



PARKER
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TALK OF THE TOWN

July 2016



Celebrate Independence Day in Parker

LET FREEDOM SING 2016!

Celebrate Independence Day at the Town of Parker's annual celebration, *Let Freedom Sing!* presented by Parker Flats at Old Town and Park Sixty Four Apartments. This exciting event will be held on Monday, July 4 at Salisbury Park from 6 to 10 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 about the event,

please visit www.ParkerOnline.org/LetFreedomSing or contact Brooke Spain at 303.805.3253.

We would like to thank our generous sponsors for their support: 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; Swingle Lawn, Tree and Landscape Care; and Spradlin Printing.

JOIN US IN A RACE FOR EVERY PACE

It's hard to believe, but we're already talking about the end of summer! Say farewell and have a great time with Parker Parks and Recreation's So Long to Summer 5K/5 Mile/10K & Family Fun Trek on Saturday, Aug. 13 at 8 a.m. at Salisbury Park.

The professionally timed 5K/5 Mile/10K and untimed fun family event features a delicious post-race pancake breakfast, prize drawings and free Huntington Learning Center Kids' Dash for children 8 and under following the run! Pre-race registration, which closes at noon on Aug. 10, is \$15 for the Family Trek, \$30 for the 5K, \$35 for

the 5 Mile and \$40 for the 10K, with walk-up/race-day registration for an additional \$5; all registered participants receive a race tech shirt and race bib! Strollers and leashed dogs are welcome. Register online at www.ParkerRec.com/SoLongSummer or contact Charlie Rhode at crhode@parkeronline.org or 303.805.6304 for information.

We would like to thank our Finish Line Sponsors: Christian Brothers Automotive; The Enclave at Cherry Creek Apartments; Huntington Learning Center; Kneaders Bakery & Cafe; Parker Lifestyle; and RNK Running & Walking.

DID YOU KNOW?



Free Parker Call-n-Ride Summer Service

The Town of Parker is again partnering with the RTD Call-n-Ride to offer **FREE** bus rides within the Parker service area this summer! The program will run July 1 through Aug. 31 only in the Parker service area, generally located north of Hess Road and east of Twenty Mile Road. For more information on locations served and how to book a ride, visit www.ParkerOnline.org/Call-N-Ride or call 303.301.5772!

New Town Financial Reports

The Town of Parker's Finance Department has been awarded the Governmental Finance Officers Association (GFOA) Certificate of Achievement of Excellence in Financial Reporting for 26 straight years. Find the most recent reports completed by the office, the 2015 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report and the 2015 Popular Annual Financial Report, online at www.ParkerOnline.org/Accounting.



From the Mayor and Town Council

APPLICATIONS BEING ACCEPTED NOW FOR 2016 PARKER CIVIC ACADEMY

The Town of Parker’s 11-week Civic Academy returns this fall, and the application process is now open! Participants will learn what it takes to build, grow and maintain a community. From Town infrastructure to innovative ways of maximizing tax dollars, attendees get a first-hand look at how their local government operates. The academy will be held on Wednesday nights from 5:30 to 8 p.m. at various Town facilities. Classes will run from Sept. 7 through Nov. 9, with a graduation ceremony on Nov. 21.

This informational program is provided at the direction of Town Council and Administration and encourages Parker residents to participate in local issues with the goal of improving the understanding and awareness of how local government works.

Topics that will be covered in this year’s academy include:

- Knowing Your Community (presented by the Office of the Town Administrator)
- Town Tour and Question & Answer Session with Town Council
- Building a Community (presented by the Community Development and Economic Development Departments)
- Caring for a Community and Equipment Demonstration (presented by the Public Works and Engineering Departments)
- Financing a Community (presented by the Finance Department)
- Living the Hometown Feel (presented by the Parks, Recreation, and Open Space and Communications Departments)

- Partners with Parker (presented by Parker Water and Sanitation District, South Metro Fire, Douglas County and Douglas County Libraries)
- Protecting a Community (presented by the Police Department)
- Involving Your Community (presented by the Municipal Court)
- Creativity in a Community (presented by the Cultural Department)

Since the Parker Civic Academy has a limited enrollment, be sure to apply soon at www.ParkerOnline.org/CivicAcademy.

If you have questions about this program, please contact Chris Vanderpool at 303.805.3117 or cvanderpool@parkeronline.org.

CHAMBERS ROAD WIDENING PROJECT UPDATE

The Chambers Road Widening Project broke ground in April. Work includes the widening of the existing two-lane road between Hess Road and Mainstreet to a four-lane principal arterial roadway. Hamon Infrastructure of Denver has been working diligently to stay on schedule despite the spring rains.

This \$10 million project has been planned since the original two lanes were completed in 2009. The widening was needed to support the anticipated future growth of the Parker area. Funding for this

project is a joint venture and includes Douglas County, the Douglas County School District and Town of Parker.

Currently, significant work continues on the new northbound lanes, including storm sewer, inlet, subgrade preparation, trench drain and curb and gutter. The pedestrian and Newlin Gulch bridges are also underway. Work hours are from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Friday and 8 a.m. through 7 p.m. on Saturdays. The anticipated completion date for the project is late fall 2016.

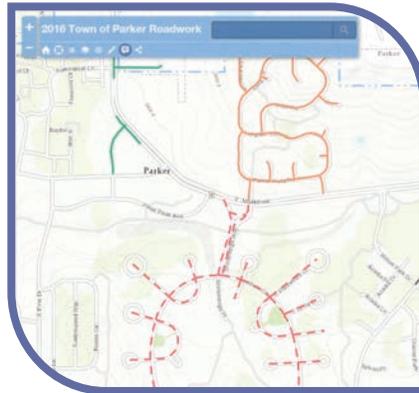


TRACK PARKER STREET MAINTENANCE PROJECTS WITH NEW ONLINE MAP

The Town of Parker has developed a new online map to better inform residents about planned street maintenance activities.

If you see orange cones in your neighborhood and are curious about planned construction, you can check the Town of Parker Public Works Street Maintenance webpage and zoom into your street or neighborhood for more information. This new tool includes links that are optimized for both desktop browsers and mobile devices.

Please be aware that not all work zones will ultimately relate to Town of Parker projects. Other entities, wet utilities,



developers and telecommunications companies may also perform work within public rights-of-way, as well.

To start tracking projects in your area, visit www.ParkerOnline.org/StreetProjects.

KIDS' TRY-ATHLON RETURNS AUG. 6

Hey, kids, give it a TRY! Parker Parks and Recreation and Advanced Pediatric Associates present the Kids' TRY-athlon on Saturday, Aug. 6 beginning at 7 a.m. at the Parker Recreation Center.

Children ages 6 to 12 of all ability levels are invited to try their skills in three events: swimming, biking and running. This event is geared toward fun, not competition, so it is a great confidence booster for any kid.

The fee for this event is \$20 and includes a T-shirt and bag. Register online at www.ParkerRec.com/KidsTRY. Distances and start times for each age group are posted online. For more information on the Kids' TRY-athlon, please contact Charlie Rhode at 303.805.6304 or by email at crhode@parkeronline.org.

For event sponsorship inquiries, please contact Jaime Vollertsen at jvollertsen@parkeronline.org.

Parker Parks and Recreation would like to thank its Kids' TRY-athlon sponsors: Advanced Pediatric Associates, Huntington Learning Center and Parker Academy of Martial Arts.



TOWN OF PARKER'S BUILDING DIVISION WORKS FOR YOU!

The Town's Building Division is off to a very busy start this year with several residential and commercial construction projects underway in Parker. Permits were issued for a total of \$72,418,773 worth of construction work (construction valuation) in Parker in the first five months of 2016, and inspectors completed 11,076 building inspections through May!

Don't Forget the Permit

It is always good to remember that most home improvement projects require a permit. The Town does receive inquiries from homeowners who own a home in which improvements were made that required a permit, but no permit was issued. You can call the Town's Building Division at 303.841.1970 to verify if a permit was issued for your home.

Applying for a Permit

Permit applications could not be any easier now that the entire process can be completed online. Visit www.ParkerOnline.org/TRAKiT or call our office to let us walk you through it!

Homeowner Building Class

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. The next class will be held Sept. 8 at 6 p.m. at Town Hall.



PARKER POLICE DEPARTMENT: KEEPING OUR COMMUNITY SAFE!

POLICE NEWS



Cops and Bobbers

The Parker Police Department hosted more than 160 Parker children for the first annual Cops and Bobbers event on June 18. Officers taught the kids how to cast a line and then assisted them as they fished in the stocked pond. All participants were allowed to catch two trout to take home. The children were also allowed to keep their fishing poles, which were supplied by Colorado Parks and Wildlife and Cabela's.



K-9 Remi is Certified

Officer Casey Cashman and Remi have returned from their training in Utah and are out patrolling the streets of Parker. After five weeks of training, Remi has been certified in narcotics detection. Please keep an eye out for them over the next few months. We are excited about the positive impact Remi will have on the Town of Parker!

STAY SAFE WHEN CELEBRATING

Reminders on Parker Fireworks Laws and Safety Tips

Celebrating our nation's independence has become a great time for family, friends and fireworks. As we prepare for the July 4th celebration, it is important to remember both the laws and safety tips that will ensure everyone has a fun and safe holiday.



“Safe and sane” fireworks are permissible only on private property within Town limits. All other fireworks are illegal and are prohibited in Parker, including on private property. “Safe and sane” fireworks include fountains, wheels, spinners, illuminating torches, dipped sticks, sparklers, snakes and glow worms.

The Parker Police Department recommends going to professional fireworks shows like Parker's *Let Freedom Sing!* to enjoy fireworks safely. However, if you plan to set off fireworks yourself, please keep fire danger in mind and take the safety precautions listed in the next column.

Fireworks Safety Tips

- Children should only be permitted to use fireworks under close adult supervision. Do not allow any running or horseplay. Be mindful that sparklers, often considered “safe” fireworks, burn at a very high temperature and can ignite clothing.
- If you plan on setting off fireworks, do it outdoors in a clear area, away from houses, dry leaves or grass and other flammable materials.
- Do not try to relight or handle malfunctioning fireworks. Soak them in water and throw them away.
- Be sure other people are out of range before lighting fireworks.
- Never light fireworks in a container, especially a glass or metal container.
- Keep unused fireworks away from the firing area.
- Store fireworks in a cool, dry place. Always check instructions for special storage directions.
- Never have any portion of your body directly over a firework when lighting.

Fines of up to \$600 may be given for each offense. Contact the Parker Police Department at 303.841.9800 or police@parkeronline.org for more information on fireworks regulations.

KEEP YOURSELF ACTIVE THIS SUMMER WITH PARKER PARKS AND RECREATION

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



Pickleball Fitness for Performance

Improve your game by training for the variety of sport movements that pickleball requires. Become a better pickleball player by developing strength, speed, agility, a strong core, endurance and flexibility, as well as injury prevention techniques. All fitness levels are welcome! No equipment is necessary. Adults ages 18 and older will meet from July 12 to Aug. 18 on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 1 to 2 p.m. at the Recreation Center.



Love and Logic Parenting

Love and Logic provides practical tools and techniques that help adults achieve respectful, healthy relationships with their children and help them prepare for kids in the real world. This class for adults ages 18 and older meets from Aug. 11 to Sept. 15 on Thursdays from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Recreation Center.



Youth Therapeutic Recreation

Did you know that Parker Parks and Recreation offers Therapeutic Recreation activities for youth with disabilities? Classes and events are designed to enhance the quality of life for individuals with disabilities through participation in adapted programming. Youth Therapeutic options include Adaptive Movement classes for ages 3 to 6 with free demos on July 17 at 2:30 p.m. and July 20 at 3:30 p.m. at the Recreation Center, Adaptive BOOM Sports for ages 7 to 16 and more!



Friendship Skills Adventure Program

In the Friendship Skills Adventure Program, children will learn tools and strategies for dealing with daily social struggles and lower their stress level during these challenging years. Space is available for youth ages 9 to 11 on Wednesdays from July 27 to Aug. 31. Classes are held at the Recreation Center from 5:30 to 6:15 p.m.

KIDS' ZONE



Messes and Masterpieces

Roll up your sleeves and get ready to make an ooey gooey mess! We'll make unique art projects that unleash your child's creativity. Dress for a mess or bring a smock. Youth ages 3 to 6 will meet on Thursdays from Aug. 4 to 25 at the Parker Recreation Center from 10 to 11:30 a.m.



Parent/Child Fun with Kindermusik

New Kindermusik offerings range from ages 1 to 4 years with an adult. Each class combines your child's love of music, movement and imagination into 45 minutes of weekly skill-building fun! Classes are held on Saturdays and times depend on age. New four-week sessions begin July 9 and Aug. 13.



PARKER ARTS ANNOUNCES 2016/2017 SEASON SCHEDULE

Parker Arts is excited to announce the lineup for its 2016/2017 season. We're bringing performers from around the world, acts from around the nation and local talent from around Town, offering something for everyone. Tickets are on sale to members now and go on sale to the public Aug. 1. Visit our website at www.ParkerArts.org or call our Box Office at 303.805.6800 for all the details.

**Family Discovery Series:
Rhythm - A Multicultural
Experience and More**
Sept. 3

**Friday Night Jazz:
The Great Ladies of Jazz**
Sept. 16

Comedy & Cocktails
Sept. 17

The Uncharted Series: SHEL
Sept. 17

Monty Python's SPAMALOT
Sept. 30 to Oct. 16

**Family Discovery Series:
Bat Encounters**
Oct. 20

**Friday Night Jazz: Brazilian
and Latin Favorites**
Oct. 21

Comedy & Cocktails
Oct. 22

**Wonderbound: A Gothic
Folktale**
Oct. 22 and 23

Rock the Presidents
Oct. 27



**Wayne Brady: PACE Center
5-Year Anniversary**
Oct. 28

**Parker Symphony Orchestra:
Dvorak's New World Symphony
and Other Romantic Selections**
Oct. 29

**BAM Percussion:
The Blue Barrel Show**
Nov. 4

**The Uncharted Series:
Storytellers – A Night in
Nashville**
Nov. 5

Super Scientific Circus
Nov. 9

The Diary of Anne Frank
Nov. 11 to 20

**The Manhattan Transfer &
Take 6 present "The Summit"**
Nov. 12

Rusted Root
Nov. 13



Wynonna and The Big Noise
Nov. 18

**The Bluzinators presents
The Blues Brothers
Bootleg Road Show**
Nov. 26

A Classic Parker Holiday
Dec. 2 to 4

Mike Super - Magic & Illusion
Dec. 9

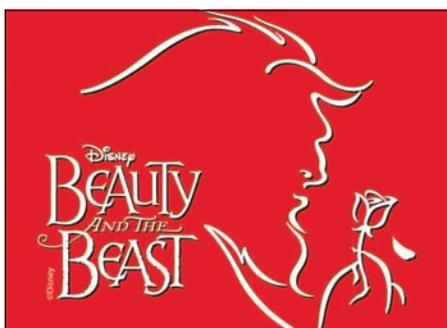
**The Ultimate Christmas Show
(abridged)**
Dec. 10

WORLDWIDE, NATIONAL AND LOCAL ACTS TO PERFORM IN PARKER



The Nutcracker of Parker
Dec. 15 to 18

**Family Discovery Series:
Animal Expeditions with the
Denver Zoo**
Jan. 7



Disney's Beauty and the Beast
Jan. 20 to Feb. 12

**Friday Night Jazz:
PhrÖntrange - Acoustic Fusion**
Feb. 17

Comedy & Cocktails
Feb. 18

**Wonderbound – A Dangerous
Liaison**
Feb. 18 and 19

**The Berenstain Bears LIVE! in
Family Matters, the Musical**
Feb. 23

**Parker Symphony Orchestra:
Celebrating Black Composers
Throughout the Centuries**
Feb. 25

**Colorado Jazz Repertory
Orchestra: The Music of
Steely Dan and Radiohead**
March 3

**Family Discovery Series:
Busker and Me**
March 4

Broadway's Next Hit Musical
March 4

**The Uncharted Series:
Danú – Direct from Ireland**
March 5

Peabo Bryson
March 17

Steel Magnolias
March 17 to 26
*Adult Themes

**Tapestry:
The Music of Carole King**
March 18



Cirque Montage
March 23 and 24

**Friday Night Jazz: Elevenet –
The Music of the Beatles**
March 31

Comedy & Cocktails
April 1

Mr. Popper's Penguins
April 7 and 8

**The Uncharted Series:
The Hunts**
April 15

**Wonderbound:
"Divisions" with The Flobots**
April 22 and 23

**Family Discovery Series:
Hunk Ta Bunk Ta Band**
April 29

**Parker Symphony Orchestra:
Notes From Nature –
A Journey of Sights and Sounds**
May 5

**Parker Chorale: Broadway -
Anything Goes To
The Wizard of OZ**
May 6

**Chris Perondi's
Stunt Dog Experience**
May 19

**Family Discovery Series:
Duck Duck Dupe**
May 20

Hairspray
July 14 to 30
*Tickets go on sale Spring 2017



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JULY 2016 COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Let Freedom Sing! Presented by Parker Flats at Old Town and Park Sixty Four Apartments

• July 4; 6 to 10 p.m.
Salisbury Park
Go to www.ParkerOnline.org/LetFreedomSing or call 303.841.0353 for more information.

Parker Town Council Meetings

• July 5 and 18; 7 p.m.
Parker Town Hall
Go to www.ParkerOnline.org or call 303.841.0353 for more information.

Tour de Ladies Cycling Event

• July 9; 6:30 a.m.
Douglas County
Go to www.TourdeLadies.com or email tourdelaadies@gmail.com for more information.

Parker Planning Commission Meetings

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

Parker Arts Presents Grease

• July 15 to 31; Times Vary
PACE Center
Go to www.ParkerArts.org or call 303.805.6800 for more information.

MuckFest® MS

• July 16; 9 a.m.
Salisbury Park
Go to <http://muck.ly/Denver> for more information.

Movies in the Park: Ferris Bueller's Day Off

• July 16; Dusk
O'Brien Park
Go to www.ParkerChamber.com or call 303.841.4268 for more information.

Saturday Skate Night

• July 23; 5:30 to 9 p.m.
Parker Fieldhouse
Go to www.ParkerRec.com or call 303.805.6300 for more information.

PACE Patio Party: Trail

• July 27; 6 p.m.
PACE Center
Go to www.ParkerArts.org or call 303.805.6800 for more information.

Old Town Wine Walk

• July 29; 5 to 8 p.m.
Downtown Parker
Go to www.ParkerChamber.com or call 303.841.4268 for more information.

TOWN FACILITY CLOSURES

July 4 - Independence Day
Town Hall, Recreation Center and Fieldhouse will be closed all day.
H2O'Brien open 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.