



**PARKER**  
C O L O R A D O

## TALK OF THE TOWN

*November/December 2016*



*The Most Wonderful Time of the Year*

# HOLIDAY EVENTS IN PARKER

The holiday season is upon us! Celebrate with the Town of Parker's annual festivities and events. Join us for the Mayor's Holiday Lighting presented by Xfinity and Swingle Lawn, Tree and Landscape Care on Friday, Nov. 25; FREE Holiday

Carriage Rides through downtown Parker on select evenings between Nov. 25 and Dec. 17; and the Christmas Carriage Parade presented by Xfinity on Saturday, Dec. 10 at noon. Learn more about these wonderful Town traditions on page 3!

## DISCOVERY PARK: A YEAR-ROUND DESTINATION

Construction is well underway on the newest addition to the Town of Parker's fantastic collection of parks, located at Mainstreet and Pine Drive. Newly named "Discovery Park," located next to the new Parker branch of Douglas County Libraries, is scheduled to open this holiday season.

Discovery Park will be a year-round destination and community gathering place that features interactive fountains in the summer, a vibrant ice trail in the

winter and performances and events throughout the year.

"After years of planning, the Town Council is excited to see this unique park come to life," said Parker Mayor Mike Waid. "We chose the name Discovery Park to showcase all there is to do and learn in this fantastic community gathering place. From concerts and events to the ice trail and interactive fountains, we believe that this space will offer individuals of all ages a place to come explore and learn, or simply relax and have fun."

A public grand opening will take place when the park is completed. Look for more details in the coming weeks at [www.ParkerRec.com/DiscoveryPark](http://www.ParkerRec.com/DiscoveryPark).



## VETERANS DAY

A special event will be held at O'Brien Park on Veterans Day, Nov. 11, at 11 a.m. to dedicate a new flagpole and honor American Military Veterans. The flagpole was made possible through a generous gift by the Rotary Club of Parker. Everyone is welcome to attend this special occasion!



## GIVING BACK

Members of Parker Teen Court gathered to deliver 10 fleece blankets to the Parker Adventist Children's Hospital on Oct. 10 for the ninth straight year. Blankets were made by program members earlier this year.





# From the Mayor and Town Council **SHARE YOUR PARKER PHOTOS, WIN PARKER PRIZES!**



What's your favorite memory made in Parker? Whether it's riding horses near Cherry Creek, exploring our fantastic trails or letting your pooch make a splash at Barker Days in H2O'Brien Pool, we want to see your shots!

The Town of Parker is holding an online #MemoriesMadeinParker photo contest from Nov. 13 to Dec. 24 to give you the opportunity to show why Parker is your kind of place—and win prizes!

To enter, simply post a photo taken in Parker with a caption to Facebook, Twitter or Instagram along with the hashtag #MemoriesMadeinParker and tag us. One winner will be selected each week to receive a complimentary prize

donated from a local business. A total of six prizes will be awarded.

Participation is open to everyone at least 18-years-old at the time of entry. No purchase is necessary to enter or win. This contest is not sponsored, endorsed or administered by Facebook, Inc., Twitter, Inc. or Instagram. By entering the contest, participants agree to the official #MemoriesMadeinParker contest rules located on the Town of Parker's website, [www.ParkerOnline.org](http://www.ParkerOnline.org).

Don't forget to follow us online:

- [Facebook.com/Parker.CO](https://www.facebook.com/Parker.CO)
- [Twitter.com/TownofParkerCO](https://twitter.com/TownofParkerCO)
- [Instagram.com/TownofParkerCO](https://www.instagram.com/TownofParkerCO)

## **Show Your Support for Local Businesses!**

The holiday season is a great time to show your support for our local business community! There are many interesting and unique products and services that can be found right here in Parker. Look for the official "Made in Parker" stamp pictured above in the coming weeks on Town storefronts, many of which offer products or services that can be found only in Parker. While you're at it, make sure to take a selfie and share it with the hashtag #MadeInParker to show your support of shopping locally!

## **NEW! - ONLINE BUSINESS LICENSE RENEWAL, SALES TAX FILING**



### **Online Renewal Required**

It's time for Parker businesses to renew biennial Business and Tax Licenses for the 2017/18 period.

Please go to [www.ParkerOnline.org/BLRenewal](http://www.ParkerOnline.org/BLRenewal) to quickly renew your license online. No login is required to renew online, you only need your business license name and license number! Online renewal payments are accepted using eCheck, credit card or ACH Credit.

If there are changes that need to be made to your existing license, please complete the online Business and Tax License Update Form available at [www.ParkerOnline.org/BLUpdate](http://www.ParkerOnline.org/BLUpdate) and

submit online or by email to [salestax@parkeronline.org](mailto:salestax@parkeronline.org).

All licenses not renewed by Dec. 31, 2016 will be assessed a late fee monthly through March 2017.

### **Online Tax Return Filing Required**

Beginning Jan. 1, 2017, all sales tax returns filed with the Town of Parker must be filed online at [www.ParkerOnline.org/FileandPay](http://www.ParkerOnline.org/FileandPay). If you choose to continue to file a paper return, you will be charged an administrative fee per return. Please contact the Sales Tax Hotline at [salestax@parkeronline.org](mailto:salestax@parkeronline.org) or 303.805.3228 with any questions.

# MAYOR'S HOLIDAY LIGHTING

*New Format and Time...Same Traditions!*

O'Brien Park comes alive for the holidays at the Mayor's Holiday Lighting presented by Xfinity and Swingle Lawn, Tree and Landscape Care on Friday, Nov. 25 with the new start time of 5:30 p.m. This year's event will begin with the Parker Chorale leading the Town Sing-a-Long to Silent Night followed by the countdown to the Town Tree and Grand Park Lighting. Once the park is lit, visitors can stroll around this festive community space to take in the sights, sounds and tastes of the holidays!

Enjoy illuminated holiday-themed ice sculpture displays and entertainment, caroling by local school choirs and tasty

treats, or even participate in a family-friendly scavenger hunt. Don't forget to stop by the Town tent before your walk to pick up a program and scavenger hunt key! Make your first stop a visit with the Parker Police Department at its annual Cram the Cruiser event. Bring a food donation to the Police booth (individual sized servings) and receive a stamp on your scavenger hunt passport. If you visit enough places throughout the park, you may even win a 50-inch TV from Xfinity.

Visit [www.ParkerOnline.org/MayorsHolidayLighting](http://www.ParkerOnline.org/MayorsHolidayLighting) for more information.

## FREE HOLIDAY CARRIAGE RIDES



Parker's popular free downtown holiday carriage and wagon rides return every Saturday night between Thanksgiving and Dec. 17 from 4:30 to 8:30 p.m., with a special kick-off night at the Mayor's Holiday Lighting on Friday, Nov. 25.

Two ride stations will be staged, one at the new Douglas County Libraries in Parker and another at O'Brien Park. Both are round trip, non-stop rides that travel through downtown before returning to the original destination. All carriage and wagon rides are free to the public, although participants will

be required to reserved time slots in advance. Reservations are on a first-come, first-served basis. Sign-up will open at 2 p.m. on the day that rides are held. Visit [www.ParkerOnline.org/CarriageRides](http://www.ParkerOnline.org/CarriageRides) for more information and to sign up for carriage rides.

Carriage Rides are sponsored in part by: Christian Brothers Automotive; Douglas County Libraries in Parker; Parker Flats and Park Sixty Four Apartments; and Xfinity.

## CHRISTMAS CARRIAGE PARADE

The Town of Parker, Colorado Driving Society and Xfinity invite you to experience the Christmas Carriage Parade, a downtown Parker tradition, on Saturday, Dec. 10 at noon. The theme for the 2016 parade is "Magic on Mainstreet."

Accompanying the parade will be holiday ice sculpting, a petting zoo and pony rides from 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. A Winter Market will also be open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Santa will be in Town for this great event and will be available for pictures in a new location! Visit Santa inside the new Douglas County Libraries in Parker from 1 to 3 p.m. Make sure to take a peak around the new library while you are there and plan to experience story time or holiday crafts sponsored by Douglas County Libraries in Parker.

Thanks to our sponsors: Colorado Driving Society; Parker Trail Riders; Xfinity; Huntington Learning Center; Kneaders; Swingle Lawn, Tree and Landscape Care; Parker Station Professional Offices; Escalade Financial Partners; Douglas County Libraries in Parker; Christian Brothers Automotive; and Spradlin Printing.

Mainstreet and Victorian Roads will be closed on the day of the parade from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Individuals parked within these limits will not be able to exit until the roads are reopened. parking outside of these limits is advised. Please visit [www.ParkerOnline.org/CarriageParade](http://www.ParkerOnline.org/CarriageParade) for maps and more information or call 303.805.3253.



# CELEBRATE THE HOLIDAY SEASON WITH PARKER ARTS

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

## ART IN PARKER



### Support Public Art in Parker!

The Town of Parker believes that the permanent placement of art in public places serves to enrich, stimulate and enhance the aesthetic experience in the community. Public art also contributes to the Town's economic draw and is an ongoing educational tool for the community.

By donating today, you can support the installation of the iconic "Ball and Jacks" display at Discovery Park next to Douglas County Libraries in Parker (see illustration on page 1). As a bonus, you'll receive your own heirloom quality game of jacks. Packaged in a hand-crafted, hand-sanded and hand-stained crate by toy company Melissa & Doug, your whole family will enjoy playing this classic game. Order yours today at [www.ParkerArts.org](http://www.ParkerArts.org)!

## UPCOMING EXHIBITS

**Parker Artists Guild's Annual Holiday Member Exhibit**  
Nov. 7 - Dec. 27 • PACE Center

## CHECK OUT THESE UPCOMING PERFORMANCES!

### Super Scientific Circus

Nov. 9 • PACE Center

### The Diary of Anne Frank

Nov. 11 - 20 • The Schoolhouse

### Rusted Root

Nov. 13 • PACE Center

### The Bluzinators presents The Blues Brothers Bootleg Road Show

Nov. 26 • PACE Center

### A Classic Parker Holiday

Dec. 2 - 4 • PACE Center

### Mike Super – Magic & Illusion

Dec. 9 • PACE Center

### The Ultimate Christmas Show

Dec. 10 • PACE Center

### The Nutcracker of Parker

Dec. 15 - 18 • PACE Center

## EDUCATION

### Holiday Photo, Art & Cooking Camp

Dec. 19 - 22 • Ages 6 - 12

Join us for a fun holiday-themed combo camp! Each day offers something new: Monday Art, Tuesday Cooking, Wednesday Photo Booth and Thursday FUN.

### Talk to the Camera – News Broadcast Camp

Dec. 19 - 22 • Ages 6 - 13

Through lively interviews, amusing commercials and empowering games, kids will create their own broadcast!

### JediCraft Survival Game Using LEGO®

Dec. 19 - 22 • Ages 5 - 12

Mine, craft and build the Star Wars universe using LEGO! This advanced Play-Well LEGO game is inspired by the Minecraft tablet game and the Star Wars fantasy setting.



Jan. 20 - Feb. 12 • PACE Center

"Be Our Guest" for "A Tale as Old as Time!" The Academy Award-winning film comes to life in this romantic and beloved take on the classic fairytale. Featuring all of the wonderful characters and songs you know, this musical is sure to enchant the whole family!

*Makes a great gift! Purchase four tickets and get 20 percent off adult ticket prices with the "Family 4-Pack" special!*

# GET OFF THE COUCH THIS WINTER 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.



## Prepare for Babysitting

Would you like to start babysitting or brush up on your skills? Led by Advanced Care, this course will prepare kids ages 11 to 15 for babysitting opportunities with basic child care skills, as well as rescue breathing, CPR and choking procedures. Two classes are available; choose from Nov. 26 or Dec. 31 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Recreation Center.



## Youth Gymnastics

Beginning gymnastics for boys and girls is offered on kid-sized equipment by teachers who believe your child's first introduction to the sport should be FUN and instructional. Gymnastics is great for building strength, flexibility, rhythm, coordination and body awareness in kids. Various classes for ages 1 to 10 are beginning in early November and December and are held at the Recreation Center.



## Spend Time in the Kids' Zone

Giggle Time is a great way for parents or caregivers to spend time with their child ages 18 months to 3 years. We'll run, jump, laugh, shout and try to get our wiggles out! Classes are held on Fridays from Dec. 2 to 16. Gym Jam for ages 3 to 6 years gets your child in forward motion! There will be games focused on developing large motor skills and burning some energy. Come and play on Fridays, Dec. 2 to 16.



## Winter Sports Registration

Winter adult and youth sports registration opens Tuesday, Nov. 1 at 10 a.m. Winter adult sports include basketball, dodgeball, flag football, inline hockey, soccer and volleyball. Winter youth sports offerings include basketball, box lacrosse, futsal and soccer. Registration opens at 10 a.m. on Nov. 1 at [www.ParkerRec.com](http://www.ParkerRec.com). For schedules, more details or to register, visit [www.ParkerRec.com/Sports](http://www.ParkerRec.com/Sports).

## Get Fit This Thanksgiving!

Kick off Thanksgiving with family and friends at our annual Turkey Day 5K FUN Run/Walk on Nov. 24 at 8 a.m. starting at the Parker Recreation Center.



Pre-registration closes at midnight on Nov. 22 and is only \$15. Race-day registration is \$20. Receive 10 percent off pre-registration for families of four or more by using the discount code "family" during online checkout. A small convenience fee will be assessed to online registrations. All who pre-register will receive commemorative performance socks and a chance to win prizes. Participants who bring a non-perishable food item for the Parker Task Force will receive an additional prize drawing ticket (limit one per person).

Register for this event online at [www.ParkerRec.com/TurkeyDay5K](http://www.ParkerRec.com/TurkeyDay5K) or contact Charlie Rhode at [crhode@parkeronline.org](mailto:crhode@parkeronline.org) or 303.805.6304 for more information. Strollers are welcomed, but please leave dogs at home.

Thanks to our Finish Line Sponsors: Centura Health, Christian Brothers Automotive, The Enclave at Cherry Creek Apartments, Huntington Learning Center, Parker Lifestyle Magazine, Parker Performance Clinic, GNC and RNK Running & Walking.



# PARKER POLICE DEPARTMENT

*Keeping Our Community Safe*

## CONNECTING WITH THE COMMUNITY A PRIORITY FOR PARKER PD



### Cram the Cruiser

The Parker Police Department is excited to announce the date and time for the annual Cram the Cruiser Food Drive on Friday, Nov. 25 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at O'Brien Park, during the Mayor's Holiday Lighting event. The Police Department and Parker Task Force have joined efforts for a food drive that benefits the Parker Task Force Backpack Program, which focuses on providing kids in need with food. Please join us for this wonderful event, and don't forget to bring single-serving food items to donate, such as packaged snacks, mac and cheese and breakfast bars.



### Tip A Cop

On Oct. 22, the Parker Police Department and SOCO Parker Power teamed up for the Tip A Cop event hosted by Red Robin Gourmet Burgers. Officers partnered up with Parker Special Olympics Athletes, put those aprons on and served up some serious food for some serious cash. This fundraiser event is an effort to raise awareness and donations for Special Olympics Colorado! Thank you to SOCO Parker Power and all of the Special Olympic athletes that make this event possible.



### 9-1-1 Education

Parker and Lone Tree Communications will host FREE 9-1-1 Public Education and a tour of the Parker Police Department on Nov. 12. These educational presentations are geared toward pre-kindergarten to second-grade kids and include group discussion, a short video, an opportunity to practice calling 9-1-1 with our call simulator and handouts. Register for this class online at [www.ParkerPolice.org/911forKids](http://www.ParkerPolice.org/911forKids).

## COFFEE WITH A COP

The Parker Police Department and Kneaders Bakery & Café held Coffee with a Cop on Wednesday, Oct. 12 from 8 to 10 a.m. This event is recognized nationally and gives people a chance to enjoy a cup of joe and engage in friendly conversation with uniformed officers. What's all the discussion? Anything and everything! Public safety, local news and the

dreams of lil' future Parker Police Officers are common topics. This event has become a staple in the Town.

A special thank you to Kneaders Bakery & Café for providing everyone with FREE coffee! Stay tuned for our next Coffee with a Cop location!



# READY... SET... SNOW!!!

It is the Town of Parker's goal to provide the best snow service possible within the constraints of budget, personnel and available equipment. Keep in mind that Parker Road/State Highway 83 is maintained and plowed by the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT), rather than the Town.

## Snow Operations Policy

Although the Public Works Department has a snow plowing priority system in place, the time required to clear the roads depends on several variables such as the snowstorm intensity, duration, wind and the temperature.

The Town of Parker sees approximately six feet of snow during an average snow season, which is typically spread over several dozen snow events. Arterial roadways are our first priority and will be cleared first. These are the major roadways that carry the most traffic volume, such as Stroh Road, Hess Road, 20 Mile Road, Cottonwood Drive, Canterbury Parkway, Lincoln Avenue, Jordan Road, Pine Drive, Hilltop Road and Mainstreet.

Collector streets are our second priority, including, but not limited to, Dransfeldt, Riva Ridge, Motsenbocker, J. Morgan, Nate, Bradbury Parkway, Clark Farms Drive, Pine Lane, Apache Plume, Crown Crest Boulevard, Tallman, Omaha and Canterbury Trail. These streets provide access to the arterial

roadways and will be cleared once the arterial roadways have been plowed.

School bus routes not already plowed under the second priority are our third priority and will be plowed when accumulation exceeds three inches. **Per Town Council policy, local residential roads and cul-de-sacs that provide traffic flow within subdivisions and access to homes are not plowed unless an average of at least 10 inches of snow has accumulated on pavement or if major drifting has occurred.** Snow depths are determined by actual snowfall measurements on streets in a variety of locations throughout Town. When residential streets are plowed, only approximately an 18- to 20-foot-wide path will be cleared.

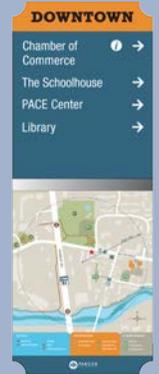
A map of the Town of Parker's snow routes is available online at [www.ParkerOnline.org/SnowMap](http://www.ParkerOnline.org/SnowMap). For more information on the Town's snow policy, email Public Works at [publicworks@parkeronline.org](mailto:publicworks@parkeronline.org) or call 303.840.9546.

## COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORNER

### Downtown Wayfinding Signage

Development of a comprehensive wayfinding signage program has been completed and construction of Phase 1 downtown signage, including both sides of Parker Road, will begin this fall.

Improved wayfinding signage will be installed to orient and direct residents and visitors to public destinations, enhancing their downtown experience. Watch for new pedestrian, vehicular and parking signage and a pedestrian information kiosk! The final phase of this program – the rest of Town signage – is planned for 2017 construction to allow adequate time to coordinate with CDOT and Douglas County.



### Parker Road Corridor Plan – GET INVOLVED!

A HUGE THANK YOU to those who have already provided comments on this important plan for the future of Parker Road. Comments received can be viewed at [www.ParkerRoadPlan.com](http://www.ParkerRoadPlan.com). Survey #2 is ready for you to choose great corridor elements. Log on to [ParkerRoadPlan.com](http://ParkerRoadPlan.com) and click the 'Take the Great Corridors Survey' link. Help us identify your favorite features and amenities that create places to go to rather than just places to go through. Watch for the next public open house coming in January 2017!

### Snow Tips for Residents

Park off-street to keep your car from getting plowed in.... shovel snow into your yard instead of the street to keep it from getting pushed back onto your sidewalk by plows... we have a great collection of informative tips for dealing with winter weather in Parker! Visit [www.ParkerOnline.org/SnowTips](http://www.ParkerOnline.org/SnowTips) for more information on things you can do to survive the winter months in Colorado!





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**To: Parker Resident  
Local Patron**

## NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2016 COMMUNITY CALENDAR

### Homeowner Building Class

• Nov. 3; 6 p.m.  
Parker Town Hall  
Go to [www.ParkerOnline.org/Homeowners](http://www.ParkerOnline.org/Homeowners)  
or call 303.841.1970 for more information.

### Parker Town Council Meetings

• Nov. 7 and 21; Dec. 5 and 12; 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

• Nov. 10 and Dec. 8; 7 p.m.  
Parker Town Hall  
Go to [www.ParkerOnline.org](http://www.ParkerOnline.org) or call  
303.841.0353 for more information.

### Mountain Pine Yuletide Bazaar

• Nov. 12; 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.  
Parker Fieldhouse  
Go to [www.MPWCParker.org](http://www.MPWCParker.org) or call  
720.336.3447 for more information.

### Mayor's Holiday Lighting

• Nov. 25; 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.  
O'Brien Park  
Go to [www.ParkerOnline.org](http://www.ParkerOnline.org) or call  
303.841.0353 for more information.

### Christmas Carriage Parade

• Dec. 10; Noon  
Downtown Parker  
Go to [www.ParkerOnline.org](http://www.ParkerOnline.org) or call  
303.841.0353 for more information.

### Saturday Skate Night

• Dec. 10; 5:30 to 9 p.m.  
Parker Fieldhouse  
Go to [www.ParkerRec.com](http://www.ParkerRec.com) or call  
303.805.6300 for more information.

### Milk and Cookies with Santa

• Dec. 11; 1:45 and 2:30 p.m.  
Parker Fieldhouse  
Go to [www.ParkerRec.com](http://www.ParkerRec.com) or call  
303.805.3281 for more information.

### Parents' Night Out

• Dec. 17; 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 HOLIDAY CLOSURES

**Nov. 11**  
Town Hall closed.

**Nov. 24**  
Town Hall,  
Recreation Center  
and Fieldhouse  
closed.

**Nov. 25**  
Town Hall closed.

**Dec. 23**  
Town Hall closed.

**Dec. 24**  
Recreation Center  
and Fieldhouse  
close at noon.

**Dec. 25**  
Recreation Center  
and Fieldhouse  
closed.

**Dec. 26**  
Town Hall closed.

**Dec. 31**  
Recreation Center  
and Fieldhouse  
close at 4 p.m.