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TALK OF THE TOWN

August 2016



Help Improve Parking in Our Town

DOWNTOWN PARKING STUDY

With increased investment in Parker bringing new residences, businesses and higher attendance at events, the Town would like guidance from the community in creating policies and programs that effectively balance the parking and access needs of all who enjoy the downtown area.

The Town has begun working on a Downtown Parking Study and Plan. The goal of the study is to develop a menu of options for managing parking that maximizes the efficiency of existing parking resources; improves parking and mobility options for residents, business owners and visitors; and promotes a connected, walkable and inviting downtown for all users.

Public input will be an important part of this study. The community is invited to attend an open house on Thursday, Aug. 18 from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. at

Parker Town Hall. Attendees will learn how other communities manage parking in ways that both contribute to the economic vitality of their downtowns and provide a positive experience for residents and visitors. Community members will also have the opportunity to share their views on parking in the downtown area.

Residents are encouraged to attend at any time during the open house as no formal presentation will be given. If you are unable to attend the open house, but would still like to share your opinion on parking in downtown Parker, please visit www.ParkerOnline.org/ParkingStudy and take our brief online survey.

For more information on the study and plan, contact Patrick Mulready at pmulready@parkeronline.org or 303.841.2332.

DID YOU KNOW?



FREE Call-n-Ride Reminder
RTD is offering FREE Call-n-Ride bus service within the Parker service area through the end of August!

For more information on locations served and how to book a ride, visit www.ParkerOnline.org/Call-N-Ride or call 303.301.5772.



Pick Parker Mobile App

Have you downloaded the Pick Parker app yet? The Parker Area Chamber of Commerce has partnered with the Town of Parker and the Parker Economic Development office to bring you the very first community mobile app for our Town. Pick Parker is your mobile companion to help bring information about Parker to your fingertips. Download it today on your Android or Apple device!





From the Mayor and Town Council **EXCITING CHANGES IN THE WORKS FOR HISTORIC SCHOOLHOUSE SITE**

Have you noticed construction activity lately at the site of the historic Schoolhouse in downtown Parker? There's an exciting addition coming to our community!

The Parker Taphouse and Distillery will be a newly constructed business located just west of The Schoolhouse, on the site of facility's former gymnasium. There is already activity occurring on the site to prepare for the construction of the new building. The removal of The Schoolhouse gymnasium is part of the ongoing restoration of the century-old building.

The Parker Taphouse and Distillery, which acquired the land from the Town through a public selection process, will be a full-service restaurant with a bar

area, distillery facility and retail store. The newly constructed building will feature plenty of outdoor seating to enjoy the Colorado weather and mountain views from a rooftop deck that will wrap the north, west and south sides of the building. If you prefer to take in the outdoor air from street level, there will also be two patio seating areas to the north and south of the building.

Construction on the Parker Taphouse and Distillery is anticipated to begin in the fall of 2016 and be completed in mid- to late-summer 2017.

Programming in The Schoolhouse Theater will not be impacted by the site preparation work or the new construction. In fact, in anticipation

of the increased activity that will be generated by the Parker Taphouse and Distillery, starting this fall Parker Arts is adding new shows at The Schoolhouse Theater that are targeted more to adult audiences. These new entertainment options include a Friday Night Jazz series, a Comedy and Cocktails series and two dramatic plays.

The restoration of the historic Schoolhouse will continue in tandem with the construction of the Parker Taphouse and Distillery, with the goal of having both projects completed by the time the Taphouse opens in late 2017.

TAKE THE PARKER ROAD CORRIDOR PLAN SURVEY

We need YOU to help plan the future of Parker Road!

Parker Road is a significant regional corridor, the primary north/south highway through Town and often the first and sometimes only impression that visitors have of Parker.

While this highway is a key identifying feature, it does not currently reflect the high quality of life or aesthetics that the residents of Parker currently value. In fact, it has a significant impact on the Town as a barrier for east/west traffic, pedestrians, bicyclists and commerce.

The Parker Road Corridor Plan will develop a corridor-specific vision and goals related to land use, economics, urban form and multimodal transportation.

We want to hear your thoughts about this important corridor! Visit www.ParkerRoadPlan.com to take a brief survey and sign up for email updates. There will also be a community workshop on **Friday, Aug. 26** at Town Hall from **11 a.m. to 1 p.m.** or **3 to 5 p.m.** We hope to see you there!



Business



Car Traffic



Bus Transit



Pedestrians

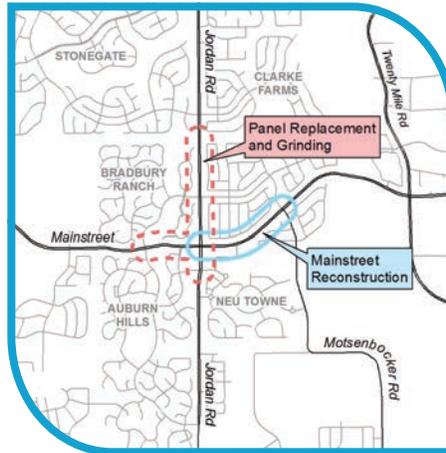


Bicycles

2016 TOWNWIDE ROADWAY RECONSTRUCTION PROGRAM UPDATE

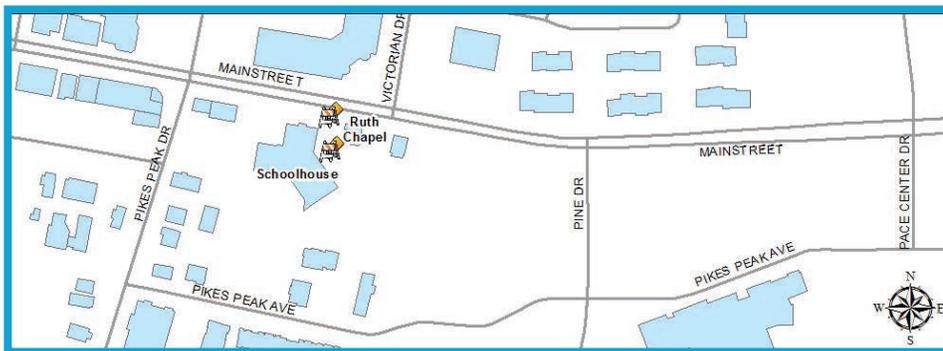
This year's Townwide Roadway Reconstruction Program is in full swing and progressing according to schedule.

Concrete pavement panel replacement and grinding on Mainstreet, east and westbound lanes, from Bradbury Ranch Drive to Jordan Road is complete. Panel replacement and grinding on Jordan Road, southbound lanes, from Mainstreet north for approximately one-half mile is underway and should be finished in early September. This work has been expanded and will also extend down south to Cedar Gulch Parkway and be completed in September. Additionally, reconstruction of the eastbound lanes of Mainstreet from Jordan Road to Motsenbocker Road is also nearly complete.



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.

A POP-UP PLAZA ON MAINSTREET



The Mainstreet entrance to The Schoolhouse and Ruth Memorial Chapel has been closed to through traffic as of the week of July 18. Safety is the primary issue, since many vehicles had begun to use the parking lot as a shortcut to Pikes Peak Drive. The lot will now only be accessible from the south on Pikes Peak Court.

This closure does present the opportunity for a Pop-Up Plaza on

Mainstreet for community events and celebrations. The first Pop-Up event will be during the Wine Walk on Aug. 26 and feature a pavilion with full cash bar, live music, vendors and more.

Be on the lookout for more exciting events taking place in this public space in the future!

IT'S TIME AGAIN FOR PARKER QUEST

How well do you know Parker?

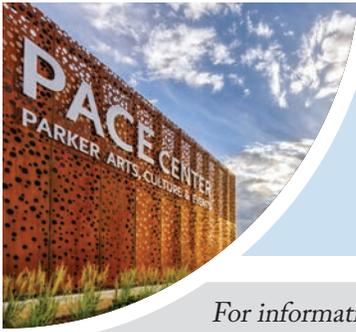
Test your local history IQ during Parker Quest, a scavenger-hunt-style event on Saturday, Aug. 27 from 9 to 11 a.m. Families, teams and individuals will enjoy an activity-filled walking tour of downtown Parker while exploring our Town's colorful history, culture and heritage.

This annual Quest brings long-time residents and newcomers together to participate in fun activities and learn more about the community. This year, the journey begins (and ends) at The Schoolhouse, 19650 E. Mainstreet, where you'll receive a passport of clues. Solve each clue to find the next location, making your way through places of interest scattered around downtown Parker. It's an entertaining way to get to know all about our Town's past—and future!

Parker Quest is a partnership between the Town of Parker, Parker Area Historical Society, Parker Arts and Douglas County Libraries.

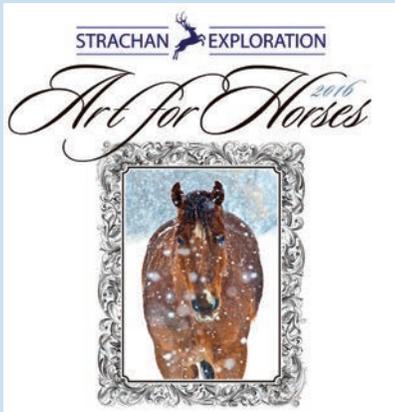
Register for this free event at www.DouglasCountyLibraries.org or call 303.791.7323.





GET IN THE SWING OF SUMMER WITH THESE PARKER ARTS OFFERINGS

For information about these programs or for registration/tickets, visit www.ParkerArts.org or call 303.805.6800.



ART FOR HORSES

2016 Show and Sale Presented by STRACHAN EXPLORATION

- This show supports the art community and earns funds to benefit two Colorado horse rescues: Drifter's Hearts of Hope in Parker and The Horse Protection League in Arvada.
- The equine-themed fine art show and sale features renowned and emerging artists, working in a variety of mediums and styles from traditional to experimental and abstract.
- Join us on Thursday, Sept. 15 for the Opening Reception. Enjoy dinner and drinks, meet the artists and have the first opportunity to purchase art. It's a great way to help horses! Tickets are available for purchase at www.ParkerArts.org.
- After the Opening Reception, the exhibit is free and open to the public from Sept. 10 to Oct. 30.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Concerts in the Park

Sundays in August • O'Brien Park
FREE and open to the public from noon to 2 p.m.!

August PACE Patio Party

Aug. 31 • PACE Center
Mark Johnson, piano player, singer and host of sing-a-long piano bar show featuring favorite songs of past and present. Fun guaranteed!

Family Discovery Series: Rhythm - A Multicultural Experience and More

Sept. 3 • PACE Center
An exciting hands-on program that explores how various rhythms from around the world have contributed to today's popular sounds.

Friday Night Jazz: The Great Ladies of Jazz

Sept. 16 • The Schoolhouse
The Colorado Jazz Repertory Orchestra and vocalist Heidi Schmidt perform tunes from the repertoire of Ella Fitzgerald, Sarah Vaughn and many others.

Comedy & Cocktails

Sept. 17 • The Schoolhouse
Enjoy a drink and have a laugh with this hilarious series that presents the best stand-up comedy talents from Denver and beyond.

The Uncharted Series: SHEL

Sept. 17 • PACE Center
Performing in a style uniquely their own, four Colorado sisters captivate with infectious indie-folk rhythms and hypnotic vocals.



ROVER RALLY

Aug. 20 • 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The Schoolhouse Parking Lot

Come see teams of all ages compete for glory in three exciting robotics events: Barrel Racing, Closest to the Pin and Launch Ramp Long Jump. In addition to the competition, there will be hands-on activities, skaters versus robots long jump, a food truck and more. The event is free and open to the public. The Parker Rover Rally is a celebration of creativity and technology leadership in Colorado. Competitors and sponsors can learn more at www.TheRoverRally.com.

ENJOY THE END OF SUMMER WITH PARKER PARKS AND RECREATION



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



Fencing and Archery

Fencing is a unique sport that teaches competition, respect and self-discipline in a safe and fun environment. Fencing Instruction for participants ages 8 to 16 introduces the history of fencing, weapons, target areas and fencing technique. Archery participants ages 8 and older learn about range safety, proper archery shooting techniques and target practice in a fun and safe environment. This class is designed for newcomers and experienced archers. All equipment is provided, if needed.



Tiny Artists, Busy Builders

Tiny Artists for ages 2 to 3 with an adult will make crafts, do art projects and have a great time together on Wednesdays from 10 to 10:45 a.m. At Busy Builders, boys and girls ages 3 to 6 will work with friends to build different projects every week with Legos, Lincoln Logs and more on Tuesdays from 10 to 11:30 a.m. New sessions begin soon!



Local NFL Punt, Pass and Kick

It's your time to shine! The FREE annual NFL Punt, Pass and Kick competition will be held at Salisbury Park on Friday, Sept. 9. Top scorers may move on to the sectionals, followed by the team championship and then on to nationals. Registration will be held the day of the event and a COPY of the participant's birth certificate must be presented and left at registration. Registration begins at 5:30 p.m. Boys and girls ages 6 to 15 will compete in separate divisions in five age groups.



Sky Zone Dodgeball League

Looking for a way to build teamwork outside of the office? The 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. The league runs on Sunday nights from Sept. 18 to Nov. 6 at Sky Zone Parker. Register as a team or free agent today!

FALL ADULT SPORTS

LEAGUE	DATE	DAY	RATE
Dodgeball - Sky Zone	Sept. 18- Nov. 6	Su	\$55 (indiv.) \$495 (team)
Flag Football	Sept. 6- Nov. 17	Varies	\$450 (team)
Inline Hockey	Sept. 9- Nov. 21	Varies	\$650 (team)
Kickball	Aug. 7- Oct. 23	Su	\$350 (team)
Soccer	Sept. 7- Nov. 21	Varies	\$550 (team)
Volleyball	Sept. 8- Nov. 10	Th	\$275 (team)

VOLUNTEER TODAY!



Looking for volunteer hours? Parker Parks and Recreation has many different opportunities available! Volunteers can now sign up to help out at the Kids' TRY-athlon on Aug. 6, the So Long to Summer 5K/5 Mile/10K & Family Fun Trek on Aug. 13 and Fieldhouse Fright Night on Oct. 22. The minimum age for event volunteers is 14. For more information, visit www.VolunteerConnectDC.org and choose "Parker" as your Geographic Area and "Town of Parker" as your Organization.



PARKER POLICE DEPARTMENT

Keeping Our Community Safe

A THANK YOU NOTE FROM YOUR POLICE DEPARTMENT

We Thank You.

The night five Dallas Police Officers were killed was very tough on all law enforcement agencies across the country. We all went to work the next day with heavy hearts. Seeing the tremendous outpouring of community support from Parker residents was an incredible lift that each and every one of us needed. The muffins, donuts, cookies, candy, cakes and the many thank you notes and cards from Parker residents not only filled our break room, but filled our hearts.

It's our turn to say Thank You. We are blessed to work in a Town where the citizens appreciate the Police Department. The symbiotic relationship of mutual trust and respect is one of the reasons Parker is a great place to work and live. Building positive relationships is the reason why we have so many community outreach events and activities. We truly care about you, the people we serve.

Here is a list of the events we hold to improve the quality of life of Parker residents:

- Coffee with a Cop
- Cops and Bobbers
- Cram the Cruiser
- Shop with a Cop
- Special Olympics Colorado
- Citizen Police Academy
- Child Safety Seat Inspections
- 9-1-1 Public Education Program
- Community Emergency Response Team Training
- National Night Out
- Preparing for Disaster Classes
- Boy Scout and Girl Scout Events
- Women's Self-Defense Classes
- Parent-Teen Safe Driving Workshops
- T.I.P.S. Alcohol Training Classes
- Drug Take-Back Events
- Become a Weather Spotter Classes
- Paint Parker Program

Our appreciation doesn't stop with community outreach programs. The best way for us to say thank you is a commitment to employ great people and offer some of the best training in the country.

Here is a list of some of the training and programs we are fortunate enough to have:

- TI Training Use of Force Simulator
- Crisis Intervention Team Training
- De-Escalation Training
- Anti-Bias Training
- CALEA Accreditation
- Body Worn Cameras
- FBI Training
- Police Executive Research Forum Training
- Canine Program
- Victim's Advocate Program
- Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force
- Youth Education and Safety in Schools
- Colorado Life Trak

While we realize this is a long list, we also know there is always room for improvement. One of the ways we can improve as a Police Department is to listen to you, the residents of Parker. If you have ideas for new programs or ways to enhance current programs, please let us know. Stop by a Coffee with a Cop event, give us a call or send us an email. We want to hear your ideas.

It broke our hearts to hear the Dallas Police Chief say, "We don't feel support most days." Thank you Town of Parker residents for showing us your support on a daily basis.

We are here to protect and serve you.

Thank You!



JOIN US FOR NATIONAL NIGHT OUT



Join the Parker Police Department for games and face painting, meet K-9 Remi and more at National Night Out on Saturday, Aug. 6 at O'Brien Park.

The festivities will kick off at noon with Kids and Cops Game Day. Bring your friends and challenge officers to a game of kickball or basketball. At 2:30 p.m., South Metro Fire Rescue will bring out a fire truck to join our patrol cars, Code 3 car and animal services vehicle.

The face painting, bounce house and inflatable obstacle course will be set up at 4 p.m. along with vendor booths. You can visit booths and learn about the SWAT

team, Crime Scene Investigations, 9-1-1 Public Education and more. Stop by the gazebo in the park to meet K-9 Remi and Officer Casey Cashman later in the evening.

At dusk, grab your goggles, a banana and a seat for the Parker Area Chamber of Commerce's Movies in the Park feature, "Minions." National Night Out booths will close at 8 p.m.

National Night Out is an annual community-building campaign that promotes police-community partnerships to make our neighborhoods safer, better places to live.

VOLUNTEER AS A VICTIM'S ADVOCATE

The Parker Police Department and Lone Tree Police Department are looking for volunteer advocates for the Parker/Lone Tree Victim Services Unit.

Advocates provide immediate crisis intervention and support for victims of crime (and surviving families in cases of death, domestic violence, sexual assault and other crimes). Emotional support is provided, as well as information regarding available long-term support services.

Applicants must be at least 21 years old and able to work nights and weekends. They must be willing to commit to at least one year of service. Candidates

must possess an open and non-judgmental attitude towards victims and survivors. If selected, applicants must complete a full background check, including a polygraph.

Advocates will be provided in-depth and ongoing training on the dynamics of victimization, victim rights and the criminal justice system.

Interested parties should contact Nancy Prokop, Victim Services Coordinator, at 303.805.6601 or nprokop@parkeronline.org before Aug. 25.

TOUR DE CURE COMING TO PARKER SEPT. 24

The American Diabetes Association, in collaboration with the Town of Parker, is excited to bring Tour de Cure Colorado to Salisbury Park on Sept. 24.

Tour de Cure Colorado is a one-of-a-kind, activity-filled festival and fundraising event open to the entire community! The event will feature a 5K Walk/Run and cycling routes for all ages and ability levels.

Participants register to ride, walk or run as an individual or a team and fundraise for the American Diabetes Association. All routes end back at the Salisbury Park festival area, where community members are invited to join in the fun! A \$25 donation (for those not riding or walking) will provide access to the Get Fit Don't Sit Activity Zone & Festival celebration! The Activity Zone will feature a bungee trampoline, inflatable obstacle course, high wall jump, live music and more! The donation also includes lunch provided by Mad Greens, Jason's Deli, Dickey's BBQ and beverages from Breckenridge Brewery.

Volunteers are also needed! To learn more and register to ride, walk, run or volunteer, please visit www.diabetes.org/coloradotourdecure.





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AUGUST 2016 COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Parker Town Council Meetings

• Aug. 1 and 15; 7 p.m.
Parker Town Hall
Go to www.ParkerOnline.org or call 303.841.0353 for more information.

Coffee and Coloring

• Aug. 3; 6:30 p.m.
Douglas County Libraries at Parker
Go to www.DouglasCountyLibraries.org or call 303.791.7323 to register.

Kids' TRY-athlon

• Aug. 6; 7 a.m.
Parker Recreation Center
Go to www.ParkerRec.com/KidsTRY or call 303.805.6304 for more information.

Movies in the Park: Minions

• Aug. 6; Dusk
O'Brien Park
Go to www.ParkerChamber.com or call 303.841.4268 for more information.

Pinery Art Show

• Aug. 6; 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Lakeshore Park in The Pinery
Call 303.841.8572 for more information.

Parker Honeybee Festival

• Aug. 7; 9 a.m. to noon
O'Brien Park
Go to www.ParkerArts.org or call 303.805.3364 for more information.

Parker Planning Commission Meetings

• Aug. 11 and 25; 7 p.m.
Parker Town Hall
Go to www.ParkerOnline.org or call 303.841.0353 for more information.

So Long to Summer 5K/5 Mile/10K & Family Fun Trek

• Aug. 13; 8 a.m.
Salisbury Park
Go to www.ParkerRec.com/SoLongSummer or call 303.805.6304 for more information.

Parker Brewfest

• Aug. 20; noon to 7 p.m.
O'Brien Park
Go to www.ParkerBrewfest.com or call 303.841.0290 for more information.

Old Town Wine Walk

• Aug. 26; 5 to 8 p.m.
Downtown Parker
Go to www.ParkerChamber.com or call 303.841.4268 for more information.

Art in the Park

• Aug. 27-28; 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
O'Brien Park
Go to www.ParkerArtistsGuild.com for more information.

TOWN FACILITY CLOSURES

Aug. 29 to Sept. 5
Parker Fieldhouse Maintenance Closure