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Exciting New Addition Coming in 2017 **DOG PARK & DISC GOLF COURSE**

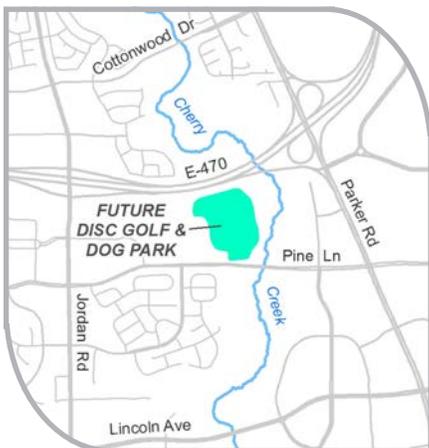
A much-anticipated new park will open in Parker in 2017 that is sure to please both dog owners and recreation enthusiasts alike. The 40-acre site, located to the south of E-470 along the Cherry Creek Trail, will include a dog park, trailhead and 18-hole disc golf course.

The dog park portion of the site will feature nearly five acres of space to run, along with shade structures, seating areas, a drinking fountain and an agility course. The disc golf course will be located adjacent to the dog park and will include 18 holes designed with assistance from local disc golf enthusiasts and experts. Also accompanying the park will be a 75-space parking lot with access off Pine Lane.



The project has taken a bit longer than originally expected while the Town acquired more land for the site from an area developer. As a result, the park will be larger than originally planned.

The soon-to-be-named Parker dog park and disc golf course is currently under construction and is expected to open late spring or early summer, pending favorable weather conditions.



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DID YOU KNOW?

An up-to-date list of the Town of Parker's current Capital Improvement Projects is available online at www.ParkerOnline.org/CIPUpdate. Find out all of the latest information on projects like roadway improvements, maintenance projects, stormwater improvements and facility construction at this site. Individuals can also call the Town's Engineering Department at 303.840.9546.





From the Mayor and Town Council NEW PROPERTY ADDED TO INVENTORY OF TOWN-OWNED OPEN SPACE

We are pleased to announce that our open space inventory is growing! In early January 2017, the Douglas County Board of County Commissioners conveyed a 71-acre property known as the Harvie Open Space (Ray J. Harvie Park) to the Town of Parker. The property, located just north of Mainstreet and Canterbury Parkway, will be maintained by Parker and used for open space and passive recreation.

“Parks, trails and open space are an integral part of the Parker community, and we’re very excited to have the opportunity to expand our inventory of outdoor amenities,” said Mayor Mike Waid. “We appreciate Douglas County’s generosity and look forward

to enhancing this site and making it accessible for our residents to visit and enjoy.”

“Our Board is delighted to have conveyed this open space property to the Town as the newest jewel in their open space crown,” said Douglas County Commissioner and Board Chair Roger Partridge. “We look forward to seeing the site improvements and other amenities on the property that will create an enjoyable passive recreation setting.”

Preparations to make the site available for public use will take place in 2017, including final site clean-up; property annexation, zoning and plat; and preparation of a master plan. The

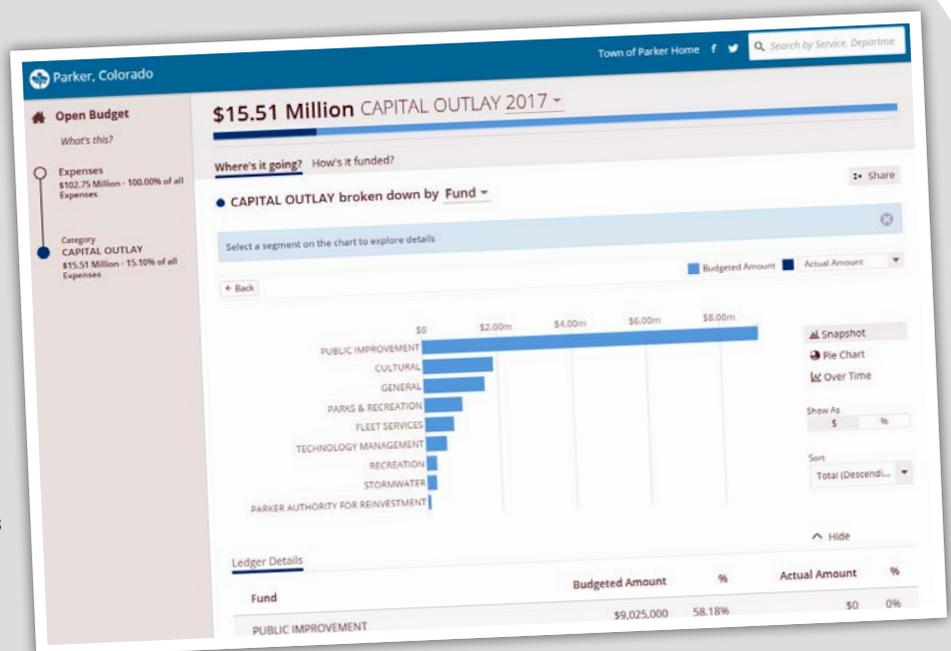


master plan process, which will involve the Parker community, will help determine specific site improvements and amenities. A conservation easement exists on the property, so allowed uses are limited to passive recreation, which could include soft-surface trails, interpretive signage, picnic shelters, restrooms and parking access for the site. Improvements are anticipated to be constructed in 2018, after which the park will open to the public.

EXPLORE OPEN BUDGET PARKER

The Town of Parker’s Finance Department recently launched a new online tool aimed at improving government transparency—Open Budget Parker.

This new website allows the Town to communicate its budget, often a complex process, in an easy-to-understand way. It provides a guided view through the budget while allowing a transparent look at how we allocate public funds. Find immediate answers to your questions and easily share your insights with others at www.ParkerOnline.org/OpenBudget.



GET ON THE MOVE THIS WINTER!

Kick Off the 2017 Parker Parks and Recreation Run Series at Bar CCC Park!

Join Parker Parks and Recreation for the annual Love 'em or Leave 'em Valentine's Day 5K/10K with RNK Running & Walking on Saturday, Feb. 11 at 10 a.m. at Bar CCC Park.

This sanctioned and professionally timed event features an exciting 10K option along with the popular 5K run/walk and free Huntington Learning Center Kids' Dash for children under 8 following the run! Pre-registration, which closes at noon on Feb. 8, is \$40 for the 10K and \$30 for the 5K, with walk-up/race-day registration for an additional \$5. All registered participants receive a long-sleeve race shirt, a chance to win great prizes and a delicious, post-race pancake breakfast! Strollers and leashed dogs are welcome. Register online at www.ParkerRec.com/VDay5K10K or contact Charlie Rhode at cwrhode@parkeronline.org for more event information.

Parker Parks and Recreation would like to thank our Love 'em or Leave 'em



Valentine's Day 5K/10K Title Sponsor, RNK Running & Walking, as well as our Finish Line Sponsors, Christian Brothers Automotive, Huntington Learning Center, Parker Academy of Martial Arts, Parker Lifestyle, Parker Performance Clinic and Southeast Christian Church. Contact Jaime Vollertsen at 303.805.3267 or jvollertsen@parkeronline.org for sponsorship information.

SENIOR SOURCE: SECURE YOUR FUTURE

You have paid into the system your entire life, now what? In our Unlocking Social Security workshop, you will learn little-known claiming strategies that can potentially have a major impact on retirement, as well as additional topics. Class will take place on Wednesday, Feb. 22 from 6 to 7:30 p.m.

Let's face it—retirement planning can be a very daunting task. With pensions disappearing by the minute, many Americans are faced with the realization that they will be navigating retirement planning on their own. The informative Retirement Planning workshop is

designed to provide you with a proactive plan to kick-start your retirement planning into high gear. Class will be held on Thursday, Feb. 23 from 6 to 7:30 p.m.

These two enrichment classes will be held at the Parker Recreation Center. Cost per workshop is \$22 for residents and \$26 for non-residents. To register, visit www.ParkerRec.com/Enrichment. For more information, contact Diane at dlange@parkeronline.org or 303.841.4500.

GET YOUR STATE OF THE TOWN AND MAYOR'S BALL TICKETS SOON!

Make sure to reserve your tickets today for two highly anticipated community events held each year by the Rotary Club of Parker, the State of the Town and the Mayor's Ball!

The State of the Town is scheduled for 3 p.m. on Feb. 21 at the PACE Center and will feature a keynote address by Mayor Mike Waid, as well as the presentation of the Parker Impact Award, which recognizes an individual who has made a valuable contribution to the Parker community.

This year's Mayor's Ball will be held on Feb. 25 at 6 p.m. at Douglas County Libraries in Parker. This black-tie/cocktail attire event will include heavy hors d'oeuvres, a cash bar, dancing to the band Funkiphino and a silent auction featuring a variety of fantastic items.

Net proceeds from these events will be used for local and global Rotary Club community service projects supporting those in need. Make your reservations early, as these events sold out last year.

To purchase tickets or become a sponsor, visit ParkerRotary.org or contact Bill Shriver (bcshriver@comcast.net; 303.913.1135) or Steve Trevino (snaatrevino@aol.com; 303.841.2405).



SETTING THE “PACE” IN ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT IN PARKER

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



YOUTH THEATER TRAINING WITH INSPIRE CREATIVE

Open to beginners up to serious acting students, this theater training is designed as a progressive multi-class program. Each class is divided into two 10-week semesters during the fall and winter/spring and preps students for a Parker Arts and Inspire Creative youth summer production. Save \$20 by registering for two classes or \$40 by registering for three classes.

Teen Musical Theater Voice and Dance

- Feb. 8 to April 26
5 to 7 p.m.; Ages: 12 to 18

Kids Musical Theatre Voice and Dance

- Feb. 9 to April 27
6 to 7:30 p.m.; Ages: 7 to 11

Kids & Teen Acting

- Feb. 6 to April 24
5:30 to 6:30 p.m.; Ages 7 to 11
- Feb. 6 to April 24
6:45 to 8:15 p.m.; Ages: 12 to 18

CHECK OUT THESE UPCOMING PERFORMANCES!

Friday Night Jazz: Phröntrange - Acoustic Fusion

Feb. 17 • The Schoolhouse
Founded by Maynard Ferguson alum, this critically acclaimed group combines the funk of Trombone Shorty with the elegant jazz of The Yellowjackets.

Wonderbound: “A Dangerous Liaison”

Feb. 18 and 19 • PACE Center
Sensuality mingles with decadent humor in this production that blends baroque music with contemporary dance. Featuring the Baroque Chamber Orchestra of Colorado.

Comedy & Cocktails: Karyn Ruth White

Feb. 18 • The Schoolhouse
Wit meets heart, meets hilarity, meets gentle sarcasm...and wisdom always tags along.

The Berenstain Bears LIVE! in Family Matters, the Musical

Feb. 23 • PACE Center
Adapted from the classic children’s book series, everyone’s favorite bear family comes to life in a thrilling theatrical experience that kids and parents alike will enjoy!

Parker Symphony Orchestra: Celebrating Black Composers Throughout the Centuries

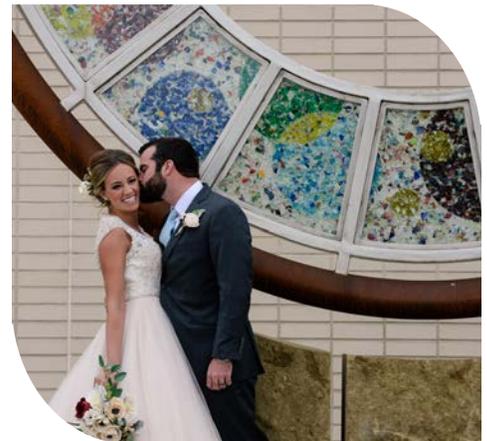
Feb. 25 • PACE Center
In honor of Black History Month, PSO performs pieces by composers from the late 1700s to the late 1900s.

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

March 3 • PACE Center
This concert will rock... and swing!

LET US HELP HOST YOUR SPECIAL DAY!

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GET OFF THE COUCH THIS WINTER WITH PARKER PARKS AND RECREATION



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



Yoga for Golf

Improve your balance, strength and flexibility with **Yoga for Golf** on Thursdays from 4 to 4:55 p.m. at the Recreation Center. Practice poses are designed to help enhance your swing, improve your concentration and reduce injuries. A four-week session runs Feb. 18 to March 10.



Calling All Archers!

Archery participants ages 8 and older learn about range safety, proper archery shooting techniques and target practice in a fun and safe environment. The class is designed for newcomers to the sport, as well as experienced archers. All equipment is provided, however students may bring their own upon inspection by the instructor. Four-week sessions begin Feb. 5, March 5 and April 2.



Coming to the Kids' Zone

Gym Jam for ages 3 to 6 years gets your child in forward motion with games focused on developing large motor skills and burning some energy. Four-week sessions begin Feb. 3, March 3 and April 7. Roll up your sleeves and get ready to make an ooey gooey mess with **Messes and Masterpeices!** Youth ages 3 to 6 will meet on Tuesdays from Feb. 21 to March 14. Kids ages 3 to 6 are invited to bring their favorite stuffed animal to the **Teddy Bear Picnic** to share a morning of stories, snacks, fun and games on Feb. 24 from 10 to 11:30 a.m.



BOOM Sports and Yoga

Each week, **BOOM Sports** offers fun on the field and court for kids ages 18 months to 6 years, teaching the ins and outs of different sports-based activities including soccer, basketball and flag football. **BOOM Yoga** teaches kids ages 3 to 12 mindful movements and peaceful actions. New sessions begin each month. Dates and times vary.



Adult and 50+ Softball

Registration is open for **Spring Adult and 50+ Softball** leagues. Spring men's and coed softball is a seven-game season that doesn't entail a tournament. Registration is by team only and all participants must be at least 18 years of age. Spring men's and coed 50+ softball is a 12-game season played over league and tournament games. Both team and individual registration is available.

Handwriting Group for Kids

For ages 3 to 7, this class teaches **Handwriting** skills in a small group setting led by a pediatric occupational therapist. There will be a focus on correct formation of letters and numbers written within specific boundaries to improve spatial awareness and pencil control. Classes are on Tuesdays, beginning Feb. 21. Pre-Writing for ages 3 to 5 is held from 4:15 to 5 p.m. and Upper Case for ages 5 to 7 is held from 5:05 to 5:50 p.m.



PARKER POLICE DEPARTMENT

Keeping Our Community Safe

NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES MOVES TO PARKER PD

Neighborhood Services transitioned from the Town of Parker Community Development Department to the Parker Police Department as of Jan. 9.

This reorganization has allowed for a more effective pairing between Neighborhood Services and the Police Department and allows our organization to get to the core of community policing and the “broken windows theory.”

The term “broken windows” comes from the metaphor used to describe this concept: “If a window is broken and left unrepaired, people walking by will conclude that no one cares and no one is

in charge.” This philosophy says that the little things do matter. This theory will be combined with other community-policing strategies focused on graffiti, blight, trash, disabled/abandoned vehicles and other neighborhood concerns.

Although minor and on the surface seemingly insignificant, quality-of-life crimes were found to be the tipping point for other more serious crimes. With the increase in Parker residents and building infrastructure, this merger was needed to assist with the overall quality of life for those who live, work and visit our Town.



Information about Neighborhood Services can now be found on the Parker Police Department’s website, www.ParkerPolice.org. If you need to report an issue to Neighborhood Services, please call 303.841.9800.

POLICE DEPARTMENT TIDBITS

Citizen’s Police Academy Session Added

Parker PD’s Citizen’s Academy has become the most successful class that the department offers. When registration for the class opened Jan. 11, the 35 spots were filled in three hours. In response to the incredible demand for the 10-week course, the Police Department will also offer a Citizen’s Police Academy in the fall. Individuals interested in learning about the department’s many programs should follow our website and social media pages to register in July for the fall academy. Thank you, Parker, for taking such a great interest in the services we offer!



Effective Communication with Deaf, Hard of Hearing and Deaf-Blind Training

Parker Police Officers and staff received training on effective communications with deaf, hard of hearing and deaf-blind individuals in January. The two-hour training was presented by representatives from the Colorado Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing, the Rocky Mountain ADA Center, the Helen Keller National Center for Deaf-Blind Youths and Adults and DOVE: Deaf Overcoming Violence through Empowerment. The class taught staff what they need to do to help bridge the communication gap that exists.



COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORNER

Planning and Building a Healthy and Sustainable Parker!

The Mainstreet Master Plan - Its Purpose and How It's Used

Last month's Community Development Corner focused on the Town's foundational planning document, the Parker 2035 Master Plan, a policy document first developed in 1985 that provides guidance for decisions regarding the physical development of our community. This month, we feature the Mainstreet Master Plan (MMP), which was adopted by Town Council in 2015 as an element of the Parker 2035 Master Plan.

The MMP is a vision and action plan that builds upon previous planning efforts of our continually evolving downtown corridor. As a policy document, it provides long-term guidance and recommendations for future development and revitalization along the Mainstreet corridor. The Plan makes recommendations on:

- Land Use and Development within the corridor
- Urban Form & Design (how it looks and feels)
- Circulation and Parking

Why Do We Need the Mainstreet Master Plan?

Like any downtown, the Mainstreet corridor (Twenty Mile Road on the west to Pine Drive on the east) is the heart and soul of our community. The MMP is an action plan that was informed by Parker citizens, visitors, businesses and property owners as stakeholders and will require the cooperation and engagement of these stakeholders to work as partners towards implementation. The Plan's recommendations help achieve the community's vision for the corridor.

During public outreach in 2014, this is what we heard that you wanted in our Mainstreet corridor:

- More shopping and dining options – more active first-floor retail
- More things to do throughout the day in downtown
- Infusion of public art adding to the creativity, character and culture of downtown
- A place for everyone – bicycles, pedestrians and vehicles
- Event-ready parks and plazas with activities such as ice skating and spray gardens
- Parking and/or parking management
- Growth to be mindful of the scale and character of the area
- Keep downtown special!

Why is the Mainstreet Master Plan Important to You?

The answer is simple – the MMP is important to you because it was informed by your valuable input for the corridor!

Town Council has been proactive to further enhance the downtown experience. Development of a new wayfinding signage program for visitors to our downtown area and the construction of the new Discovery Park are two very recent projects nearing completion – confirming the commitment to progressive planning that contributes to Parker's high quality of life!

For more information on the Mainstreet Master Plan, visit www.ParkerOnline.org/MainstreetPlan.

PARTICIPATE IN THE PLANNING OF YOUR TOWN!

Town of Parker 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 want to encourage you to further participate in the planning of your Town! The Community Development Department holds Quarterly Open House meetings where Planning and Building staff members will be available to discuss current and future projects and answer your questions. Make sure to join us at our next open house on **Wednesday, Feb. 15 from 5 to 7 p.m. in the Studio Gallery at the PACE Center.**

In addition to these open houses, you can also find resources and updates on development in Parker in our online Community Development Corner at www.ParkerOnline.org/CommunityDevelopmentCorner.





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COMMUNITY CALENDAR - UPCOMING EVENTS

Parker Town Council Meetings

• Feb. 6 and 21; 7 p.m.
Parker Town Hall
Go to www.ParkerOnline.org or call 303.841.0353 for more information.

Parker Planning Commission Meetings

• Feb. 9 and 23; 7 p.m.
Parker Town Hall
Go to www.ParkerOnline.org or call 303.841.0353 for more information.

Tools to Avoid Getting Sick - Teens

• Feb. 9; 4 p.m.
Grow Community Youth Center
Go to www.GrowCommunityCenter.org or call 303.931.8026 for more information.

Love 'em or Leave 'em Valentine's Day 5K/10K with RNK Running & Walking

• Feb. 11; 10 a.m.
Bar CCC Park
Go to www.ParkerRec.com/VDay5K10K or call 303.805.6304 for more information.

Parents' Night Out

• Feb. 11; 6 to 10:30 p.m.
Parker Fieldhouse
Go to www.ParkerRec.com or call 303.805.6300 for more information.

Community Development Open House

• Feb. 15; 5 to 7 p.m.
PACE Center - Gallery Studio
Go to www.ParkerOnline.org or call 303.841.0353 for more information.

Saturday Skate Night

• Feb. 18; 5:30 to 9 p.m.
Parker Fieldhouse
Go to www.ParkerRec.com/SkateNight or call 303.805.6300 for more information.

Yoga for Stress Relief - Teens

• Feb. 22; 4 p.m.
Grow Community Youth Center
Go to www.GrowCommunityCenter.org or call 303.931.8026 for more information.

Women's Divorce Workshop

• Feb. 25; 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
Southeast Christian Church
Go to www.DivorceWorkshopDenver.com or call 303.210.2607 for more information.

Fiddler on the Roof

• March 2-4; 7 p.m., also 2 p.m. on 4th
Legend High School
Go to www.TinyURL.com/LegendTix or call 303.387.4500 for more information.

No Building Inspections Performed

• March 8
No inspections or plan reviews will be performed on Wednesday, March 8 due to continuing education training for Town staff. The Building Division office will be open as normal during regular business hours.

TOWN HOLIDAY CLOSURES

Feb. 20
• Presidents' Day
Town Hall closed.