



PARKER
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TALK OF THE TOWN

September 2016



Treat Your Pooch with Barker Days

A DOG-GONE GOOD TIME!

Are you ready for the dog days of summer? Parker Parks and Recreation presents Barker Days 2016 with Murdoch's Ranch & Home Supply on Saturday, Sept. 10 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at O'Brien Park.

One of Parker's most-loved annual events welcomes dogs to take a dip in H2O'Brien pool (closed to humans for the season and neutralized to be dog-friendly), chase balls and Frisbees on the baseball field, check out the agility course, hang out with fellow furry friends and rub noses with dog-related service and product providers. A separate play area will be provided for small dogs that prefer to play with pooches their own size.

In order to ensure a fun and safe event, owners are asked to follow certain guidelines. All dogs must be accompanied by an adult 18 years or older. Dogs must wear current rabies and ID tags at all times, which will be checked at the event entrance. View a complete list of guidelines at www.ParkerRec.com\BarkerDays.

Registration for Barker Days is \$6 per Parker-resident dog and \$8 for non-residents; their humans are free. Due to the popularity of this event,



it is highly recommended that you pre-register at www.ParkerRec.com\BarkerDays. Registration the day of the event will be on a space-available basis. Dogs who pre-register will have expedited check in and receive a "doggie bag" of treats. For additional event information, call the Parker Recreation Center at 303.841.4500 or email mnakashima@parkeronline.org.

Community sponsors and vendors help make events like this possible. Thank you to our 2016 Title Sponsor: Murdoch's Ranch & Home Supply. Thank you to Gold and Silver Level Banner Vendors: Animal Emergency & Specialty Care; Camp Bow Wow; Come Sit Stay; Essential Pet LLC; Parker Center Animal Clinic; Fur Face Pet Photography; Heritage Pet - Grooming, Boarding, Day Care & Training; and Triumphant Canine Dog Training.

DID YOU KNOW?



Reporting a Concern is Easy!

Do you have an issue or concern that the Town of Parker needs to address? The process is easy online! Visit www.ParkerOnline.org and click the "Report a Concern" button to find an online form where you can provide details on the issue. You can also access the form directly at www.ParkerOnline.org/ReportAConcern. Please note that this application should only be used for non-emergency, non-life threatening situations. For those issues, call 911. Crime reporting should be directed to the Parker Police Department at 303.841.9800.

Town of Parker Blood Drive

The Town of Parker will host a Blood Drive at Town Hall on Sept. 28 from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. This event is open to all residents. Please set up an appointment time in advance by contacting Diane Lewis at dlewis@parkeronline.org or 303.805.3332.



From the Mayor and Town Council EXCITING NEW PARK/PLAZA OPENING IN DOWNTOWN PARKER THIS WINTER

Construction is well underway on the newest addition to the Town of Parker’s fantastic collection of parks, this time set on the east end of downtown.

Scheduled to open in Winter 2016 and located next to the new Parker branch of Douglas County Libraries, the soon-to-be-named park and plaza on Mainstreet and Pine Drive will be a unique destination. With interactive fountains in the summer, a vibrant ice ribbon in the winter and performances and events throughout the year, this new 1.5-acre park promises to be a year-round community gathering place.

Information on the grand opening of the new park and plaza will be announced in the coming months!



Ice Skating

During the winter months, the new Parker ice ribbon will meander through the park, reminiscent of a frozen river or canal. Skate rental opportunities will be located on-site.

Performance Stage

A covered performance stage, equipped with sound and lighting, will be included on the north end of the venue. A large lawn area will allow for casual seating to take in a show.

Water Feature

A large, interactive water fountain will feature programmable water jets and color-changing lights to enjoy during the day or on a warm summer night.

Public Art

Public art will be a distinct feature throughout the new park and plaza, including “Ball and Jacks,” a larger-than-life installation featuring sculptures inspired by the kid’s game.



INTRODUCING... YOUR NEW LIBRARY!

Douglas County Libraries will celebrate the Grand Opening of its new Parker location on Saturday, Sept. 24. Make a lasting connection with your new library in two fun ways:

- Sign up for the community bookworm, happening at 9 a.m.
- Be there when the library’s doors officially open at 11 a.m.—and stay for the day!

What’s a Bookworm?

Join us as we move the last books from the existing location to the new library. We’ll form a human chain—0.8 miles of helping hands—to accomplish this incredible feat! Register today at www.DouglasCountyLibraries.org/NewsEvents and make your mark on library history. *Please note that the current library will be closed from Aug. 31-Sept. 24 due to the move.*



WE WANT YOUR BEST PARKER PHOTOS



The Town of Parker invites you to enter your best Parker photographs in our 2017 Calendar Photo Contest.

We are looking for striking images that depict life in Parker—anything from natural landscapes, wildlife, events, facilities, businesses, architecture or weather to people living, working, shopping or playing. Winning photos will be included in the Town's 2017 Calendar and Annual Report that will be published this December.

If you have questions, please contact Andy Anderson at 303.805.3257 or aanderson@parkeronline.org.

PARENTS' NIGHT OUT IS BACK SEPT. 17

Mom and Dad, grab some friends and enjoy a night out while Parker Parks and Recreation watches your kids! Our talented staff will keep your kids active and entertained so you don't have to.

Upcoming Parents' Night Out dates include Sept. 17, Oct. 8 and Dec. 17 and the event runs from 6 to 10:30 p.m. We host plenty of games and activities, crafts, movies, climbing and skating (must bring your own skates) to keep your kids busy. For kids who need a little down time, we show family-friendly films in the activity rooms. Concessions are available to purchase.

To ensure your child's spot, pre-registration is strongly encouraged.

Calendar Contest Rules & Guidelines

- Participants may enter up to five photos portraying life in Parker.
- Photos must be taken within the 80134 or 80138 zip codes.
- Horizontal digital images are preferred. Please send photos with the highest resolution possible—preferably 300 dpi.
- Photos with date stamps or caption text will not be considered.
- Submissions must be made by individuals at least 18 years of age. Youth who would like to participate should have a parent or guardian submit entries on their behalf.
- You do not need to reside in the Town of Parker limits to participate.
- Submit entries at www.ParkerOnline.org/CalendarContest.
- Entries will be accepted through Monday, Oct. 24.



Staffing is determined by the number of pre-registered participants and walk-ups may be turned away.

For more information, email bmooney@parkeronline.org or call 303.805.6300. Save \$5 by registering early online at www.ParkerRec.com/PNO.

MARKET YOUR BUSINESS; SPONSOR A TOWN HOLIDAY EVENT!

The holidays are a wonderful time of year here in Parker! Join the Town in making the season special by sponsoring one of our cherished community events.

Along with the annual Christmas Carriage Parade (Dec. 10 at noon), which has become a well-known tradition across Colorado, we have exciting sponsorship opportunities available for the Mayor's Holiday Lighting (Nov. 25 at 5:30 p.m.) and the Downtown Carriage Rides (Saturdays from Thanksgiving through Christmas).

These events draw thousands of area residents and are excellent opportunities for an organization to reach the community.

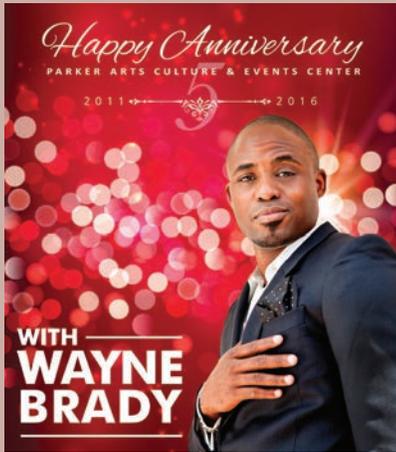
For information on how you can help bring holiday cheer to Parker, contact Brooke Spain, Special Events and Sponsorship Coordinator, at bspain@parkeronline.org or 303.805.3253. Make sure to hurry, as sponsorship opportunities are limited and offered on a first-come, first-served basis. Don't miss your chance to take part in these unique marketing opportunities.





EXPERIENCE MUSIC, DANCE AND MORE WITH PARKER ARTS

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



HELP US CELEBRATE!

PACE Center 5-Year Anniversary with Wayne Brady

Celebrating five wonderful years of bringing arts, culture, music, and entertainment to this great community, Parker Arts presents the PACE 5-Year Anniversary with Wayne Brady on Oct. 28!

EVEN MORE COMEDY!

Improv the Burbs - Drop-In Adult Improv

This class in the suburbs dives head first into the study of improvisational comedy, techniques used by The Second City and SNL. This is a perfect workshop for anybody from an improv newbie to a seasoned performer. Best of all, participants will have the opportunity to perform at Comedy and Cocktails on Oct. 22! Class dates are available from September to December. Register today at www.ParkerArts.org/Education!

PARKER ARTS' 2016-2017 SEASON IS UNDERWAY!

The Great Ladies of Jazz

Sept. 16 • The Schoolhouse
Bringing a fresh flavor to Mainstreet, the Friday Night Jazz Series is perfect for jazz lovers to sit back, relax, and enjoy an evening out with friends. Leading off the cabaret-style Friday Night Jazz Series, the Colorado Jazz Repertory Orchestra and vocalist Heidi Schmidt perform tunes from the repertoire of Ella Fitzgerald, Sarah Vaughn and many others.

Deacon Gray

Sept. 17 • The Schoolhouse
The Comedy & Cocktails Series is back for a new season. Taking the stage first is this 30-year comedy veteran who has performed at the Aspen Comedy Festival, the High Plains Comedy Festival, and was the winner of the inaugural Great American Comedy Festival.

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Sept. 17 • PACE Center
Are you the adventurous type who loves discovering new music? Check out the Uncharted Music Series featuring artists and bands from off-the-beaten path! Performing in a style uniquely their own, the four Colorado sisters of SHEL captivate with infectious indie-folk rhythms and hypnotic vocals that meld together their classical training and diverse influences.

Spamalot

Sept. 30 to Oct. 16 • PACE Center
“...And now for something completely different!” Fans of the film “Monty Python and the Holy Grail” and all things Monty Python will thoroughly enjoy this absurd musical jam-packed with that cheeky British comedy we know and love.

A Gothic Folktale

Oct. 22 and 23 • PACE Center
The curtain opens to a fantastical circus brought to life by Denver-based dance company Wonderbound. Set to the hauntingly beautiful music of Jesse Manley, and featuring the interactive illusions of Professor Phelyx, “A Gothic Folktale” invites audiences to step into the magical realm under the big top.

Rock the Presidents

Oct. 27 • PACE Center
This high octane, multi-media-filled musical revue spans 223 years of the American presidency. The 44 men who rose to the highest office in the land are brought to life through rock, pop and folk music.

Dvorák's New World Symphony and Other Romantic Selections

Oct. 29 • PACE Center
The musicians from the Parker Symphony Orchestra perform romantic selections like “Peer Gynt Suite” by Grieg and Sibelius’ “Finlandia.”

END SUMMER ON THE RIGHT FOOT WITH PARKER PARKS AND RECREATION



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



Paint Play and Boys' Clubhouse

Nurture your 3 to 6-year old's creative spirit and natural sense of fun! In the **Paint and Play** class, we will make arts and crafts and then burn off some energy with games in the gym on Tuesdays from 10 to 11:30 a.m. The next four-week session begins Sept. 6. With **Boys' Clubhouse**, we'll spend time celebrating what makes boys ages 3 to 6 so great: hunting bugs, racing cars and building tracks! The club meets Thursdays from 10 to 11:30 a.m. A four-week session begins Sept. 8.



Langtry LAX Fall Sessions

Designed for true indoor lacrosse instruction, these six-week camps led by former Colorado Mammoth and Denver Outlaw Brian Langtry teach skills and tactics related to all aspects of game. The Langtry Fall LAX Session for ages 6 to 11 will run Mondays, Sept. 12 to Oct. 17. The Langtry 6-Week Beginner's Session for ages 6 to 16 will be on Wednesdays, Sept. 14 to Oct. 19.



Wanted: Fieldhouse Fright Night Vendors!

The annual Fieldhouse Fright Night returns for a spooky evening Oct. 22... and your business can get involved! Sponsoring this Halloween-themed event is a great way to gain recognition and display your commitment to the community. Sponsors and vendors decorate their own space and promote their brand while playing games and handing out candy to trick-or-treaters! Visit www.ParkerRec.com/FFNVendor for more information.



Soccer Skills and Goalie Clinics

A Performance Soccer Basic Skills and Goalie Clinic will be held Sept. 18 at the Fieldhouse. Performance Soccer hosts Skills and Goalie clinics designed to introduce players of all ages and skill levels to soccer. The Skills Clinic will be held from 2 to 3:15 p.m., while the Goalie Clinic will run from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. Attend both of these clinics on the same day to receive a discount!

LATE FALL YOUTH SPORTS

LEAGUE	DATE	DAY	RATE
Boys' or Girls' Basketball (6-12 years)	Oct. 17- Dec. 10	Varies	\$80 R \$88 NR
Kinder Basketball (4-6 years)	Oct. 21- Dec. 17	F, Sa	\$65 R \$72 NR
Indoor Coed Soccer (6-10 years)	Oct. 22- Dec. 10	Sa	\$70 R \$77 NR



Project Strong Girls and Yoga for Tweens and Teens

Project Strong Girls teaches girls ages 13 to 15 proper weight lifting skills, as well as tools to help build confidence and manage stress. Class meets Tuesdays from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. at the Fieldhouse. New six-week sessions begin Sept. 6 and Oct. 25.

Yoga for Tweens and Teens helps kids ages 8 to 15 learn basic yoga poses and techniques for concentrating, reducing stress and connecting to their bodies while having fun. Class meets Thursdays from 4:05 to 5 p.m. at the Recreation Center. New six-week sessions begin Sept. 8 and Oct. 27.



PARKER POLICE DEPARTMENT

Keeping Our Community Safe

PARKER POLICE LAUNCH NEW MOBILE APP

The Parker Police Department has launched a new mobile app, MyPD, to increase the accessibility and communication with the police department for Parker residents.

MyPD is a smartphone app that allows users to submit crime tips, ask questions, give feedback or read the latest PD news on their smartphone. In addition, users will find many other useful public safety tools on their app, including crime maps, sex offender information, information on missing children and much more.

How it Works

When a user submits a tip or any other information, it generates an email that is sent to the Parker Police Department. The app has been designed so that each tip is sent to appropriate individuals responsible for each issue. If you submit a tip about an issue at a school, it is emailed to our Student Resource Officers and their Sergeant. Sending emails directly to those responsible will cut down on response time.

MyPD should not be used when immediate assistance is needed. For emergencies, residents should dial 9-1-1.

Parker Police will also have the ability to send push notifications to app users. Users will be notified if there is an urgent or important message that we need to get to area residents as soon as possible.

The free smartphone app can be downloaded through iTunes or Google Play. After download, users select the Parker Police Department as their local police department.



GETTING INVOLVED IN OUR COMMUNITY

C.E.R.T. Class

The Town of Parker and City of Lone Tree are offering Community Emergency Response Team (C.E.R.T.) training. C.E.R.T. is a positive and realistic approach to emergency and disaster situations where citizens will initially be on their own and their actions can make a difference. The class, limited to 40 students, meets every Saturday from Sept. 10 to Oct. 1. Register at www.ParkerPolice.org.

Parker "Pullice"

Congratulations to the Parker "Pullice" team for raising more than \$2,800 for Special Olympics Colorado at the organization's 2016 Plane Pull event on Aug. 13 at DIA. The "Pullice" were the top law enforcement fundraiser in the competition, led by Parker Power SOCO athlete Amanda Wilson, the top individual fundraiser. The eight-person team pulled a 164,000-pound jet 12 feet in only seven seconds. Way to go!

National Night Out

Hundreds of Parker residents joined the Parker Police at O'Brien Park for National Night Out on Aug. 6. The day included a Cops vs. Kids Kickball game; face painting and bouncy castles; a meet-and-greet with K-9 Remi; informational booths and more. The night concluded with a showing of the movie "Minions," sponsored by the Parker Chamber of Commerce.



NEW TRAFFIC SIGNAL PLANNED FOR 2016



Following several months of negotiations, the Town of Parker has acquired the needed easements to allow for construction of a proposed traffic signal on Crown Crest Boulevard at the access intersection for Parker Adventist Hospital and Life Time Fitness.

Competitive bidding of the project was completed in August and is anticipated

to be reviewed/awarded by Town Council in September. If all goes as planned, the traffic signal will be operational by the end of 2016.

Updates on this project and other Town capital improvement projects can be found online at www.ParkerOnline.org/CIPUpdate.

PARKS AND RECREATION UTILIZING NEW TECHNOLOGY IN TOWN PARKS

The Town of Parker Parks and Recreation Department is partnering with Innovation Pavilion, a Centennial-based ecosystem for entrepreneurs, Aetna, and MapMyFitness powered by Under Armour to develop the next generation of parks and playgrounds.

Various wireless sensors have recently been installed in the playground at O'Brien Park, which was selected as the nation's first installation site, to monitor the usage of specific equipment. These sensors are using RF (radio frequency) technology to send raw usage data to a centralized "Gateway." By monitoring activity and use, the program will provide feedback intended to improve the design of these important public spaces.

The goal of the project is to eventually bring IoT (Internet of Things) technology to local parks and

playgrounds, ultimately encouraging more children and their families to spend time outdoors and to engage communities in more physical activity.

Please note, these sensors are only collecting vibrations from use of the equipment and are completely incapable of gathering any sort of personal information. If you have questions, please contact Recreation staff at recreation@parkeronline.org.



COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORNER

It's late summer, and grass and weeds are still growing. We're not out of mowing season yet!

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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**To: Parker Resident
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SEPTEMBER 2016 COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Parker Town Council Meetings

• Sept. 6 and 19; 7 p.m.
Parker Town Hall
Go to www.ParkerOnline.org or call 303.841.0353 for more information.

Parker Planning Commission Meetings

• Sept. 8 and 22; 7 p.m.
Parker Town Hall
Go to www.ParkerOnline.org or call 303.841.0353 for more information.

Homeowner Building Class

• Sept. 8; 6 p.m.
Parker Town Hall
Go to www.ParkerOnline.org/Homeowners or call 303.841.0353 for more information.

Marriage Conference - Fan the Flames Before Love Dies

• Sept. 10; 9 a.m.
PACE Center
Go to www.ParkerArts.org/ShowsandEvents or call 303.841.3785 for more information.

Joyful Celebration Benefiting the Parker Task Force

• Sept. 11; 9:30 a.m.
Joy Lutheran Church
Go to www.JoyLC.org or call 303.841.3739 for more information.

Parker Oktoberfest

• Sept. 16 to 18; times vary
O'Brien Park
Go to www.ParkerOktoberfest.com or call 303.261.8059 for more information.

Hot Rods and Heroes Gala Benefiting Healing Warriors Program

• Sept. 17; 5 p.m.
Vehicle Vault
Go to www.HealingWarriorsProgram.org or call 970.776.8387 for more information.

Terolyn Iron Horse Rescue Ride

• Sept. 18; 9 a.m.
Sierra Middle School to Elizabeth
Go to www.TerolynHorseRescue.org or call 303.588.0910 for more information.

Networking on the Green – Parker Chamber Golf Outing

• Sept. 19; 1 p.m.
Colorado Golf Club
Go to www.ParkerChamber.org or call 303.841.4268 for more information.

Tour de Cure Colorado

• Sept. 24; all day
Salisbury Park
Go to www.diabetes.org/coloradotourdecure for more information.

Parker Fine Arts & Music Festival Presented by Parker Lifestyle

• Sept. 24 and 25; 9:30 a.m.
O'Brien Park
Go to www.ColoradoEventsandFestivals.com or call 303.916.5711 for more information.

TOWN FACILITY CLOSURES

Sept. 5 (Labor Day)
Town Hall and Fieldhouse (maintenance) closed all day. Recreation Center and H2O'Brien Pool close at 6 p.m.