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## TALK OF THE TOWN

October 2016



### *Halloween Fun for the Whole Family!*

# FIELDHOUSE FRIGHT NIGHT

Calling all ghouly ghouls, spooky spirits and wicked witches! The fiendishly fun 2016 Fieldhouse Fright Night Halloween event will be held on Saturday, Oct. 22 from 5:30 to 9 p.m. at the Parker Fieldhouse. The cost is only \$6; get \$1 off with a canned food donation. All ages are welcome!

Fieldhouse Fright Night will celebrate Halloween with the Spook Skate (bring your own skates), Rock'n Halloween at the Climbing Wall and Ghoulish Games on the turf! Daredevils can brave the family-friendly haunted house (scare levels depend on age of child). Little goblins can collect candy and play games in the "Scream Rooms" off of Trick-or-Treat Street. Drawings, concessions, vendors and games will all be a part of this magical Halloween event!

Wear your best costumes to compete in the kids costume contest in categories for different age groups. There will also be a category for the best family costumes. Judging starts at 7 p.m. on the inline rink. Find costume age groups and categories at [www.ParkerRec.com/FFN](http://www.ParkerRec.com/FFN).

Community sponsors and vendors help make events like this possible. Thank you to our Silver Level Vendor Camp Bow Wow.

For more information, visit [www.ParkerRec.com/FFN](http://www.ParkerRec.com/FFN) or contact Brenda Mooney at 303.805.6309 or email [bmooney@parkeronline.org](mailto:bmooney@parkeronline.org). If you are interested in being a vendor for the event, please contact Wendi at 303.805.3263 or email [wepps@parkeronline.org](mailto:wepps@parkeronline.org).



## DID YOU KNOW?



Bring all your little ghouls, ghosts, goblins, princesses, super heroes and anyone else celebrating Halloween to downtown Parker for the Cherry Creek Valley Rotary Club of Parker's annual Trick-or-Treat on Mainstreet event on Oct. 31 from 3:30 to 7 p.m. Many local businesses will line the street, providing a fun and safe place for kids of all ages to trick-or-treat. For more information, visit [TrickOrTreatOnMainstreet.com](http://TrickOrTreatOnMainstreet.com).

Due to expected high traffic volume downtown surrounding this event near the Mainstreet/Parker Road intersection, participants are encouraged to enter the area from the east and south. Parking is available in lots at the PACE Center, Town Hall and Parker Station. Street parking is available on Pikes Peak Avenue and Pikes Peak Court.



# From the Mayor and Town Council MAYOR AND THREE TOWN COUNCIL SEATS OPEN IN NOVEMBER ELECTION

A regular Town of Parker election will be held on Tuesday, Nov. 8 to elect the Mayor and three Councilmembers to four-year terms. The candidates for the 2016 election, in order of placement on the ballot, are:

**Mayoral  
Candidates**

Mike Waid  
Cheryl Poage

**Council  
Candidates**

Terry Dodd  
Jeff Toborg  
Joshua Rivero  
John Diak  
Debbie Lewis

View the biographies of all candidates at [www.ParkerOnline.org/2016Candidates](http://www.ParkerOnline.org/2016Candidates).



**Want to know more about the candidates?**

The Parker Area Chamber of Commerce will be hosting a Candidate Forum on Tuesday, Oct. 18 at the Parker Arts, Culture and Events (PACE) Center.

The Forum, which will focus on the 2016 candidates for the Parker Town Council, House District 44 and Senate District 30, will begin at 6 p.m.

For more information, please visit [www.ParkerChamber.com](http://www.ParkerChamber.com).

## BE SURE TO FOLLOW TOWN ELECTION SIGN RULES

During the election season, Parker residents may want to show their support for local candidates and issues with election signage. The following temporary signs are allowed in Parker:

**Single-Family Homes**

- Sign size: Signs must be six (6) square feet or less per face and maximum height is eight (8) feet.
- Location: Signs must be set back at least 10 feet from the street/back of curb.
- Number: There is not a limit on number of signs, but the combined sign area can't exceed 12 square feet per home.

**Businesses**

- Sign Size/Area: One 40-square-foot or smaller temporary banner AND two free-standing signs with solid backing; 64 total square feet (maximum 32 square feet per face; height of eight (8) feet or less).
- Location: Must be set back at least 10 feet from the property line, unless in the Historic Center and Pikes Peak Center Districts, where the setback is five (5) feet from the property line.

**Multi-Family Properties**

- Sign Size: Six (6) square feet for each unit located on a parcel, not to exceed 60 square feet for each building, together with an additional six (6) square feet for each parcel for temporary signage. Maximum sign height is eight (8) feet.
- Location: Signs must be set back at least 10 feet from the property line.
- Number: There is not a limit on number of signs, but the combined sign area must be equal to or less than the total sign area allocated to each parcel.

For more information on temporary signage, please call 303.841.2332. For more information on the 2016 election, please visit us online at [www.ParkerOnline.org/2016Election](http://www.ParkerOnline.org/2016Election) or call the Town Clerk's Office at 303.805.3198.

# HELP US PROTECT OUR FLOODPLAINS

There are several major drainageways in the Town of Parker that are subject to flooding conditions after heavy rainfall events. The Town manages the floodplains and floodways associated with these drainageways based on the Flood Insurance Study and Flood Insurance Rate Maps prepared by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), as well as engineering studies funded by the Town and the Urban Drainage and Flood Control District. These studies are available for review at Town Hall or online at [www.ParkerOnline.org](http://www.ParkerOnline.org). Elevation Certificates for some properties are also available at Town Hall. Town Engineering staff is available to meet in person at Town Hall, at your property or on the phone at 303.840.9546 to discuss your flood risk and provide flood zone information.

Local flooding may also occur in areas outside of floodplains such as around roadway inlets that may become clogged with debris or hail. Flooding may also occur around houses if there are poorly defined swales around the lot to drain the water away from the foundation or even broken water mains.



The purchase of flood insurance provides protection in the event your property experiences flooding of any kind. This type of protection is not covered by a standard homeowner's insurance policy. The Town participates in the National Flood Insurance Program and the Community Rating System, which allows for a discount on flood insurance for all property owners within Parker.

For more information related to flood insurance, visit [www.FloodSmart.gov](http://www.FloodSmart.gov). For more information related to Town Stormwater services, please call 303.840.9546 or email [stormwater@parkeronline.org](mailto:stormwater@parkeronline.org).

# NEW MAYOR'S HOLIDAY LIGHTING IN 2016

The Mayor's Holiday Lighting, presented by Xfinity and Swingle Lawn, Tree and Landscape Care on Friday, Nov. 25, has a new look and feel! This Town tradition at O'Brien Park has a new start time of 5:30 p.m. and will include all of the same traditions the event is known for, along with several fun and festive additions! Visit [www.ParkerOnline.org/MayorsHolidayLighting](http://www.ParkerOnline.org/MayorsHolidayLighting) for more information. Save the date and come help us kick off the holiday season!



# EVERYONE LOVES A PARADE!

On the second Saturday of December each year, the Town of Parker and the Colorado Driving Society host the annual Christmas Carriage Parade. This year's event is themed "Magic on Mainstreet" and will be attended by thousands on Dec. 10. Be more than a spectator this year and enter the parade!

Individuals, businesses and organizations are encouraged to enter the parade! It is a great opportunity to gain exposure while also giving back to the community. Commercial entries are \$100 and may display advertising for their business on their hired carriage or horse group (the parade is open to equine entries only). There will be no entry fee charged to private entries that do not charge for their services and do not display any type of advertising, other than for a not-for-profit group. Please note that the Christmas Carriage Parade is open to equestrian entries and marching bands only. If entering the parade is not for you, but you would like to support the event, sponsorship opportunities are available!

Parade space is limited and all entries will be taken on a first-come, first-served basis. All applications are due Friday, Nov. 18. Please visit [www.ParkerOnline.org/CarriageParade](http://www.ParkerOnline.org/CarriageParade) for an entry form or contact Brooke Spain at [bspain@parkeronline.org](mailto:bspain@parkeronline.org) or 303.805.3253 for more information on how you can be a part of this event.



# PARKER ARTS OFFERS EDUCATION AND ENTERTAINMENT OPPORTUNITIES

For information about these programs or for registration/tickets, visit [www.ParkerArts.org](http://www.ParkerArts.org) or call 303.805.6800.

## EDUCATION

### Astronomy 101

Take part in these presentations followed by viewing the night sky through a telescope and hot cocoa!

- **The Universe Through the Eyes of the Hubble Telescope**  
Oct. 6; 7 to 8:30 p.m.
- **Grand Tour of Our Solar System**  
Nov. 10; 7 to 8:30 p.m.

### 2016 Bat Encounters

- Oct. 20; 7 p.m.
- Meet bats from around the world and discover why bats are threatened and what you can do in your backyard and neighborhood to help them. Plus, enter a drawing to win a bat house kit! Two will win!

## ADULT LECTURES

### Cislunar Space Economy

- Oct. 13; 6:30 p.m.
- We discuss the global space economy and what the future may hold for entrepreneurs looking to launch their businesses into orbit.

### The Basics: Memory Loss, Dementia and Alzheimer's

- Nov. 3; 6:30 p.m.
- Learn information on memory loss, dementia and Alzheimer's disease, including detection, possible causes and risk factors, stages of the disease, treatment and much more.

## CHECK OUT THESE UPCOMING PERFORMANCES!

### Friday Night Jazz: Brazilian and Latin Favorites

**Oct. 21 • The Schoolhouse**  
The CJRO's Sextet travels south of the border, recalling the Bossa Nova craze made popular by Stan Getz and Dizzy Gillespie.

### Comedy & Cocktails: Madcap Improv Theatre

**Oct. 22 • The Schoolhouse**  
This award-winning improv comedy show proves that you don't have to be dirty, offensive or even inappropriate to be funny.

### A Gothic Folktale

**Oct. 22 and 23 • PACE Center**  
Featuring Jesse Manley's music and Professor Phelyx's illusions, this modern dance production is reminiscent of a fantastical circus.

### Rock The Presidents

**Oct. 27 • PACE Center**  
Childsplay's smash-hit musical is a high octane, multi-media-filled, revue spanning 223 years of the presidency.

### Dvorak's New World Symphony and Other Romantic Selections

**Oct. 29 • PACE Center**  
The Parker Symphony Orchestra performs Dvorák's most popular "Symphony No. 9", and more.

### BAM Percussion: The Blue Barrel Show

**Nov. 4 • PACE Center**  
With side-splitting comedy and savage drumming virtuosity, the pulsating energy of BAM is a blast for all ages!

### Uncharted Series: Storytellers – A Night In Nashville

**Nov. 5 • PACE Center**  
Country artists – Byron Hill, Roxie Dean and John Ford Coley – share stories and music from the hallowed halls of Nashville.

### Super Scientific Circus

**Nov. 9 • PACE Center**  
Using amazing circus skills, this dynamic duo introduces the principles of inertia, centripetal force, sonic booms and more!

### The Diary of Anne Frank (Goodrich, Hackett)

**Nov. 11 to 20 • The Schoolhouse**  
Writings from Anne Frank and survivor accounts are interwoven to create a contemporary story of the people persecuted under Nazi rule.

### Rusted Root

**Nov. 13 • PACE Center**  
The band behind hit single "Send Me On My Way," blends a rhythmic fusion of acoustic, rock, and other styles of world music.

# ENJOY FALL WITH PARKER PARKS AND RECREATION



For information about these programs or to register, visit [www.ParkerRec.com](http://www.ParkerRec.com) or call 303.841.4500.



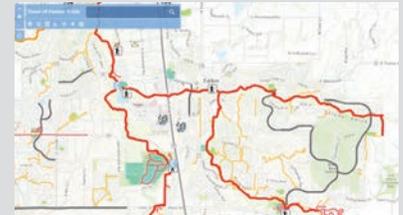
## Kids' Zone: Masquerade Ball

Whether you are ghoulish, glam or just wear a mask, come to our Masquerade Ball... that's all we ask! Grab your kids and join us for some music, games and light refreshments. The ball will be held on Friday, Oct. 28 from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at the Recreation Center. Registration is per person; please register every child and adult attending. Space is limited, so register early! Cost is \$13 for residents and \$16 for non-residents.



## Youth Therapeutic Recreation

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. Adaptive Movement classes keep kids ages 3 to 6 busy and run from Oct. 19 to Nov. 9. Adaptive BOOM Sports for ages 7 to 10 offers fun on the field and the court learning the ins and outs of different sports. Scholarships are available.



## Check Out the NEW Interactive Trails Map

Parker Parks and Recreation is pleased to introduce its new Interactive Trails Map, which offers many features to get you exploring trails in Parker and beyond! In addition to easy-to-follow, color-coded trail lines, the map will help you find recreation facilities, public and private parks, trailheads, restrooms, sports fields, water fountains and more. The map can be accessed on the Parks and Recreation mobile app or by visiting [www.ParkerRec.com/InteractiveTrailsMap](http://www.ParkerRec.com/InteractiveTrailsMap).



## SkateStart/7Twenty Boardshop SkateCamp

This camp for ages 5 to 14 welcomes more advanced skaters to master drop-ins, carve the bowls, perfect the ollie, skate to Parker's 7Twenty Boardshop, win awesome prizes, go home with a SkateStart gift bag and more! Held Oct. 10 from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Railbender Park. The cost is \$55 for residents and \$60 for non-residents.



## 303 Volleyball Fall Break Camp

Designed for ages 8 to 14, the 303 Volleyball Fall Break Camp will teach and improve volleyball skills through serving, setting, passing and other drills. This camp offers a fun and active way to spend the final day of your fall break! Camp will be held Friday, Oct. 14 from 9 a.m. to noon at the Fieldhouse. The cost is \$50 for residents and \$55 for non-residents.

## Healthy Cooking Demonstrations

Let's make eating healthy fun again and get back to the basics. Join Nutritional Therapist Ashley Wood for a night of ideas and suggestions to help you eat healthier. Monday, Oct. 10 will be focused on Fall-Themed Soups and Monday, Nov. 14 will introduce new ideas for Healthy Holiday Eating. Classes are held from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Recreation Center. Cost is \$5 for residents and \$5.50 for non-residents.



# PARKER POLICE DEPARTMENT

## *Keeping Our Community Safe*

### CERT ACADEMY



Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Academy participants will have their final class as they engage in a mock disaster scenario on Saturday, Oct. 1. This scenario utilizes actors to give the trainees a realistic approach and apply the skills they have learned. Upon successful completion, the trainees will become CERT graduates. CERT students are prepared to help themselves and their neighbors when disaster first strikes and residents are on their own.

### KOPS AND KIDS

More than a dozen officers and Parker Police Department employees squared off in a softball game against the SOCO Parker Power team. The Special Olympics gold-medal winners invited the PD employees to their season-ending awards ceremony for some competition and a feast. After the game, officers presented the athletes with their awards. Thank you SOCO Parker Power for inviting us to such a fun event!

## TRAFFIC SAFETY IS A TOP PRIORITY

Traffic safety remains a top priority for the Parker Police Department. The department addresses traffic complaints and areas of concern with a very proactive approach. This includes involvement of the department's Traffic Unit and the Town's Traffic Engineer to monitor and target specific traffic-related issues identified within Parker.

In the last several weeks, the Accident Reconstruction Team (ART) has responded to several crashes that resulted in serious injuries and one death. Year-to-date, the ART has investigated 16 crashes involving serious bodily injury and two fatalities.

Since Jan. 1, three intersections have accounted for 70 accidents and half of the serious-injury accidents:

- Lincoln Avenue/Jordan Road  
*25 accidents; three involving injury*
- Parker Road/Lincoln Avenue  
*23 accidents; three involving injury*
- Parker Road/Pine Lane  
*22 accidents; two involving injury*

The Police Department captures the data on contributing factors that lead to these accidents, such as excessive speed, following too closely, red light violations, driving under the influence and careless or distracted driving. The unit then utilizes that data to direct enforcement. In addition, our Crime Analyst prepares a monthly Traffic Complaint Map that provides patrol teams areas of citizen concern.

In the months of August and September, Patrol's dayshift team identified and focused on the intersections of Parker/Lincoln and Parker/20 Mile Road and enforced red-light violations. Sgt. Nathan Schivinski commented, "When we work these intersections, the police presence in the area is high and helps prevent further violations. Stops are made on violations and the driver is educated."

In an effort to educate drivers and encourage safer driving habits, patrol officers issued more than 270 traffic-related citations from Aug. 1 to Sept. 13.

Ensuring the safety of our children in school zones remains a top priority for our officers. Whether it is drivers making illegal left turns into schools or speeding and crosswalk violations, we continue to focus on school zone safety. Thank you to all of the parents that alert us to traffic concerns around the schools. Bringing these issues to our attention enables us to improve school zone safety.

Thank you Parker residents for slowing down, following all traffic laws and watching out for your neighbors. It takes all of us working together to make the roads in Parker a safer place.

# COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORNER

## October is Community Development Planning Month

October is National Community Planning Month throughout the United States. The Town of Parker would like to recognize the contributions of its professional staff planners, as well as the participation and dedication of the members of the Planning Commission and other citizen planners who have contributed their time and expertise to the improvement of the Town.

This year's National Community Planning Month celebrates **community involvement**—and this is where YOU come in! Professional Planners understand that inclusive and transparent public participation is an essential component to the successful outcome of any community planning project. The intent of public outreach is to effectively balance residents' input and their "living it experience" with the technical planning expertise of the Town.

Community planning is comprehensive, visionary and community-focused. Citizens help us look at the 'big

picture,' address a variety of challenges and opportunities and plan for the long-term health of the community.

Town leadership strongly encourages public participation (residents, business people and property owners) in all planning efforts in order for citizens to be fully informed and to have the ability to influence and inform projects and plans. With change being the constant affecting everyone's daily life, continual community planning can help manage change in a way that enables greater choices for how we live, work, shop and play in Parker.

To the many people who have provided valuable feedback in the past—the Town thanks you for your continued support and commitment to your community! We would also like to invite you to the Community Development Department's Open House on Wednesday, Oct. 12 from 5 to 7 p.m. at Town Hall. Planning, Building and Neighborhood Services staff will be available to discuss projects and answer questions.

# PARKER ROAD CORRIDOR PLAN - UPDATE



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## PARKER ROAD CORRIDOR PLAN

"MOVING PEOPLE, CREATING PLACES"

The Town is planning for the future of Parker Road and we need your continued input on how to create a great corridor!

Visit [www.ParkerRoadPlan.com](http://www.ParkerRoadPlan.com) and take the fun, quick Great Corridors online survey #2 to give your input on the amenities and features that could

improve Parker's most important roadway.

In addition to taking the survey, make sure to sign up for email updates to keep up with all the latest information on this important plan.

# QUARTERLY SALES TAX SEMINARS BEGIN NOV. 3

The Town of Parker Sales Tax Department is committed to providing a transparent, approachable environment and to helping our customers succeed. We understand that sales tax regulations can seem overwhelming and that your understanding of them can have a great impact on the success of your business.

To assist our customers, the Sales Tax Department will be offering Quarterly Taxpayer Seminars beginning on Thursday, Nov. 3. Seminars will be held at 10 a.m. at Town Hall. Our goal is to provide an interactive forum to answer commonly asked sales tax questions, introduce our staff to the business community as a valuable partner in the success of their business, and make other resources easily accessible to taxpayers.

The seminars will be free, but pre-registration is requested. If you'd like to register to attend, please call Brandy Zink at 303.805.3137 or email [bzink@parkeronline.org](mailto:bzink@parkeronline.org).

For additional Sales Tax information or to see upcoming seminar dates, please visit [www.ParkerOnline.org/SalesTax](http://www.ParkerOnline.org/SalesTax).





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To: Parker Resident  
Local Patron

## OCTOBER 2016 COMMUNITY CALENDAR

### Parker Town Council Meetings

• Oct. 3 and 17; 7 p.m.  
Parker Town Hall  
Go to [www.ParkerOnline.org](http://www.ParkerOnline.org) or call 303.841.0353 for more information.

### Feria de Recursos

• Oct. 7; 2 p.m.  
Douglas County Libraries at Parker  
Go to [www.DouglasCountyLibraries.org](http://www.DouglasCountyLibraries.org) or call 303.791.7323 for more information.

### Parents' Night Out

• Oct. 8; 6 to 10:30 p.m.  
Parker Fieldhouse  
Go to [www.ParkerRec.com](http://www.ParkerRec.com) or call 303.805.6300 for more information.

### Town of Parker Community Development Quarterly Open House

• Oct. 12; 5 to 7 p.m.  
Parker Town Hall  
Go to [www.ParkerOnline.org](http://www.ParkerOnline.org) or call 303.841.0353 for more information.

### Parker Planning Commission Meetings

• Oct. 13 and 27; 7 p.m.  
Parker Town Hall  
Go to [www.ParkerOnline.org](http://www.ParkerOnline.org) or call 303.841.0353 for more information.

### Parker Senior Center Craft Fair

• Oct. 14 and 15; 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.  
Parker Senior Center  
Go to [www.ParkerSeniorCenter.org](http://www.ParkerSeniorCenter.org) or call 303.841.5370 for more information.

### #ParkerLives: The Shaping of a Community Center to Unify Parker and End Teen Suicide

• Oct. 16; 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.  
O'Brien Park  
Go to [www.GrowCommunityCenter.org](http://www.GrowCommunityCenter.org) or call 303.931.8026 for more information.

### 2016 Election Candidates Forum

• Oct. 18; 6 p.m.  
PACE Center  
Go to [www.ParkerChamber.org](http://www.ParkerChamber.org) for more information.

### The 80s Are Back! Inspire Creative's Annual Fall Gala

• Oct. 22; 7 p.m.  
PACE Center  
Go to [www.InspireCreative.org](http://www.InspireCreative.org) or call 303.805.6800 for more information.

### Science of Parenthood

• Oct. 27; 6:30 p.m.  
Douglas County Libraries at Parker  
Go to [www.DouglasCountyLibraries.org](http://www.DouglasCountyLibraries.org) or call 303.791.7323 to register.

### Old Town Wine Walk

• Oct. 28; 5 to 8 p.m.  
Downtown Parker  
Go to [www.ParkerChamber.com](http://www.ParkerChamber.com) or call 303.841.4268 for more information.

### Trick-or-Treat on Mainstreet

• Oct. 31; 3:30 to 7 p.m.  
Downtown Parker  
Go to [www.TrickOrTreatOnMainstreet.com](http://www.TrickOrTreatOnMainstreet.com) or call 303.841.0290 for more information.