asbestos
- Explosives

*Latex paint can be safely disposed of in regular household garbage IF it is completely dried out. To dry out latex paint, mix kitty litter, sand, sawdust, dirt or any other absorbent material with the wet paint and allow it to dry in an area inaccessible to children and pets. Also visit www.PaintCare.org to find retail stores where paint can be dropped off for disposal any time of the year.

WATCHING OUT FOR EMERALD ASH BORER

The Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) is a non-native, wood-boring beetle that attacks ash tree species. Though EAB has not been found in Parker, it is important to be aware of this threat to our ash trees. Currently, it has not been detected outside of the Boulder city limits.

Ash pests such as lilac ash borer, ash bark beetle and other boring insects are much more common than EAB. These problems can and do cause many outward symptoms similar to EAB in ash trees. Fortunately, the number of ash trees in our parks and on other Town properties contributes a very small percent to our overall tree population.

There are several treatments that have been identified that can be used to manage EAB. It is generally thought that since current EAB treatments only

provide control for one or possibly two years, there is no benefit in treating a tree preventatively prior to EAB being detected within roughly five miles.

Since ash trees in our area are also prone to many other problems, another practical option to consider is planning for removal and replacement of your existing ash with a more suitable tree. In many cases the new tree could be planted in the same general area without immediately removing the tree to be replaced.

For more detailed information, visit the Colorado Department of Agriculture EAB resources online at www.Colorado.gov/pacific/agplants/emerald-ash-borer.

SENIOR SOURCE: SENIOR STROLL

On Wednesday, May 25, an estimated 100,000 older adults will participate in local fitness activities throughout the country as part of the 23rd annual National Senior Health & Fitness Day® (NFSD), the nation's largest health promotion event for older adults.

To celebrate this day, Parker Parks and Recreation will host the eighth annual Senior Stroll with Hearing Rehab Center at 10 a.m. at O'Brien Park. This free event features a one-mile fun walk on the paved Cherry Creek Trail followed by a tasty breakfast, socializing with friends and exciting prize giveaways. Registration is not required.

In addition to events like the Senior Stroll, Parker Parks and Recreation offers many programs for active aging adults including SilverSneakers® fitness programs, Arthritis Foundation exercise programs, Golden Yoga and Pilates, Aqua Aerobics, Zumba Gold®, 50+ softball and basketball, pickleball and more.

For more information on programming and the Senior Stroll, please call Hillary Roemersberger at 303.805.3278 or visit us online at www.ParkerRec.com/Seniors.

Thank you to Hearing Rehab Center and Life Care Center of Stonegate, 2016 Senior Stroll sponsors.





PARKER ARTS THIS MAY: LIVE ON STAGE AND OUTSIDE!

EDUCATIONAL OFFERINGS



Parker Arts Summer Camps are now open for registration. We offer fun and educational half-day and full-day camps in arts, cooking, music, robotics, science, theater and more.

Visit www.ParkerArts.org/Education for camp listings and registration information.

FREE ADULT LECTURE SERIES



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

Comedy and Cocktails

- May 13 - PACE Center

Join Stephanie McHugh, winner of the 2nd annual Summer Comedy Contest at Wits End Comedy Club, and headliner Steve “Mudflap” McGrew, veteran of virtually every cable comedy show, for a spontaneous comedy experience that is sure to have you crackin’ up. For mature audiences only.

Lee Ann Womack

- May 26 - PACE Center

Grammy-winning country singer and songwriter Lee Ann Womack is well known for hits like “I Hope You Dance,” “I May Hate Myself in the Morning” and “A Little Past Little Rock.”

Grease

- July 15-31 - PACE Center

Rydell High School is back in session! Follow Dany Zuko and Sandy Dumbrowski back to their senior year in 1959 as they try to relive the romance of their “Summer Nights.” With favorites like “Hopelessly Devoted,” “You’re The One That I Want” and “Greased Lightnin’,” you’ll rediscover why “Grease is the Word.”



PACE PATIO PARTIES

2016 Lineup Announced!

PACE Patio Parties are held on the beautiful west patio. Guests can bring a picnic dinner, or purchase snacks and drinks, while enjoying the breathtaking sunset.

This fun summer lineup takes place on the last Wednesday of the month, and music goes from 6 to 8 p.m. Seating is limited, so feel free to bring your own chairs or blankets.

2016 PACE Patio Parties

- May 25 - Anthony Russo Band – old school rock and roll
- June 29 – The Bringers of Swing – swing, blues and R&B music from the 40s, 50s and 60s
- July 27 – Trail – 80s, 90s and today’s country music
- Aug. 31 – Mark Johnson – piano entertainer
- Sept. 28 – The Dearly Band – folk/rock/country

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.

WARM UP TO THE SPRING SEASON WITH PARKER PARKS AND RECREATION

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



Fitness Specials for Summer

Summer is just around the corner! Let Parker Parks and Recreation help you look good, increase energy and decrease stress with our Summer Fitness Special. May 22 through June 3, purchase three one-hour, private, semi-private or Express Personal Training, Pilates or Yoga sessions and get one free. Parker Parks and Recreation also has more than 20 nationally certified personal trainers on staff who work with clients one-on-one or in groups and around your schedule.



CARA Track

Summer CARA Track events are age-appropriate, and participants will run in up to five track meets and a state meet. The Colorado Association of Recreation Athletics (CARA) is an organization run by recreation departments throughout the Front Range that provides youth and adult tournaments in various sports. View events online at www.CaraTrack.com. The meet schedule runs from May 31 to July 16.



Parent/Child Time

Parent/Child classes like Kindermusik and Baby OM Yoga help you and your young child bond and learn together! New Kindermusik classes, for ages 1 to 4 years with an adult, combines your child's love of music, movement and imagination into 45 minutes of skill-building fun! Baby OM Yoga, for ages 6 weeks to 1 year with an adult, helps your baby unfold their motor skills, sleep better, feel happier and digest with ease.



NEW - Sky Zone Dodgeball

Sky Zone Adult Dodgeball League combines the intense game of dodgeball with the electrifying thrill of fast, high-flying matches on Sky Zone Parker's walled trampoline courts. The league runs on Sunday nights from June 5 to July 31 at Sky Zone Parker, 9851 S. Parker Rd. For more information, visit www.ParkerRec.com/Sports or contact Errin Koon at 303.805.6308 or ekoon@parkeronline.org.

ADOPT-A-FLOWERBED PROGRAM RETURNS

Parker Parks and Recreation is excited to continue the Adopt-a-Flowerbed program, which encourages public involvement in the enhancement of community parks and facilities. This volunteer-based activity allows area volunteer groups to “adopt” and maintain designated flowerbeds in Parker.

Flowerbeds may be adopted by individuals or groups, but participants must commit to one complete growing season of May through September. With direction and oversight from the knowledgeable Parks staff, volunteers will be responsible for keeping the flowerbed free from trash and weeds, ensuring good health of plant material, planting and relocating flowers, installing Town-provided mulch and maintaining signage or display boards, if applicable.

Adoptees will be acknowledged through signage placed by the flowerbed or planter. Volunteer sign-up is on a first-come, first-served basis.

Additional program information is available at www.ParkerRec.com/AdoptAFlowerbed.



PARKER POLICE DEPARTMENT

Keeping Our Community Safe

PARKER PD EARNS REACCREDITATION, HIGH MARKS FROM CALEA

The Parker Police Department was awarded its second successful Commission on Accreditation Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA) Law Enforcement accreditation in April at the National CALEA Conference in St. Louis.

CALEA is a United States-based credentialing authority (accreditation) whose primary mission is to accredit public safety agencies, namely law enforcement agencies, training academies, communications centers and campus public safety agencies. The CALEA accreditation is awarded to law

enforcement agencies that demonstrate excellence and is considered the gold standard for policing in America.

Every three years, the commission conducts a full audit of policies and practices, including a full-week, on-site visit. The auditors conducted Parker's on-site inspection in November 2015. At that time, the lead assessor stated that he had audited more than 40 agencies throughout the United States and Canada and he had not assessed one better than the Parker



Police Department. During the national conference in St. Louis, they highlighted Parker PD's excellence in evidence management, strategic planning and work with the ACLU in development of its Body Worn Camera Policy.

TEACH YOUR CHILD TO FISH WITH 'COPS AND BOBBERS'

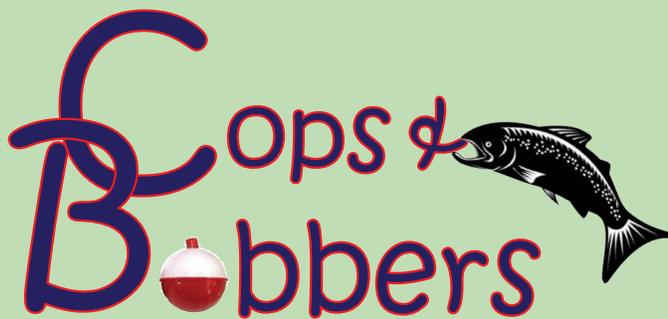
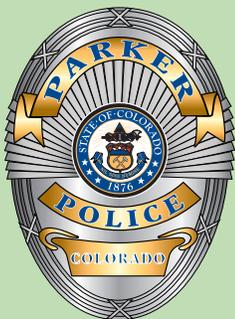
The Parker Police Department will host 150 Parker children next month for Cops and Bobbers.

Cops and Bobbers is an event where Parker Police Officers will teach children how to fish and assist them as they cast their first line. Officers

will first teach the children how to tie a fishing knot, before they teach them how to cast a line. After the class, the children will join Parker Officers by the stocked pond as they catch trout. Their catch will be packed on ice allowing them to take the fish home for dinner.

Cops and Bobbers takes place on Saturday, June 18, starting at 9:30 a.m. The final fish will be pulled from the pond at 2 p.m. Parker residents between the ages of 5 and 15 are eligible to register for the event, which will be held at the Meridian pond near Lincoln Avenue and Meridian Boulevard. The Colorado Parks and Wildlife Department has supplied 150 fishing poles that participants can take home after the event, along with their fish.

Online registration for Cops and Bobbers opens May 2 on the Parker Police Department's website, www.ParkerPolice.org.



COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORNER

Planning and Building a Healthy and Sustainable Parker!

Bicycling, Walking and Driving: Be Alert, Be Predictable & Make Eye Contact!

As warm weather approaches and people venture outside to enjoy the great outdoors, what do we need to know to coexist on the sidewalks, trails and roadways of Parker? Parker is privileged to have one of the best sidewalk and trail networks in the region, so the Town wants to remind everyone of their roles and responsibilities whether bicycling, walking or driving in public rights-of-way.



For bikes, pedestrians and motor vehicles alike, remember eye contact saves lives! Look for other people on the road and make sure they see you, and who knows? You might make some new friends, meet someone special or get to know your neighbors!

Bikes

Be alert!

- Make sure the driver sees you!
- Watch for right-turning traffic.
- Watch your speed. Observe posted speed limits and obey the basic speed law: Never ride faster than is safe under the existing conditions.
- Respect pedestrians' rights. Pedestrians have the right of way.

Be predictable!

- Never ride against traffic. Motorists aren't looking for bicyclists riding on the wrong side of the road.
- Obey traffic signs, signals and rules. Cyclists must act like motorists if they want to be taken seriously.
- Use hand signals. Hand signals tell other road users what you intend to do.
- Wear bright clothing! You don't have to buy a neon yellow jacket, but make sure you are visible, especially at night.

Pedestrians

Be alert!

- Don't get distracted by electronics or listening to music.
- Watch for turning cyclists and motorists.

Be predictable!

- Cross streets at crosswalks—this is what motorists and cyclists expect.
- Eye contact is important with both drivers and cyclists.

Drivers

Be alert!

- Assume pedestrians and cyclists are out and about at all times.
- Yield to pedestrians at crosswalks.
- Yield to pedestrians and bikes when making turns.
- Get off your apps! (Courtesy of CDOT.) Don't text and drive!

Be predictable!

- Follow the posted speed limit.
- Slow down when in the presence of cyclists and pedestrians.

REMEMBER GARAGE SALE SIGN GUIDELINES

The Town of Parker's sign code allows for "limited duration and temporary signs," which include signs advertising garage sales. These signs are permitted in the right-of-way for a limited period of time under the following conditions:

- A maximum of four signs are permitted per residential lot.
- The signs may only be posted beginning at noon on Thursdays through 7 p.m. on the following Sunday.
- The signs may not exceed five square feet per side and four feet in height.
- The signs cannot be attached to public utility poles, traffic and other directional signs, vehicles, utility boxes, fences, other structures or trees.
- The signs cannot be placed in medians, roadways, shoulders or bike paths/lanes.
- Signs must be located 50 feet from all intersections and at least six feet from the edge of the roadway.
- Signs must be located at least 10 feet from any other garage sale sign.

As part of this program, the Town's Neighborhood Services Division has pre-approved Garage Sale signs available for purchase at Town Hall.





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**To: Parker Resident
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MAY 2016 COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Parker Town Council Meetings

• May 2 and 16; 7 p.m.
Parker Town Hall
Go to www.ParkerOnline.org or call
303.841.0353 for more information.

Parker Farmers Market Begins

• May 8; 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Downtown Parker
Call 303.693.3662 for more information.

Parker Planning Commission Meetings

• May 12 and 26; 7 p.m.
Parker Town Hall
Go to www.ParkerOnline.org or call
303.841.0353 for more information.

Explore

• May 13; 1 p.m.
Douglas County Libraries at Parker
Go to www.DouglasCountyLibraries.org
or call 303.791.7323 to register.

Old Town Wine Walk

• May 20; 5 to 8 p.m.
Downtown Parker
Go to www.ParkerChamber.com or call
303.841.4268 for information.

Household Chemical Roundup

• May 21; 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
17801 E. Plaza Drive
Go to www.THCD.org for information.

Aging with Attitude

• May 21; 10:30 a.m.
Parker Senior Center
Go to www.ParkerSeniorCenter.org or call
303.841.5370 for information.

Senior Stroll

• May 25; 10 a.m.
O'Brien Park
Go to www.ParkerRec.com/SeniorStroll
or call 303.805.3278 for information.

H2O'Brien Pool Opens

• May 28; 10 a.m.
O'Brien Park
Go to www.ParkerRec.com or call
303.841.4500 for information.

Memorial Day Veterans' Service of Remembrance

• May 30; 10 a.m.
Parker Cemetery
Call 303.841.2405 for more information.

Tech Together

• May 31; 10 a.m.
Douglas County Libraries at Parker
Go to www.DouglasCountyLibraries.org
or call 303.791.7323 to register.

TOWN HOLIDAY CLOSURES

May 30

• Memorial Day
Town Hall and Fieldhouse closed all day.