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TALK OF THE TOWN

October 2018



Halloween Fun for the Whole Family!

FIELDHOUSE FRIGHT NIGHT

Calling all ghouly ghouls, spooky spirits and wicked witches for an evening of family fun at Fieldhouse Fright Night with CareNow Urgent Care on Saturday, Oct. 20 from 5:30 to 9 p.m. at the Parker Fieldhouse.

All ages are welcome! Save money, skip the line and guarantee your goodie bag by pre-registering before Oct. 18 at 5 p.m. at www.ParkerRec.com/FHFrightNight. The cost is only \$6 per pre-registered participant and \$8 for walk ups at the event. Non-skating/non-climbing parents/guardians are free.

Kids will find tricks and treats galore as they make their way down Trick-or-Treat Street, play ghoulish games on the turf, skate the night away with Spook Skate (please bring your own skates), make their way through creepy crawlies in the Haunted House and conquer the Rock'n Halloween Climbing Wall! Drawings, concessions, vendors and games will all be a part of this magical Halloween event!

Don't forget to dress up! The popular costume contest for all ages features different categories, including best group/family, with awesome prizes and bragging rights. Judging starts at



7 p.m. on the inline rink. Find costume age groups and categories on our event website.

For more event information, visit www.ParkerRec.com/FHFrightNight or contact Brenda Mooney at bmooney@parkeronline.org or 303.805.6309. For sponsorship information, contact Jaime Vollertsen at jvollertsen@parkeronline.org or 303.805.3267.

Thank you to our Title Sponsor, CareNow Urgent Care, and Silver Level Sponsors, Jet's Pizza, Macaroni Kid Douglas County, Natural Grocers and Parker Academy of Martial Arts.

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DID YOU KNOW?



Winter is right around the corner! Are you familiar with the Town of Parker's snow removal policy? Our Public Works Department has a snow plowing priority system in place to clear nearly 500 lane miles of roadways, including local residential streets, when six inches or more of snow has accumulated. Learn more about the snow removal policy, including homeowner snow removal responsibilities, at www.ParkerOnline.org/Snow.



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



The Town of Parker will hold a regular election on Tuesday, Nov. 6 in conjunction with the Douglas County coordinated election to elect three Councilmembers to four-year terms. The candidates for the 2018 election, in the order they will appear on the election ballot, are:

- Danielle Ozaluk
- Jeff Toborg
- Stephen L. Curtis
- Robert Ihrig
- Renee Williams
- Terry Dodd
- Todd Hendreks
- Michelle Kelly
- Elissa Flaumenhaft
- Cheryl Poage

Want to Know More About the Candidates?

A Parker area candidate forum, hosted by the Parker Area Chamber of Commerce, will take place on Wednesday, Oct. 17 from 6 to 8 p.m. at the PACE Center. All candidates running for Parker Town Council will be invited to participate in this forum. For more information, please visit www.ParkerChamber.com. You can also read more about the candidates at www.ParkerOnline.org/2018Election.

Election Signs

For information on election signage allowed in Parker, please visit www.ParkerOnline.org/ElectionSigns or call the Community Development Department at 303.841.2332.

For more information on the 2018 election, please visit www.ParkerOnline.org/2018Election or call the Town Clerk's Office at 303.805.3198.

ONLINE VOTING REGISTRATION IS EASY!

Registering to vote is easy online! If you have a Colorado State driver's license or ID card issued by the Department of Revenue, just visit www.GoVoteColorado.com to get started! To pick up a physical voter registration form, visit the Clerk's Office at Town Hall (20120 E. Mainstreet) or the Douglas County Elections Office (125 Stephanie Pl., Castle Rock).

CHECK OUT OUR NEW AND IMPROVED WEBSITES!

After an in-depth outreach and redesign process, the Town rolled out several new and improved websites in September.

Included in the redesign project were new sites for the Town (www.ParkerOnline.org), Parker Arts (www.ParkerArts.org) and Police Department (www.ParkerPolice.org). A new website for Parker Parks and Recreation (www.ParkerRec.com) is coming in October.

Things have changed significantly since our last redesign effort in 2014, when the majority of users were accessing these websites through a

desktop computer. Since more than half of our current visitors are now using mobile devices, the new sites were designed for mobile use. We've also worked to simplify our content and navigation to ensure a user-friendly experience.

Have feedback? Email ca@parkeronline.org and we'll be sure to pass it along to the appropriate staff contact. We hope you enjoy the new websites!



MY MAINSTREET: FINISH LINE IN SIGHT

What's next for the My Mainstreet project?

After months of encouraging your input and conducting studies, Town staff will be finalizing a Strategic Framework for the four My Mainstreet project sites. This vital guiding document will be utilized by potential developers and staff as a blueprint for community-supported development.

The Strategic Framework will include all of the community input and studies from My Mainstreet. You will be able to review this document in November, prior to adoption by Town Council and the Partnering for Parker's Progress (P3) Board of Directors.

There are still a few days left to provide feedback on the conceptual site designs



for each of the four downtown project sites. Make sure to visit www.LetsTalkParker.org/My-Mainstreet to view what future development on the sites could look like and provide us with your reaction to the conceptual designs. We will continue accepting feedback until Sunday, Oct. 7.

Thank you, Parker! Over the past eight months of outreach, we have had 8,000 users view our project page and over 1,200 users participate in our surveys. This community effort has been instrumental in shaping the future of Downtown Parker.

For more information about My Mainstreet, including where this project's going and where it's been, visit www.LetsTalkParker.org/My-Mainstreet.

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT UPDATE: CHAMBERS ROAD MEDIAN IMPROVEMENTS

The Town opened bids at the end of August for the Chambers Road Median Improvement Project with Goodland Construction, Inc., of Golden being the lowest bidder. Work includes landscaping of the large median island on Chambers Road between Heirloom Parkway and Mainstreet.

The Town is moving forward with decorative rock for the entire island, as well as Parker-style five-globe lights for the ends of the island. No live landscaping will be incorporated into this area due to the lack of an irrigation water source. The project should get started this fall, weather permitting.

The completion date is expected to be around the end of March.

For more information on other Town of Parker capital improvement projects, please contact the Engineering and Public Works Department at 303.840.9546 or visit www.ParkerOnline.org/CIPUpdate.

SERVE ON THE SPECIAL LICENSING AUTHORITY

The Town of Parker is seeking volunteers to serve as members of the Special Licensing Authority to work on issues regarding liquor, massage parlor and sexually oriented business licenses in our community. Liquor licensing topics include the consideration of new licenses, renewals of existing licenses, monitoring compliance with liquor regulations and making recommendations to Town Council on related issues.

A position on this Authority requires a commitment of one night per month. Applicants must be residents of the Town, must not have any vested interest in any establishment with a liquor, massage parlor or sexually oriented business license within the Town, must not have an abhorrence to alcohol and will be required to undergo a confidential background check.

If interested, please send a letter of interest to: Parker Special Licensing Authority, Attn: Carol Baumgartner, 20120 E. Mainstreet, Parker, CO 80138. Letters of interest must be received by Friday, Oct. 19 at 5 p.m. Detailed application packets will then be sent out to all applicants.

For more information, contact Carol Baumgartner at 303.805.3198 or cbaumgartner@parkeronline.org.





PARKER ARTS OFFERS EDUCATION AND ENTERTAINMENT OPPORTUNITIES

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

ART EXHIBIT



Go Figure

- Sept. 17 to Oct. 27
- The Schoolhouse Art Gallery

Celebrating the Human Figure Presented in Art.

EDUCATION

Holiday Classes are on the way at Parker Arts! Young film directors and actors will capture the horror in the **Scary Mini-Movie** class. Create a masterpiece with **Dylan's Down With The Arts – Canvas and Cupcakes Winter Theme** class, where special needs students can paint and enjoy a sweet treat. Parents can finish up their holiday shopping while kids create one-of-a-kind artistic gifts of their own in the **KidzArt: Holiday Gift Workshop** class. Young bakers will whip up delicious recipes in the **Kid's Holiday Cookies** class. For more information, visit www.ParkerArts.org/Education.

FEATURED PERFORMANCE

A Chorus Line

Now Through Oct. 14 · PACE Center · Tickets Still Available!

“What I love about ‘A Chorus Line’ is that it is a show about the classic hero myth. A journey of life’s struggles and overcoming great odds that through considerable effort leads to personal success... only there is not just one hero in this play, there are 17. It is a story of lifelong sacrifice where the ultimate goal is to simply give away to strangers a gift that is the very best within you.”

- Michael R. Duran (Director)

CHECK OUT THESE UPCOMING PERFORMANCES!

Tickets on sale now for the new 2018-2019 Season!

Comedy & Cocktails: John Novosad

The Schoolhouse Theater · Oct. 13

The Uncharted Series: Addi & Jacq

The Schoolhouse Theater · Oct. 19

Wonderbound: Wicked Bayou with Clay Rose and The Widow's Bane

PACE Center · Oct. 20 - 21

ArcAttack

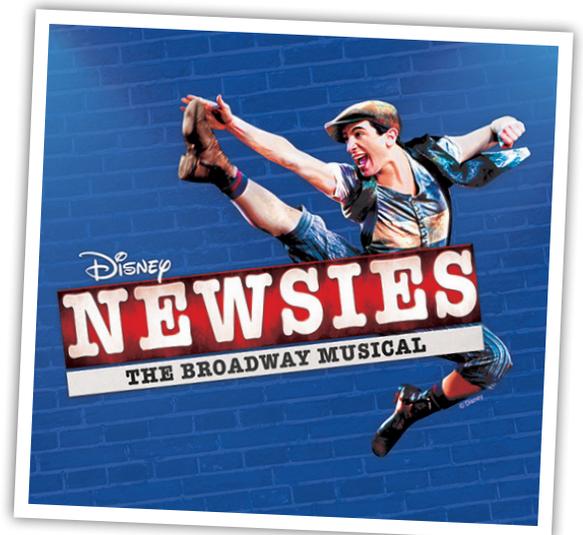
PACE Center · Oct. 22

DISNEY'S NEWSIES: THE MUSICAL

- PACE Center
- Jan 18 to Feb. 10, 2019

JUST ANNOUNCED!

Featuring classic songs like “Carrying the Banner” and “Seize the Day,” Newsies tells the tale of a band of newsboys taking on big business to fight for what’s right in turn-of-the-century New York City.



ENJOY THE FALL SEASON WITH PARKER PARKS AND RECREATION



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



Youth Sports Fall Break Camps

Keep your kids busy during fall break with one of our youth sports camps! Check out our **Skatestart SkateCamp**, Oct. 9 at Railbender Skate & Tennis Park for skaters 6 to 14, **NBN Basketball Fall Break Camp**, Oct. 8 through 11 at the Fieldhouse for ages 6 to 15, or the **303 Volleyball Fall Break Camp** on Friday, Oct. 12 at the Fieldhouse for ages 8 to 14. For more details on these camps, visit www.ParkerRec.com/YouthSports.



Fall Fun in the Kids' Zone

Mommy and Me Yoga (Tuesdays, Oct. 23 through Dec. 4) provides moms the opportunity to regain strength and muscle tone while getting silly and having fun with their children. **STEAM for Preschoolers** (Thursdays, Oct. 25 through Nov. 15) is traditional STEM+Art. **Miniature Chefs** (Fridays, Oct. 26 through Nov. 16) for ages 3 to 6 will help prepare nutritious dishes while acquiring cooking skills with an emphasis on safety, manners and fun! For more details on these classes, visit www.ParkerRec.com/KidsZone.

YOUTH FITNESS AND WELLNESS CAMPS

Girl Power: Strength for Girls puts emphasis on gaining confidence in the weight room and on the gym floor. Each class will focus on learning and executing cardio and strength exercises in the weight room and in groups. This six-week journey will help girls ages 13 to 15 connect with their inner strength, both physically and mentally. Class is held each Wednesday from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. beginning Oct. 24; cost is \$40 per resident and \$44 per non-resident.

Speed and Agility for Teens is designed for competitive athletes or those

training for an upcoming sport. Our personalized program will help build young athletes' physical foundation and improve fundamental athletic skills. Youth ages 11 to 16 will focus on injury prevention, running form, power, speed and agility. Sessions are held each Tuesday and Thursday from 5:25 to 6:10 p.m. beginning Oct. 30. Cost is \$60 per resident and \$66 per non-resident.

Strength and conditioning training can improve self-esteem, help maintain a healthy weight, boost metabolism and

LIFEGUARDS NEEDED

The Aquatics Division is looking for individuals who have daytime availability (Monday through Friday, 5 a.m. to 3 p.m.) and would like to work flexible part-time shifts as a lifeguard. We offer competitive pay and will provide all required training.

Please contact Aquatics Supervisor Bryan Gentilini at 303.841.4500 or bgentilini@parkeronline.org for more information.



strengthen bones. Resistance training also helps protect joints and muscles from injury and increase endurance. In the **Strength and Conditioning for Teens** class, youth ages 13 to 16 will perform light and controlled movements using body weight, free weights, machines and resistance tubing. This is a great class for beginners, but all levels are welcome! This seven-week class is held each Tuesday and Thursday from 4:25 to 5:25 p.m. beginning Oct. 30. Cost is \$62 per resident and \$68 per non-resident.



PARKER POLICE DEPARTMENT

Keeping Our Community Safe

COLORADO SAFEST CITIES AWARD

Making Parker one of the safest towns in Colorado is only possible through a great partnership between our residents and Police Department. Working together in watching out for your neighbors and community is critical in a safe and vibrant town. The online resource *Safewise* recently ranked Parker as the 13th Safest City in Colorado. Thank you for your continued partnership, Parker residents. Without your assistance, we couldn't do it.

COFFEE WITH A COP

Please join us for Coffee with a Cop at the Parker and Mainstreet McDonald's on Oct. 3, from 7 to 9 a.m. This special event will be in honor of Breast Cancer Awareness Month. McDonald's will provide pancakes to guests who make a small donation. Proceeds will benefit the Susan G. Komen Foundation of Colorado. The Parker Police will also provide attendees with special pink ribbon mugs. Coffee with a Cop is an opportunity for residents to meet the men and women of the Parker Police Department who serve them on a daily basis. In addition to meeting our Officers, this is a great opportunity to talk about the issues that are important to you, your family and friends.

PARKER POLICE TO PARTICIPATE IN NATIONAL STUDY ON IMPLICIT BIAS

Society today paints a broad stroke of law enforcement that assumes concerns about racially motivated policing. Implicit bias training has been implemented in many police departments across the country, including the Parker Police Department. Many agencies do not provide this type of training or are just moving towards this.

Implicit bias refers to the attitudes or stereotypes that affect our understanding, actions and decisions in an unconscious manner. These biases, which encompass both favorable and unfavorable assessments, are activated involuntarily and without an individual's awareness or intentional control.

The Parker Police Department prides itself in being an example to others on the importance of professional policing, which results in amazing support from our community. When the State of Colorado Peace Officer Standards and Training Board requested agencies to participate in a national research study on training for implicit bias, we saw it as an opportunity to highlight how policing should be accomplished and to help shed light on the great work our staff does on a daily basis through an accredited third-party evaluator.

The Parker Police Department will give researchers access to body worn camera footage. All involved with the project

have signed confidentiality agreements in order to participate in the study.

At the conclusion of research, Dr. Lois James will meet with our staff to provide a briefing of what they learned about the training program they developed. This will help us with future strategy when we are selecting modalities for training in all aspects of law enforcement and help us consider what types of training are best for our staff. In addition to the knowledge gained, we will receive the implicit bias training, which normally costs thousands of dollars, for free.

We are very proud to have such a great team of Officers and are confident in the work everyone does in regard to public interactions. We look forward to learning if there are things we can do better to serve the residents of Parker. Highlighting the great work our staff does, which will be evident to this research team, will strengthen community trust, endorse our staff against false claims and work to erode misconceptions of how law enforcement interacts with the public.



JOIN THE CHRISTMAS PARADE!

On the second Saturday of December each year, the Town of Parker and the Colorado Driving Society host the annual Christmas Carriage Parade attended by thousands. Join us this year on Saturday, Dec. 8 in downtown Parker for this year's Christmas Carriage Parade Presented by Xfinity. Be more than a spectator this year and enter the parade!

Individuals, businesses and organizations are encouraged to provide entries! It is a wonderful opportunity to gain exposure and to give back to the Parker community at the same time. 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 Parker area High School marching bands. This parade does not allow motorized vehicles and does limit walkers to those escorting an entry and four non-safety people per entry. If entering the parade is not for you, but you would still 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 Nov. 16. Please visit www.ParkerOnline.org/CarriageParade for an entry form or contact Brooke Spain at bspain@parkeronline.org or 303.841.0353 for more information on how you can be a part of the parade.

SMALL BUSINESS RESOURCE FAIR

Learn more about the many resources available to help your small business thrive at the Colorado SBDC Small Business Resource and Lenders Fair on Oct. 19 from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Douglas County Libraries in Parker.

Sponsored by the Town of Parker and Parker Area Chamber of Commerce, this event will focus on Small Business Administration, loan and micro-loan programs available for small businesses through lending institutions, government contracting resources, the State of Colorado and expanded Small Business Development Center services.

The event will feature short presentations and an opportunity to visit numerous resource tables set up to help you find opportunities to assist your business. Pre-registration is required.

For more information on this great small business event, visit www.Aurora-SouthMetroSBDC.com/Training and click on "Browse Workshops" or call 303.326.8686.

Don't miss this opportunity to learn more about resources that are available to help your business!

2019/2020 BUSINESS AND TAX LICENSE RENEWAL

It's time for businesses to renew their Town of Parker Business and Tax License!

The Town of Parker is excited to partner with Xpress Bill Pay again this year to provide 2019/2020 renewals online starting Oct. 1.

The biennial renewal fee of \$20 is due by Dec. 31 and will validate your license through Dec. 31, 2020. In order to avoid late charges of \$10 per month through March 31, 2019, please renew your license by Dec. 31 at www.ParkerOnline.org/BusinessandTaxLicenseRenewal.

If you need to make changes to your existing account, please visit www.ParkerOnline.org/BusinessLicenseUpdateForm.

For assistance, call the Town of Parker's Sales Tax Hotline at 303.805.3228.





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COMMUNITY CALENDAR - UPCOMING EVENTS

Town Council Meetings

• Oct. 1 and 15; 7 p.m.

Parker Town Hall

Go to www.ParkerOnline.org or call 303.841.0353 for more information. View live on Facebook (@TownofParkerCO).

Parents' Night Out

• Oct. 6; 6 to 10:30 p.m.

Parker Fieldhouse

Go to www.ParkerRec.com/PNO or call 303.805.6300 for more information.

Senior Housing Choices: Should I Stay or Should I Go?

• Oct. 10; 8 a.m. to noon

PACE Center

Go to SeniorHousingChoices2018.EventBrite.com to register, or call 303.663.7681 for more information.

Planning Commission Meetings

• Oct. 11 and 25; 7 p.m.

Parker Town Hall

Go to www.ParkerOnline.org or call 303.841.0353 for more information. View live on Facebook (@TownofParkerCO).

Ballet Ariel's Tale of Molly Brown and La Vivandiere

• Oct. 11; 7 p.m.

The Schoolhouse

Go to www.ParkerArts.org or call 303.805.6800 for more information.

Parker Senior Center Craft Fair

• Oct. 12 and 13; 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Parker Senior Center

Go to www.ParkerSeniorCenter.org or call 303.841.5370 for more information.

Learn About: Feng Shui

• Oct. 13; 2 to 4 p.m.

Douglas County Libraries in Parker

Go to www.DCL.org or call 303.791.7323 for more information.

AARP Driver Safety

• Oct. 15; 12:30 to 5:30 p.m.

Parker Recreation Center

Go to www.ParkerRec.com/Enrichment or call 303.805.3281 for more information.

2018 Parker Area Election Candidate Forum

• Oct. 17; 6 to 8 p.m.

PACE Center

Go to www.ParkerChamber.com or call 303.841.4268 for more information.

An Evening with NYT Bestselling Author Cynthia Swanson

• Oct. 23; 6:30 p.m.

Douglas County Libraries in Parker

Go to www.DCL.org or call 303.791.7323 for more information.

Winter Adult and Youth Sports Registration Opens

• Oct. 30; 10 a.m.

Parker Recreation Center

Go to www.ParkerRec.com/Sports or call 303.805.6324 for more information.

Trick or Treat on Mainstreet

• Oct. 31; 3:30 to 7 p.m.

Downtown Parker

Go to www.TrickOrTreatOnMainstreet.com or email info@trickortreatonmainstreet.com for more information.