



**PARKER**  
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## TALK OF THE TOWN

*January 2018*



### *Put Your Christmas Tree to Work*

# CHRISTMAS TREE RECYCLING

The Town of Parker will host its annual Christmas Tree Recycling Program from Dec. 26 through Jan. 21. This year's drop-off site will again be the west paved Salisbury Park ballfields parking lot, at 11920 Motsenbocker Rd.

The drop-off is available solely for Parker residents to recycle their Christmas trees. Additional yard waste and tree branches are not permitted. No commercial tree lot disposal is allowed as our elves have a hard time removing all of the tags.

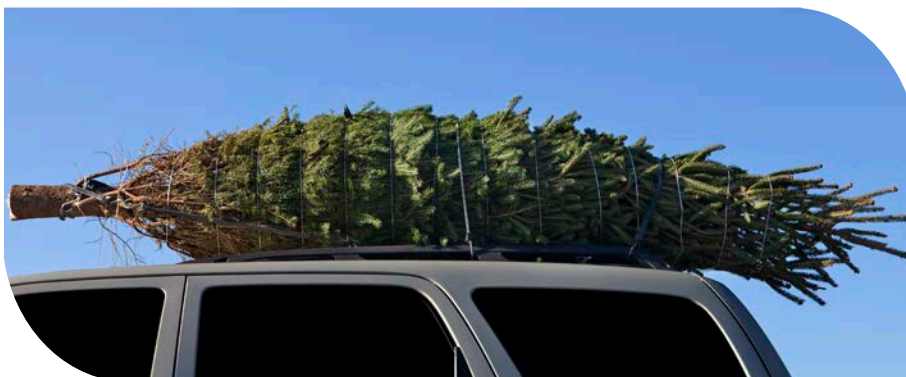
Both green and flocked **REAL** trees are accepted. Before dropping off any Christmas trees, please remove all plastic tarps, tree stands and nails, ornaments, lights, garland and tinsel. No artificial trees, garland or wreaths with wire backing will be accepted.

Please drop off during park hours only, 6 a.m. to 11 p.m., and do not illegally dump any other items at the drop-off location.

The trees collected by the program will be chipped into mulch, which is available at the same site at no charge to residents. Remaining mulch will be utilized throughout the Town and not discarded in a landfill.

Residents should not place Christmas trees in garbage containers. Keeping trees out of the landfills helps extend the life of landfills and produces a useful resource. The annual Christmas Tree Recycling Program is just one of many ways that Parker residents can reduce, re-use and recycle.

Please contact the Parks Division at 303.805.3244 with further questions.



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## DID YOU KNOW?

Treat your little one, age 2 and older, to an evening they will always remember at the Princess Ball on Jan. 26 from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at the PACE Center. This event will feature dancing, crafts and refreshments. There may even be a surprise visit from a princess or two! It will be a night to remember. Your princess will have a ball! Space is limited, so register now at [www.ParkerRec.com/PrincessBall](http://www.ParkerRec.com/PrincessBall).





# From the Mayor and Town Council TOWN WEBSITE REDESIGN COMING SOON, AND WE NEED YOUR HELP!

The Town of Parker is excited to be kicking off the redesign of the Town of Parker and Parker Parks and Recreation websites, and we invite the community to give input on this process. If you'd like to provide feedback on your experience using the Town or the Parks and Recreation websites, we'd love to have you participate! Options for providing feedback will include in-person meetings and an online survey.

We're finishing up the final details of our outreach process, so be sure to check our website at [www.ParkerOnline.org/](http://www.ParkerOnline.org/) WebsiteRedesign for more details and links to the survey. Have questions? Feel free to contact Communications Director Elise Penington at [epenington@parkeronline.org](mailto:epenington@parkeronline.org) or 303.805.3113 for more information.



## WRAPPING UP THE HOLIDAYS

The holiday season has come and gone, but the memories live on. From enjoying the Hometown Holiday Weekend, Mayor's Holiday Lighting and Holiday Carriage Rides to the annual Christmas Carriage Parade, our community came together to celebrate!

We want to thank all of the generous sponsors that helped make our Town's annual festivities possible: Colorado Driving Society; Parker Trail Riders; Xfinity; Swingle Lawn, Tree and Landscape Care; Parker Flats at Old Town and Park Sixty Four Apartments; Fit 36; Kneaders; Parker Station

Professional Offices; Escalade Financial Partners; Douglas County Libraries in Parker; Dany McDaniel Insurance Agency Inc. – State Farm; Renewal By Anderson; and Spradlin Printing.

We would also like to thank the many volunteers who assisted us, including: the Colorado Driving Society; Parker Trail Riders; Joy Lutheran Church; the Rotary Club of Parker; Troop 88 Boy Scouts; individual community members and high school volunteers; and, last but not least, the Parker Volunteer Unicorns, our "Santa's Helpers!"



# HELP SHAPE PARKER'S FUTURE

## Volunteer for Parker's Urban Renewal Authority Advisory Committee

Are you interested in improving and progressing Parker? Parker's urban renewal authority, Partnering for Parker's Progress (P3), is looking for a new volunteer chair member.

### The role of the P3 Advisory Committee is to:

- Advocate for responsible growth on urban renewal authority-owned land
- Provide recommendations to P3 on priorities for public investment of Tax Increment Financing (TIF) revenues
- Assist with evaluating private project requests for TIF funding

Town residents, business owners and those with a vested interest in the future of our community are encouraged to apply. A background in real estate, law, architecture, planning, finance or other related fields is

encouraged, but not required. Regular meetings will be held the fourth Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m. Additional meetings may be required for education and training.

If you are interested, please send a letter of interest and resume to the Parker Authority for Reinvestment, Attn: Weldy Feazell, 20120 E. Mainstreet, Parker, CO 80138 or email [weldy@p3parker.com](mailto:weldy@p3parker.com). The deadline for applications is Jan. 31, 2018.

Relatives of Town of Parker employees and officials are not eligible to apply.

Please contact Weldy with any questions at [weldy@p3parker.org](mailto:weldy@p3parker.org) or 303.805.3168. For additional information about P3, visit [www.P3Parker.com](http://www.P3Parker.com).

## SAME URA, NEW NAME & INITIATIVES

Formerly known as the Parker Authority for Reinvestment (PAR), the Town of Parker's urban renewal authority (URA) has now evolved in both name and initiative. With its new name, Partnering for Parker's Progress (P3) is armed with a robust strategic plan, a renewed commitment to engaging the community and a refreshed brand.

### Why the Change?

- PAR struggled to find consistent messaging to accurately communicate the goals of the organization
- PAR needed a way to identify itself separately from the Town
- The former name was clunky and confusing to developers and patrons

P3 is a true partner that is committed to defining and accomplishing both public and private goals that improve the Parker community. It's not just a new name; it's a commitment to being transparent, accountable and fiscally responsible. To learn more, visit [www.P3Parker.com](http://www.P3Parker.com) and like us on Facebook: @P3Parker.



## VISIT THE PARKER ICE TRAIL AT DISCOVERY PARK!

The Parker Ice Trail at Discovery Park, located next to the new branch of Douglas County Libraries in Parker, is open for the winter season!

### Ice Trail Hours - Holidays

Dec. 30: 11 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Dec. 31: 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Jan. 1-4: 1 to 9 p.m.

### Ice Trail Hours - After Jan. 4

Monday to Thursday: 4 to 9 p.m.

Friday: 4 to 10 p.m.

Saturday: 11 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Sunday: 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

### Admissions and Rentals

Children 10 and under: \$6

Adults: \$8

Skate Rental: \$4

4-Visit Pass: \$30 – can be used for any age and for multiple people, includes both admission and skate rental

Group Rate (10 or more guests):

\$10/each, includes skate rental

For more information about the Parker Ice Trail at Discovery Park, including the 12 Theme Nights that will be held from December through March, visit [www.ParkerRec.com/IceTrail](http://www.ParkerRec.com/IceTrail) or email Alex at [aeaton@parkeronline.org](mailto:aeaton@parkeronline.org).





# ENJOY LIVE PERFORMANCES THIS WINTER 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.

## ADULT LECTURE SERIES

The Parker Cultural and Scientific Commission presents the Parker Arts Adult Lecture Series, an array of talks on topics that impact Colorado citizens and residents of Douglas County. All lectures take place at the PACE Center and are FREE and open to the public. Although an RSVP is not required, it is appreciated. Please RSVP via phone at 303.805.6800 or email at [PACEdu@parkeronline.org](mailto:PACEdu@parkeronline.org).

### From Page to Stage: Theater Talk with PACE

Jan. 24 • 6:30 p.m.

Speaker: Shaun Albrechtson, Parker Arts, Assistant Cultural Director for Programs

### Innovations in Police Technology

Feb. 7 • 6:30 p.m.

Speaker: Chris Peters, Commander, Parker Police; and Josh Hans, Public Relations/PIO, Parker Police

## EDUCATION

Parker Arts Presents Missoula Children's Theatre's Snow White and The Seven Dwarfs Feb. 19 through 24! Kids ages 5 to 18 are invited to audition and be cast in this one and only visit from Missoula in 2018. All levels of experience are welcomed. Please visit [www.ParkerArts.org/Education](http://www.ParkerArts.org/Education) to see audition details.

## CHECK OUT THESE UPCOMING PERFORMANCES!

### Friday Night Jazz:

#### An Evening of Soulful Jazz with Robert Johnson

Schoolhouse Theater • Feb. 16

### Comedy & Cocktails featuring headliner Nancy Norton

Schoolhouse Theater • Feb. 17

### Wonderbound: "Aphrodite's Switchboard" with Chimney Choir (pictured top left)

PACE Center • Feb. 17 and 18

### Chamber Music from the DU Lamont School of Music:

#### Mozart's Winds

Schoolhouse Theater • Feb. 18

### Parker Symphony Orchestra: Gone Too Soon

PACE Center • Feb. 23

### Christopher Cross

PACE Center • Feb. 25

## THE ART OF NUMBERS

2017 was quite the year for the arts and culture community in Parker, with over 213,000 citizens served by Parker Arts programs and performances. Here are some more numbers from a very successful year!

We hope to see you back in the new year for new art and new performances yet to come!

- **130** total performances
- **46,500** seats sold
- **921** events at the PACE Center, The Schoolhouse and Ruth Memorial Chapel
- **6,018** students attended matinees
- **449** classes offered
- **3,360** student class participants
- **13,236** people attended Concerts in Discovery Park



# KEEP YOUR NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS 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.



## A New Year, A New You!

Our popular eight-week Commit to Fit Weight Loss Challenge for adults is back! Included are group sessions with a certified personal trainer twice a week, group nutrition counseling, pre- and post-fitness testing, weekly weigh-ins and group boot camps, a 10-Visit pass and discounted rates for one-on-one personal training. Applications are available until Jan. 15 at our recreation facilities or online at [www.ParkerRec.com](http://www.ParkerRec.com).



## Parker Triathlon Team Training

The Parker Triathlon Team is looking for adult athletes who consider themselves beginners and are interested in completing their first triathlon in 2018. Athletes will meet with other like-minded participants three days per week for swim, bike and run workouts led by a USA Triathlon Certified coach. Join us for a meeting on Jan. 7 at 9 a.m. at the Parker Recreation Center to learn more about the program.



## Love 'em or Leave 'em Valentine's Day 5K/10K

Register now for our annual Love 'em or Leave 'em Valentine's Day 5K/10K with RNK Running & Walking on Saturday, Feb. 10 at 10 a.m. at Bar CCC Park. The professionally timed event features a FREE Kids' Dash, as well as a long-sleeve T-shirt and post-race pancakes for all registrants. Register at [www.ParkerRec.com/VDay5K10K](http://www.ParkerRec.com/VDay5K10K).



## Fitness and Wellness Classes

We've added three new classes centered on motivation, support and accountability to help you conquer your 2018 resolutions. Check out **Fail-Proof Resolutions**, the **Resolution Success Group** and **Calm Your Overwhelm** to take command of your well-being in the New Year!



## Kids' Zone Winter Activities

Kids' Zone classes are a great way for youngsters to express themselves, improve motor skills and learn new things! Check out our winter activities, **Mommy/Daddy and Me**, **Giggle Time**, **Little Professors** and **Gym Jam** to get your little one active with other kids. All classes are held at the Parker Recreation Center.

## 2018 Winter/Spring NBN Basketball Camps

Join NBN's experienced coaches for skill-building on the court during school breaks. Coed camps for ages 6 to 15 focus on fundamentals. Several camps are available in 2018:

- Jan. 15: MLK Day Basketball Camp
- Feb. 19: Presidents' Day Basketball Shooting Camp
- March 19-22: Spring Break Basketball Camp

Camps run from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Parker Fieldhouse.



# PARKER POLICE DEPARTMENT

*Keeping Our Community Safe*

## PARKER PD MEETS WITH LOCAL APARTMENT MANAGERS

In 2017, the Parker Police Department created the Town of Parker Apartment Managers Meetings. Once a quarter, Chief David King and members of Parker PD's Community Services and Office of Professional Standards meet with property managers from Parker multi-family developments to discuss concerns and work on solutions to those problems.

In the December meetings, we discussed increases in wildlife sightings, safety issues with homeless populations and complex easement and median maintenance issues. In previous meetings, we have discussed how the Police Department and property

managers can better streamline our communications, as well as crime prevention.

Is your complex represented at these meetings? Next time you are speaking with property management, ask them if they have attended the Town of Parker Apartment Managers Meetings with the Police Department. We would love to have 100 percent participation from every complex management team. It takes all of us working together to make Parker the best town it can be.



We look forward to this proactive relationship with property managers continuing in 2018 so we can continue to strengthen the relationship between the Parker Police and all of our residents.

## POLICE DEPARTMENT TIDBITS

### Cram the Cruiser a Success

Thank you, Parker residents, for supporting our Cram the Cruiser to Prevent Hunger food drive at the Mayor's Holiday Lighting event. The Parker Task Force told us they nearly received enough donations to sustain the Backpack Program for Parker school kids through the end of the school year!

### Tip-a-Cop

It costs \$60 per season for Special Olympics athletes to participate in their favorite sports. Thanks to the generosity of Parker residents at our Texas Roadhouse Tip-A-Cop event, we raised enough money for 54 athletes, \$3,273, to participate at no cost to themselves or their family in whatever sport they love.

### Shop with a Cop

More than 20 area children were able to shop with a Parker Police Officer for presents for their family and themselves at Target during our annual Shop with a Cop event. All of the participants were nominated by our officers after interacting with them throughout the year.



# COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORNER

*Planning and Building a Healthy and Sustainable Parker!*

## Data Received from Parker's Two-Hour Downtown Parking Program

In an effort to make more on-street parking spaces available for visitors to downtown Parker, Town Council authorized the implementation of a two-hour parking program in May 2017 to help increase parking turnover and utilization of key parking spaces.

The results of a parking analysis conducted in late August show that the two-hour parking program is achieving the objectives from the Downtown Parking Study and Plan:

- The average number of parking spaces occupied in the study area dropped from 33 percent in 2016 to 25 percent in 2017
- The average length of time that vehicles are parked in two-hour parking spaces dropped from 114 minutes to 75 minutes per vehicle
- The percentage of vehicles parking longer than two hours in the same spot dropped from 19 percent in 2016 to 7 percent in 2017



Based on the results, no modifications to the parking program are needed at this time. Public parking lots will continue to be monitored as new development and redevelopment in the area may affect future parking in downtown.

In addition, the Town has hired consultant Kimley-Horn to develop new parking standards for the Greater Downtown District to require new developments to provide parking. These new standards will be considered for adoption by the Planning Commission and Town Council in early 2018.

Please check the Town's website for more project updates at [www.ParkerOnline.org/DowntownParkingStudy](http://www.ParkerOnline.org/DowntownParkingStudy).

## DEVELOPMENT DESIGN STANDARDS REWRITE UPDATE

Consultants Urban Design Associates and Dig Studio recently completed the new Multiple-Family Design Standards component of the Town's Commercial, Industrial & Multi-Family Residential Design Standards Rewrite Project. The original document was adopted in 1999 with few changes since. Town staff has worked closely with the consultant team to develop these new development standards to reflect community and stakeholder input received in Community Design workshops held in May, June and August 2017.

Highlights from the new Multi-Family Design Standards feature simple, easy-to-use, key steps to design a multi-family development. It also includes updated standards for site planning, building design, composition and orientation, block layout, landscaping, and how to incorporate publicly accessible spaces into the design.

For the second component, the Commercial, Industrial and Mixed Use (CIMU) section, the consultants have consolidated input from the August workshops, staff, elected and appointed officials working sessions and an online community survey to help guide the development of updated standards. Town staff anticipates a draft of the CIMU chapter for public review in early 2018. Please check the Town's website for project updates at [www.ParkerOnline.org/DevelopmentDesignStandards](http://www.ParkerOnline.org/DevelopmentDesignStandards).

## WINTER TIPS FOR PARKER RESIDENTS

- Following a winter weather event, snow and ice must be removed from all sidewalks adjacent to a homeowner's property within 48 hours of the end of any snow, sleet or freezing rain. Failure to do so in the specified time frame is a violation of the Town's Municipal Code and can result in a fine to the homeowner.
- Park vehicles off of the street when it snows. This keeps vehicles from being plowed in, protects them from passing vehicles and gives snow plows more space to maneuver.
- Avoid shoveling or blowing snow into the street. If your street is plowed, some snow will get back on your driveway. We understand that this can be frustrating. You can help by shoveling snow from sidewalks or driveways into your yard as any snow placed in the street will likely be pushed back into your driveway by a passing snow plow. In addition, snow placed in the gutter may cause icing issues.



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## TALK OF THE TOWN



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## COMMUNITY CALENDAR - UPCOMING EVENTS

### Christmas Tree Recycling

• Dec. 26 to Jan. 21; 6 a.m. to 11 p.m.  
Salisbury Park ballfields parking lot  
Go to [www.ParkerRec.com](http://www.ParkerRec.com) or call  
303.805.3244 for more information.

### Parker Town Council Meetings

• Jan. 2 and 16; 7 p.m.  
Parker Town Hall  
Go to [www.ParkerOnline.org](http://www.ParkerOnline.org) or call  
303.841.0353 for more information.

### Parents' Night Out

• Jan. 6; 6 to 10:30 p.m.  
Parker Fieldhouse  
Go to [www.ParkerRec.com/PNO](http://www.ParkerRec.com/PNO) or call  
303.805.3609 for more information.

### Parker Planning Commission Meetings

• Jan. 11 and 25; 7 p.m.  
Parker Town Hall  
Go to [www.ParkerOnline.org](http://www.ParkerOnline.org) or call  
303.841.0353 for more information.

### Lap Pool, Therapy Pool and Sauna Closed for Swim Meet

• Jan. 12; 3 to 7 p.m.  
Parker Recreation Center  
Call 303.805.4500 for more information.

### Home Alone and First Aid

• Jan. 13; 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.  
Parker Recreation Center  
Go to [www.ParkerRec.com/Enrichment](http://www.ParkerRec.com/Enrichment)  
or call 303.805.3281 for more information.

### Lessons & Lemonade - Free Art Lessons

• Jan. 13; 1 to 3 p.m.  
Hobby Lobby (Parker & Mainstreet)  
Go to [www.ParkerArtistsGuild.com/](http://www.ParkerArtistsGuild.com/)  
Youth-Workshops for more information.

### Cancer Care and Treatments - Free Seminar

• Jan. 16; 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.  
Parker Adventist Hospital  
For more information, call 303.269.4025  
or email [caitlyntalmadge@centura.org](mailto:caitlyntalmadge@centura.org).

### Teen Art Studio - Free Art Lessons

• Jan. 27; 1 to 3 p.m.  
Hobby Lobby (Parker & Mainstreet)  
Go to [www.ParkerArtistsGuild.com/](http://www.ParkerArtistsGuild.com/)  
Youth-Workshops for more information.

### Sales Tax Taxpayer Seminar

• Feb. 1; 10 to 11 a.m.  
Parker Town Hall  
Go to [www.ParkerOnline.org](http://www.ParkerOnline.org) or call  
303.805.3228 for more information.

## TOWN HOLIDAY CLOSURES

### Dec. 31

• New Year's Eve  
Recreation Center  
and Fieldhouse  
close at 4 p.m.

### Jan. 1

• New Year's Day  
Town Hall,  
Recreation Center  
and Fieldhouse  
closed all day.

### Jan. 15

• Martin Luther King Jr. Day  
Town Hall closed.