



PARKER
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TALK OF THE TOWN

June 2016



Join Us on the Cherry Creek Trail at E-470 BIKE TO WORK DAY IN PARKER

Ditch your car and grab your bike for Bike to Work Day on Wednesday, June 22! The Town of Parker and Rocky Vista University invite you to join 25,000 commuters to participate in this great event, which promotes awareness of the benefits of biking!

Fuel up at the Town of Parker Breakfast Station located at the Cherry Creek Trail under the E-470 overpass from 6:30 to 9 a.m. Rocky Vista University (RVU) is once again joining the Town as a presenting sponsor of the station and Kneaders Bakery & Cafe will be providing breakfast for our riders! In addition to a delicious breakfast, there will be coffee compliments of The Funky Brewster,

water and nutrition bars compliments of Natural Grocers and various giveaways. The first 250 riders to stop at Parker's Breakfast Station will also receive an official Bike To Work Day T-shirt!

Visit www.ParkerOnline.org/BikeToWorkDay for a map to Parker's Breakfast Station. Riders are also encouraged to find more event information, Denver Metro Bike Station maps and to register for Bike to Work Day at the official site, www.BikeToWorkDay.us. Not only will registered riders be counted, but all registrants will be entered in a drawing for fantastic prizes!



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DID YOU KNOW?

The Parker Police Department offers a 9-1-1 education class for kids, designed to teach them about the importance of 9-1-1 and how to use the service if they have an emergency. There will be three classes of two hours each June 25 starting at 9 a.m., noon and 3 p.m. Each class will be limited to the first 30 children that register and is designed for children five and older, although children as young as three may attend. Register online at www.ParkerPolice.org.





From the Mayor and Town Council

SPRING CAN BE UNPREDICTABLE... REMEMBER TO BE TORNADO SAVVY!

As tornado season approaches, the Town would like to remind residents of steps they can take to stay safe should a tornado hit.

Spring months in Colorado are known for their severe storms. Severe weather can include tornados, hail, high winds and lightning. Because weather can move into the area very rapidly, it is important for citizens to be aware of and alert to the possibility of these events.

Tornado sirens, better known as outdoor warning systems, are designed for one purpose – to alert people who are outdoors of potential tornadoes. We do not have tornado sirens in Douglas County – since the occurrence of tornados in our county is very low and the cost is prohibitive (approximately \$30 million for just the initial installation). In addition, the local terrain impacts the effectiveness of sirens. Preparedness begins with the

individual. Follow the steps outlined here to stay safe.

Tornado Safety Tips

- When a **Tornado Watch** is announced, it means conditions are present for a tornado. Keep a radio/ TV tuned for further information and gather emergency supplies.
- When a **Tornado Warning** is issued, it means a tornado has been sighted or is imminent. Take shelter immediately.
- If you are at home: Go to your basement. If you don't have a basement, go to an interior hallway or small room without windows on the lowest floor. Avoid windows. Do not remain in a trailer or mobile home if a tornado is approaching. Take cover elsewhere.
- If you are at work: Go to an interior hallway on the lowest floor or a designated shelter. Avoid windows.

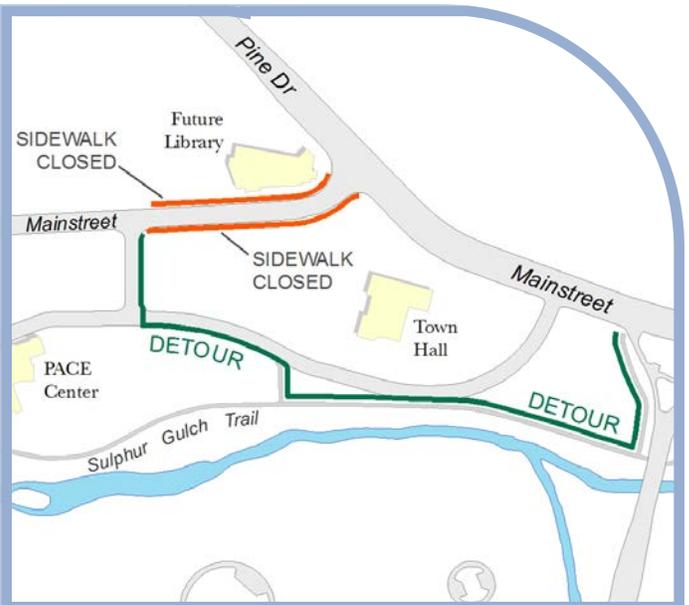
- If you are in a car or outside: Seek cover in a nearby building or lie flat in a ditch or ravine.
- Stay tuned to your radio or TV for weather updates. Several local media outlets allow you to sign up to have severe weather alerts sent to your email or mobile device.
- Purchasing an emergency weather radio is also recommended.

The Parker Police Department Office of Emergency Management offers suggestions and guidelines to help you, your friends, family and co-workers be prepared for a disaster. For more information, visit the Emergency Management section of the Police Department website at www.ParkerPolice.org. You can also call the Police Department's non-emergency phone number at 303.841.9800.

EAST MAINSTREET PROJECT UPDATE

Progress continues on the Town's infrastructure improvements adjacent to the East Mainstreet Project site. Crews have completed utility work and are currently focusing on roadway and streetscaping improvements. This infrastructure will support the new Douglas County Library branch and the Town's park/plaza, which is also currently under construction.

This project will continue to require lane closures and pedestrian detours on Mainstreet and Pine Drive as crews complete work associated with these roadways. The improvements are scheduled to be completed this summer. Please contact the Engineering Department with any questions about the project at 303.841.0353.



PARKER DAYS RETURNS IN JUNE

The Parker Days Festival, a longstanding Town tradition now celebrating its 39th year, returns to the streets of downtown Parker June 9 through 12! The fun includes carnival rides, concerts, booth vendors, delicious festival food and street performers with fun for all ages.

This year's festival includes a Kick-Off Concert with 38 Special on Thursday, June 9. This concert night is a ticketed event with general admission for \$30 and \$100 for VIP tickets. Thursday night also includes the opening of the carnival at 5 p.m.

Starting at 5 p.m. on Friday, June 10, the streets will be filled with food vendors selling fried Snickers, funnel cakes, turkey legs and more. The carnival is open and there are three stages featuring free entertainment all weekend long.

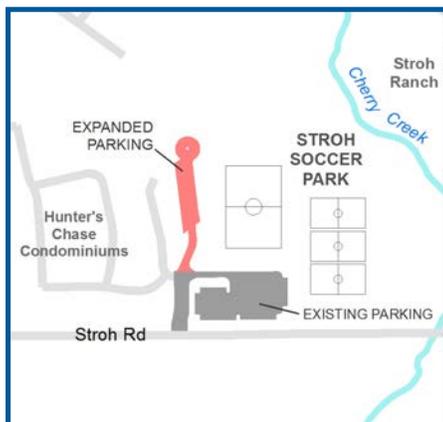


The annual Parker Days parade begins Saturday at 10 a.m. Sunday morning starts off with the Farmer's Market from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. and the Car Show from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Carnival wristbands are available for advance purchase for \$25 per day and \$30 on-site. The Mega Pass, good for all four days of carnival riding, is only available in advance. Visit www.ParkerDaysFestival.com to purchase tickets and to see the Festival's full schedule of events.

ADDITIONAL PARKING COMING TO STROH RANCH SOCCER PARK

For many years there has been a demand for additional parking at the Stroh Ranch Soccer Park. Fortunately, there were enough funds available this year in the Town's Parks, Recreation and Open Space budget to see this need become a reality.



Design efforts for this project were completed over the winter and bids were opened in late March. Noraa Concrete Construction Corporation from Brighton was the low bidder with a price of \$494,494.

The expansion will add 44 more spaces to Stroh Ranch Soccer Park's current lot over an approximate area of 0.3 acres. Also being added to the project will be 670 square yards of sidewalk.

The project start date is planned for late May with an anticipated completion date of mid-July.

CELEBRATE OUR NATION IN PARKER!

Spend Independence Day in Parker at the Town's annual celebration, *Let Freedom Sing!* presented by Parker Flats at Old Town and Park Sixty Four Apartments, on Monday, July 4 at Salisbury Park from 6 to 10 p.m.

Bring your blankets and lawn chairs and set up for an evening packed with family fun! Many of the activities are complimentary. For the pay-to-play opportunities or to purchase food and beverages, please make sure to bring cash as **there will not be an ATM on-site**. Six Million Dollar Band will be mixing it up with patriotic music and jamming to 80s hits from 6 to 9:15 p.m. The evening will conclude with Parker's biggest and best fireworks display to date, beginning at 9:30 p.m.

Limited parking and handicap-accessible parking will be available at Salisbury Park for \$5, cash only, with no in-and-out parking allowed. General event admission is free. For more information, visit www.ParkerOnline.org/LetFreedomSing or call 303.805.3253.

This event is made possible by the Town of Parker, along with our generous sponsors: Parker Flats at Old Town and Park Sixty Four Apartments, Xfinity, Christian Brothers Automotive, Huntington Learning Center, Authentic Brazilian Jiu Jitsu, Kneaders Bakery & Café, Momentum Athletic Center and Swingle Lawn, Tree and Landscape Care and Spradlin Printing.



PARKER ARTS: BRINGING ART AND CULTURAL EVENTS TO YOUR TOWN!

UPCOMING EVENTS

The Bringers of Swing PACE Patio Party

• June 29 - PACE Center
Enjoy a picnic dinner while listening to swing, blues and R&B music from the 40s, 50s and 60s. This is a free concert; seating is limited.

Grease, The Musical

• July 25 to 31 - PACE Center
Tickets on sale now!

Parker Honey Festival

• Aug. 7 - O'Brien Park
Learn all about bees, create crafts, see how honey is made, try on a beekeeper's suit and even take home your own beekeeping starter-kit at this free, family-friendly event!

ART GALLERY EXHIBITS



Fiber Innovations

• PACE Center Art Gallery
Open now through July 10 with an opening reception on June 6.

Art Safari: Works on Paper

• The Schoolhouse Art Gallery
Open June 18 through July 31.

THE SCHOOLHOUSE ARTIST STUDIO

Introducing an Artist-in-Residence Program in Downtown Parker

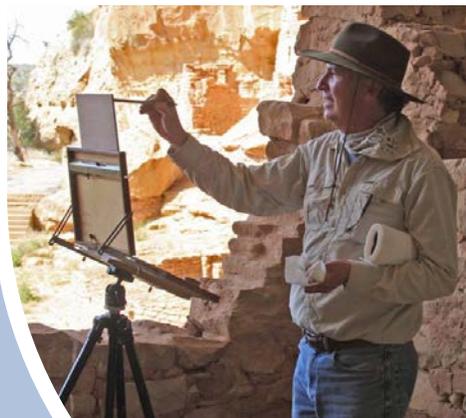
Parker Arts is pleased to announce that Lorenzo Chavez is the first artist-in-residence at The Schoolhouse Artist Studio in downtown Parker.

Housed in Parker's 100-year-old Schoolhouse, which is undergoing an historic rehabilitation, the new space has been transformed into a classic art studio environment. Not only will it serve as Chavez's primary work space, The Schoolhouse Studio will also include a small gallery of artwork by Chavez and other area artists, as well as a small fine art library and a teaching space for his private and group lessons. Chavez will have open studio times where other artists can drop in for group drawing or painting sessions, and visitors can gain insight into the



creative process by watching a professional artist at work. Chavez and Parker Arts plan to offer workshops, cultural events and other educational experiences as part of this new art partnership.

A Parker resident, Chavez is a distinguished artist and instructor working in oils and pastels. He participates in many prestigious national invitation groups and was honored with a successful one-man show at the C.M. Russell Museum in Great Falls, Mont. His work has been featured in popular publications such as Southwest Art, Artists of the West and The Artist's Magazine.



More information about this program will be available soon at www.ParkerArts.org. To learn more about Lorenzo Chavez, visit his website at www.LorenzoChavez.com.

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.

SUMMER ACTIVITIES HEAT UP WITH PARKER PARKS AND RECREATION

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



Pilates Reformer for Special Populations

Pilates is extremely effective in rehabilitation. The Pilates Reformer/Tower is often used in physical therapy for all ages and can be adapted to fit most people's needs. These small classes will keep your mind and body healthy and active. Pilates Reformer/Tower for Special Populations classes run on Fridays from noon to 1 p.m. Six-week sessions are available beginning July 8 and Aug. 19. Classes are held at the Recreation Center. For more details, visit www.ParkerRec.com/Fitness or call Hillary at 303.805.3278.



Give Youth a Place to Increase Fitness and Meet Goals

Parker Parks and Recreation offers several fitness programs geared toward youth. The Run Club for Girls ages 10 to 16 is aimed at the beginner runner. Kids' Triathlon Training teaches kids ages 6 to 12 everything they need to know to complete a triathlon. Speed and Agility Camp for boys and girls ages 8 to 14 develops explosive power and increases vertical jump, strength, flexibility and overall speed, while decreasing the risk of injury. Each of these programs is held at the Parker Recreation Center and/or Challenger Park. For more details, visit www.ParkerRec.com/Fitness or call Hillary at 303.805.3278.

ADULT, YOUTH FALL SPORTS LEAGUES



Registration opens June 21 for a number of youth and adult sports leagues. Adult leagues include Men's and Coed Softball and Coed Volleyball. Youth leagues opening for registration can be found in the fall leagues chart below. For schedules, more details or to register, visit www.ParkerRec.com/Sports or contact the Sports Department at 303.805.6300.

2016 YOUTH FALL LEAGUES

LEAGUE*	DATES	AGES
Flag Football	Aug. 8-Oct. 8	4-14
Inline Hockey	Aug. 8-Oct. 8	4-11
Lacrosse	Aug. 20-Oct. 22	6-14
Soccer	Aug. 8-Oct. 8	3-14
Volleyball	Aug. 1-Oct. 8	6-18

* Fall league registration opens online June 21.

Find more information on all of our youth leagues, camps and clinics at www.ParkerRec.com/Youth Sports.

2016 YOUTH SUMMER CAMPS/CLINICS

CAMP/CLINIC	DATES	AGES
Langtry Girls' LAX Clinic	July 6-20	6-14
303 Volleyball Specialized Clinics: Hitters, Setters, Defensive	July 9-10, July 16-17, July 23-14	14-18
Fencing Academy	June 13-17, July 25-29	8-18
Jedi Training Camp	June 13-17, July 25-29	8-18
SkateStart Level 1	June 7, June 28, July 19	5-14
SkateStart/7Twenty SkateCamp	June 8-10, June 29-July 1, July 20-22	5-18
SkateStart/7Twenty Boardshop Full-Day SkateCamp	Aug. 1-3	6-14



PARKER POLICE DEPARTMENT

Keeping Our Community Safe

WELCOME THE NEWEST ADDITION TO THE PARKER PD, REMI

OFFICER OF THE YEAR



Officer Trey Biles was named Officer of the Year by the Cherry Creek Valley Rotary Club on May 18. Officer Biles was recognized for his heroic efforts saving Cole Robinson from a frozen pond on Jan. 14. The photo above, with Trey and his three-week-old son, was taken at the awards dinner at the Forty and the Eight, where he was also named Law Officer of the Year.

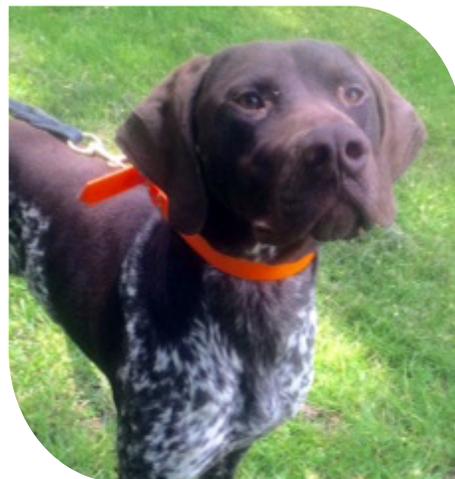
VICTIM'S ADVOCATE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Comforting and supporting those in need at one of the worst times in their life is one of the best ways you can give back to your community. The Parker Police Department is looking for volunteer advocates for the Parker Victim Services Unit. Applicants must be willing to commit to at least one year of service. Interested parties should contact Nancy Prokop, Victim Services Coordinator, at nprokop@parkeronline.org or 303.805.6601 by Aug. 1.

The Parker Police Department is excited to announce the addition of Remi, our new K-9. He is a 23-month-old German Shorthaired Pointer and will be out on the streets of Parker very soon.

Remi and his handler, Officer Casey Cashman, are currently in Utah training to become a narcotics detecting K-9. Remi was selected because of his desire to work, his strong hunt and prey drive and endless energy. He has a loving personality, is very social and community friendly, perfect for the Town of Parker.

A well-trained K-9 team is essential to deterring criminal activity and for assisting police departments in locating illegal drugs and finding missing persons. Studies have shown that dogs search faster and more accurately than humans. It has been estimated that a K-9's sense of smell is approximately 700 times greater than that of a human.



Detection K-9s can locate hidden contraband more quickly and more accurately than hand searching. Remi will initially be trained as a narcotics detecting K-9. If that training goes well, in the future he will also be trained for tracking/trailing missing and at-risk individuals.

We want to send a huge "Thank You" to Dr. Julie Hayes and the staff of the Parker Animal Hospital (10225 Parker Road, Parker, CO) for partnering with us to provide Remi with outstanding veterinary care. You All Rock!!! We would also like to thank Back the Blue K-9 Force, which is working to collect funds for a K-9 vest for Remi.

You'll be able to spot Remi at many community events as we introduce him to the Town of Parker. Keep an eye out for him at an upcoming Town Council meeting as his raises his paw to be sworn in.

JULY IS PARK AND RECREATION MONTH

This July, discover your super powers with Parker Parks and Recreation! We challenge you to BOOM, POW, WHAM with us all month long as we provide FREE activities to have a super Park and Recreation Month. Check out www.ParkerRec.com/SuperJuly for additional information about National Park and Recreation Month. Help us celebrate the super community events, boomin' parks and wham-tastic trails that Parker offers year-round.

Zoom! Trail Walk

- All month long in July

Take selfies along the Cherry Creek Trail (between Parker Recreation Center and McCabe Meadows) using our superhero props located on the trail! Share your photos with us by tagging @ParkerRec on Facebook and/or Instagram and using #ParkerRec and #SuperJuly and you're entered to win fun prizes!

Yoga in the Park

- Each Tuesday in July; 4 to 4:55 p.m. at O'Brien Park

Zumba® in the Park

- July 7; 6 to 7 p.m. at O'Brien Park

Bam! Family Kickball

- July 10; 2 to 4 p.m. at Bar CCC Park

Adventure Orienteering Classes

- July 11; 6:30 to 8 p.m.
- July 16; 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Held at the Parker Fieldhouse. Register at www.ParkerRec.com.

Duck Hunt on the Trail

- July 11 through 15

Hunt for a duck on the Cherry Creek Regional Trail between the Recreation Center and McCabe Meadows. Ducks will be placed by 8 a.m. each morning. Find a duck and return it to the Recreation Center to claim your prize! Each person may only win once.

Superhero Camp

- July 11; 10:30 a.m. to noon

Held at the Recreation Center for ages 3 to 12. Register at www.ParkerRec.com.

CHAUNCEY BILLUPS ACADEMY 2016

Parker Parks and Recreation and Nothing But Net (NBN) Elite Basketball welcome back the Chauncey Billups Basketball Academy to the Parker Fieldhouse June 27 through 30.

Five-time NBA All-Star Chauncey Billups, along with his camp coaches, provide skill-building instruction that focuses on dribbling, passing, defense, speed, agility and shooting. Coaches will develop these players' ability to play in a team structure while having fun with individual and team games.

This year's celebrity coach will be Denver Nuggets point guard Emmanuel

Mudiay. Former celebrity coaches have included Chris Paul, Blake Griffin, Kenneth Faried, DeAndre Jordan, Kyle Lowry, Corey Brewer and Jamal Crawford.

Each camper receives a camp T-shirt, a basketball and one personally autographed item from Chauncey Billups and the celebrity coach, as well as photographs! Players ages 6 to 10 meet from 9 a.m. to noon and ages 11 to 17 meet from 1 to 4 p.m. Camp costs \$250 per player. Space is limited, so register today at www.ParkerRec.com/CBBA.



REMEMBER TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE PARKER CALL-N-RIDE SERVICE!

The Parker Call-n-Ride provides "curb-to-curb" transportation service within many areas of the Town of Parker. Riders of all ages can travel to and from destinations within the Call-n-Ride service area Monday through Friday from 5:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Kids can utilize this amenity for just \$1.10 a ride! Popular summertime destinations include the Parker Recreation Center, H2O'Brien Pool, AMC Twenty Mile 10 Movie Theater, Parker Fieldhouse, schools and more!

It's easy to book your trips by phone or online! Just call 303.301.5772 or visit www.RTDCallNRide.com/CNRWeb.

To view the Parker service area map, visit www.ParkerOnline.org/Call-n-Ride.





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**To: Parker Resident
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JUNE 2016 COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Bonfils Blood Center Parker Donor Center Ribbon Cutting

• June 2; 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.
10259 S. Parker Road, Suite #104
Go to www.Bonfils.org or call
303.363.2377 for more information.

Healthy Cooking Demonstration with Registered Dietitian

• June 6; 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.
Parker Recreation Center
Go to www.ParkerRec.com or call
303.805.3278 for more information.

Parker Town Council Meetings

• June 6 and 20; 7 p.m.
Parker Town Hall
Go to www.ParkerOnline.org or call
303.841.0353 for more information.

38 Special Concert

• June 9; 7 p.m.
O'Brien Park
Go to www.ParkerChamber.com or call
303.841.4268 for more information.

Parker Days

• June 9-12
Downtown Parker
Go to www.ParkerDaysFestival.com
or call 303.841.4268 for more information.

Parker Planning Commission Meetings

• June 9 and 23; 7 p.m.
Parker Town Hall
Go to www.ParkerOnline.org or call
303.841.0353 for more information.

Life-Sized Family Game Night

• June 18; 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.
Douglas County Libraries at Parker
Go to www.DouglasCountyLibraries.org
or call 303.791.7323 to register.

Parker Mainstreet Criterium

• June 19
Downtown Parker
Go to www.WithoutLimits.co for more
information.

Mile High Birding

• June 21; 7 p.m.
Douglas County Libraries at Parker
Go to www.DouglasCountyLibraries.org
or call 303.791.7323 to register.

Bike to Work Day

• June 22; 6:30 to 9 a.m.
Cherry Creek Trail (under E-470 overpass)
Go to www.ParkerOnline.org or call
303.841.0353 for more information.

Old Town Wine Walk

• June 24; 5 to 8 p.m.
Downtown Parker
Go to www.ParkerChamber.com or call
303.841.4268 for more information.

TOWN FACILITY CLOSURES

June 9 to 12

H2O'Brien Pool Closed for Parker Days

June 13 to 19

Recreation Center Maintenance Closure