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TALK OF THE TOWN

January 2019



Put Your Christmas Tree to Work

CHRISTMAS TREE RECYCLING

The Town of Parker will host its annual Christmas Tree Recycling Program from Dec. 26, 2018 through Jan. 20, 2019. 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. Please call the Forestry Division at 303.805.3244 to schedule a time to pick up the mulch as it is not always available on-site. 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.

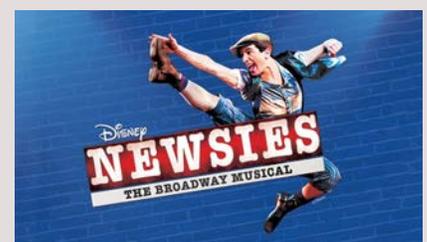
Please contact the Parks Division at 303.805.3244 with further questions.

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DID YOU KNOW?

The latest hometown production to hit the PACE Center stage, Disney's Newsies, premieres on Jan. 18 and runs through Feb. 10. Featuring 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. Save with a Family 4-Pack Discount! Visit www.ParkerArts.org for tickets.



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR RECENTLY ELECTED TOWN COUNCILMEMBERS!

The Town of Parker held a regular election on Nov. 6 in conjunction with the Douglas County general election. Incumbent Renee Williams was elected to a second four-year term as Councilmember, while Cheryl Poage and Jeff Toborg were chosen to serve their first terms, replacing term-limited former members Amy Holland and Josh Martin. The three elected Councilmembers were sworn into office Dec. 17.



Cheryl Poage

Poage, a Rowley Downs resident who has lived in Parker since 1972, formerly worked on the staff for South Metro Fire Rescue before retiring in 2016. She currently teaches for the South Metro Safety Foundation and is

also an instructor for the National Fire Academy. Poage was instrumental in the creation of Parker's parks and trails system, as well as a dedicated funding source for Parker's Parks, Recreation and Open Space programs. She is the current President of the Crystal Lakes Road and Recreation Association.



Jeff Toborg

Toborg, a Parker resident since 2015, is a Senior Director for IBM Watson Health. His past experience in government included a stint as Mayor Pro Tem for the City of Lemoore, Calif. from 1994 through 1996, as well as President of the Parker Council of Arts, Science and Culture (CASC). Toborg also is the former President for the Preston Hills Homeowners Association.



Renee Williams

Williams, a Challenger Park Estates resident, has served on the Parker Town Council since December 2014. She has been a Parker business owner for over 13 years through her care giving company To the Rescue. In her time as a Councilmember, Williams has served on numerous committees, including Partnering for Parker's Progress (P3), Douglas County IGA Review Board and the Town of Parker's Special Licensing Authority. She has been a liaison for numerous Town departments, such as Finance, Parks and Recreation, the Town Clerk and Human Resources.

Please help us congratulate these recently elected Councilmembers!

WRAPPING UP THE HOLIDAYS

In November/December, the Town of Parker hosted its annual holiday event traditions with the Mayor's Holiday Lighting and the Christmas Carriage Parade. We are proud to continue to provide these free community events for the public. More than 100 Town staff and volunteers worked in support of the two events, which were enjoyed by thousands of community members and visitors.

Our Town events would not be possible without our amazing sponsors: Xfinity, Ent Credit Union, Kuni Honda on Arapahoe, Parker Flats and Park Sixty Four Apartments, Fit 36, Kneaders, Douglas County

Libraries in Parker, Osgood Team Real Estate, Loclyz and Spradlin Printing.

Another great group of people we want to recognize is our volunteers. A special thanks to the wonderful people with Colorado Driving Society, the Parker Trail Riders, Boy Scout Troop 88, Parker Girl Scouts, Joy Lutheran Church, C.O.P.P.S, The Rotary Club, Joe Johnson, Derald Shaw, Fred and Jan Wehrli, Chris Buck, Sara Johnson, Pam Terpenney, Jesse Greaves-Smith, Kathy Sabine, Mayor Mike Waid and the many other volunteers and staff who worked hard behind the scenes to bring these events to the community.



TRAFFIC SIGNAL INSTALLED AT CHAMBERS ROAD/COTTONWOOD DRIVE

Parker residents and visitors may have noticed the recent addition of a traffic signal at the intersection of Chambers Road and Cottonwood Drive.

Parker Town Council approved the award for this signalized intersection on May 21, 2018, and the Town's contractor (WL Contractors) completed the underground improvements this summer. Due to a manufacturing lead time of over 24 weeks for the mast arm signal poles, the poles were shipped in late November with installation taking place in December. The traffic signal was operational in late December.



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.

PAWNEE-DANIELS PARK TRANSMISSION PROJECT CONSTRUCTION SET TO BEGIN

Beginning in January/February, the Public Service Company of Colorado (PSCO/Xcel Energy) will begin construction on the Pawnee-Daniels Park Transmission Project (power transmission lines) in its existing utility right-of-way. While this is not a Town of Parker project, a portion of the overall 125-mile expansion does run through the Town. The project is expected to be completed and in service by October.

As part of the project approval, the Town of Parker was able to negotiate several million dollars in PSCO-provided funding for a variety of projects to help mitigate the impact of the second transmission line and provide a public benefit to Town residents. These projects will include park and trail improvements within

specific neighborhoods along the PSCO right-of-way, a tree/landscaping buffer program for homes within a certain distance of the new lines and a right-of-way vegetation enhancement program.

These improvements will begin in 2019 and specifics will be shared with impacted neighborhoods. Homes that qualify for the landscaping buffer credit will be contacted directly by the Town with program details.

You can read more about the Pawnee-Daniels Park Transmission Project at www.ParkerOnline.org/PSCOTransmissionProject.

SMALL BUSINESS THRIVES IN PARKER

Parker has many well-established large employers. However, small business is thriving, with 82 percent of companies in our Town having nine or fewer employees.

Parker's 2,320 businesses employ 19,390 employees, with health care and social services being the top jobs industries in 2017. Part of the focus of the Town's Economic Development Division is to retain and assist existing business, as well as attract new business to expand the mix of primary jobs in Parker.

The Economic Development Division provides an extensive ecosystem of tools that can be easily accessed, 24/7, by local businesses, entrepreneurs, site selectors, business owners and decision makers looking to start, expand or relocate their business in the area. Our website showcases available properties, at-a-glance infographics, demographic analysis, workforce and housing data, industry intelligence and thematic mapping components.

To make use of these dynamic business tools, visit www.ParkerED.org/ParkerED/Data/Profile or contact the Town's Economic Development Division at 303.805.6260 or economicdevelopment@parkeronline.org.





ENJOY ART AND LIVE PERFORMANCES THIS WINTER WITH PARKER ARTS

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

ADULT LECTURE SERIES

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.

How To Manage Chronic Pain Without Opioids

Feb. 6 • 6:30 p.m.

Discover non-opioid treatments for chronic pain and the evidence to support them, from conservative approaches like psychotherapy to more invasive techniques like spinal cord stimulation.

Front Range Landscaping

March 6 • 6:30 p.m.

Learn about the challenges of maintaining a lawn and landscape along the Front Range of Colorado.

SAY "I DO" WITH PARKER ARTS!

Love is in the air and wedding bells are ringing. Now it's time to figure out where you'll have the big day! Take a look at the unique and artistic style of the PACE Center, the rustic and warm feeling of The Schoolhouse or the charming and traditional atmosphere of Ruth Memorial Chapel for your wedding day. Visit www.ParkerArts.org/Weddings to learn more about what Parker Arts has to offer!

MAKE YOUR PLANS FOR THIS PERFORMANCE!



Howard Jones

March 23 • PACE Center

This British singer-songwriter burst onto the contemporary music scene with synthesizers and thought-provoking lyrics. "No One Is To Blame" and "Things Can Only Get Better" are among his many hits!

FORWARD THINKING

Parker Arts' 2019-23 Strategic Plan

A great organization is always looking forward... to increase the enthusiasm and commitment of its patrons, supporters and staff; to foster new ideas, to improve organizational performance and to reach full potential. It has been quite the community effort to discover what Parker Arts' vision and mission will be for the next five years. Check out www.ParkerArts.org/StrategicPlan to see how Parker Arts is thinking forward.

EDUCATION

Introduce your child to arts and culture with new classes like **Preschool Spanish - About Me** (ages 2-5), **Mini Musical: Wizard of Oz** (ages 4-7) and **Storybook Theater: One Fish, Two Fish, Red Fish, Blue Fish** (ages 3-6). Visit www.ParkerArts.org/Education to see class details and register today!

OTHER PERFORMANCES

Comedy & Cocktails: John Tole
The Schoolhouse Theater • Feb. 9

Parker Symphony Orchestra: Passion
PACE Center • Feb. 15

Wonderbound: Cupid's Playground with the Colorado Symphony
PACE Center • Feb. 23 and 24

Natalie MacMaster & Donnell Leahy: Visions from Cape Breton and Beyond
PACE Center • March 1 and 2

Colorado Jazz Repertory Orchestra: The Music of Ray Charles featuring Robert Johnson
PACE Center • March 3

Underneath a Magical Moon by Mike Kenny
PACE Center • March 7

KEEP YOUR NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS WITH PARKER PARKS AND RECREATION



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



Your Princess Will Have a Ball

Treat your little one, age 2 and older with an adult, to an evening they will always remember at the **Princess Ball** on Friday, Jan. 25 from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at the PACE Center. Glitter, gold and sparkling tiaras make this a memorable night for your little princess and a special grown up. Our Princess Ball will feature dancing, crafts and refreshments. There may even be a surprise visit from a princess or two!



Learn to Play Sports Series

Parker Parks and Recreation strives to provide opportunities that are educational and enjoyable for new participants. To provide ample learning experiences, we have added a series of **Learn to Play** camps, clinics and instructional classes geared towards kids 8 to 18. These activities are designed to provide very basic, beginning instruction in each particular sport. Visit www.ParkerRec.com/Register and add "Learn to Play" in the search bar for more information.



New Fitness and Wellness Classes Coming in 2019!

Formerly known as Commit to Fit, **Your Personal Best** consists of 16 personal training sessions over an eight-week period, Jan. 7 through March 3. Participants are provided with a personalized, goal-specific program from one of our certified personal trainers. Set yourself up for success with the **Your Personal Best: Nutrition Consultation** add-on. Talk individually with our nutrition expert to discuss dietary needs, current guidelines, and how to identify credible information.



Kids' Zone Winter Activities

Kids' Zone classes are a great way for your youngster to express themselves, improve motor skills and learn new things! Check out our winter activities, **Zoo Phonics**, **Bear Hunt** and **Giggle Time** to get your little one active with other kids. All classes are held at the Parker Recreation Center.



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. 9 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.

Fitness for Two: Healthy Moms is a safe and modifiable workout created with expectant moms, ages 18 and up, in mind and focuses on getting your body ready for the biggest workout of its life. Join other moms-to-be, whether you're in trimester 1, 2 or 3.

For more information about these programs and other fitness and wellness classes, visit www.ParkerRec.com/Fitness.



PARKER POLICE DEPARTMENT

Keeping Our Community Safe

ENROLLMENT BEGINS SOON FOR CITIZEN'S POLICE ACADEMY

Parker-area residents are invited to attend the Police Department's 10-week Citizen's Police Academy program. This program gives participants first-hand information about how the Police Department operates. Classes will focus on criminal law, the drug enforcement administration, evidence, dispatch, traffic laws, accident reconstruction, DUI laws, Taser demonstrations, youth education programs and many other topics.

In addition to the weekly classes, there is an optional trip to the law enforcement firearms training facility, where participants will have the opportunity to fire weapons used by the police officers.



All attendees will also be invited to participate in a graduation at the end of the program.

The classroom work, combined with field trips and tours, requires a

commitment of one night per week from 6 to 9 p.m. for 10 weeks. All classes are held on Thursday nights, with the optional Saturday classes at the shooting range.

Classes will run from March 7 through May 9. Registration will open Jan. 17 at 6 p.m. If you are interested in taking this class, you need to register as soon as registration opens. Last year, this class filled up in less than two hours.

Please visit www.ParkerPolice.org for more information and to register for this amazing experience.

POLICE DEPARTMENT TIDBITS

Private Property Accidents

Beginning Jan. 1, the Parker Police Department will handle private property accidents in a manner similar to when the Town is on Accident Alert. If there is an injury, or you believe one of the drivers is impaired by alcohol or drugs, an officer will respond to the scene. In all other incidents, we ask you to use our online reporting tool at www.ParkerPolice.org. Utilizing this online reporting tool will allow you to have immediate access to your police report for free so you can submit it to your insurance company as soon as possible. If you have any questions after getting into a private property accident, please call our non-emergency line at 303.841.9800 and we will help you through this process.

Tip-a-Cop

Thanks to the generous support of Parker residents, the Parker Police Department was the #1 fundraiser statewide at our Tip-a-Cop event! We raised more than \$5,000 on behalf of Special Olympics Colorado with the help of our Parker athletes. Thank you to the Parker Texas Roadhouse for the hard work and great smiles that made the evening possible and a lot of fun.



Shop with a Cop

More than 20 area children were able to shop with a Parker Police Officer for presents for their families 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.



JOIN OUR ADOPT-A-STREET PROGRAM!

Would you like to help keep our community beautiful? Through the Town of Parker's Adopt-a-Street Program, groups or individual volunteers can "adopt" a street to help keep our Town free of trash.

Through this program, a volunteer group agrees to pick up trash on an adopted section of street at least once per month April through September and once every two months October through March. Parker's Public Works Department provides participants with orange trash bags for debris removal. Orange safety vests are also available for those working on or near roads.

After trash pick-up has been completed and the Public Works Department is notified, Town crews are sent to collect the full trash bags on the morning of the next working day. Following the completion of the third trash pick-up, a recognition sign that lists the organization or individual who adopted the area will be posted in each designated location.



The Town unveiled its new Adopt-a-Street Program in 2018 and received a great response! Of the 35 segments available for adoption, 14 were claimed, resulting in 202 bags of trash being removed from Parker's roadways.

If you feel the Adopt-a-Street Program may be a fit you or your organization, visit www.ParkerOnline.org/AdoptAStreet to view a program agreement for more details, as well as a map featuring streets that are currently available to adopt.

You can also contact Parker Public Works at 303.840.9546 or publicworks@parkeronline.org for more information.

HELP CELEBRATE THE STATE OF OUR TOWN

The Rotary Club of Parker is honored to host the 2019 Parker State of the Town Business Lunch on Feb. 27 at the Vehicle Vault.

This event is a great opportunity to make contacts with local business people, support your community and visit with Mayor Mike Waid and Town Councilmembers and officials. A special feature will be the presentation of the Parker Impact Award, which recognizes a person who has made a valuable contribution to the Parker community. The Vehicle Vault's museum of vintage and classic cars will be open during the event.

This year's keynote speaker will be Kathy Sabine, Chief Meteorologist for 9News, followed by Town Administrator Michelle Kivela, who will introduce Mayor Waid to present a recap of the year and the annual State of the Town video. Following these speakers, Rotary officials will present the Parker Impact Award.

The Rotary Club of Parker is a volunteer service organization whose members donate their time, talent and treasure to help others in the community and the world. Proceeds from this event will be used for local and international service projects.

To purchase tickets or become a sponsor, visit www.ParkerRotary.org or contact Bill Shriver (bcshriver@comcast.net; 303.913.1135) or Peggy Carter (pcarter3@farmersagent.com; 720.320.6169).

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.
- Try to 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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COMMUNITY CALENDAR - UPCOMING EVENTS

Christmas Tree Recycling

• Dec. 26 to Jan. 20; 6 a.m. to 11 p.m.
Salisbury Park ballfields parking lot
Go to www.ParkerRec.com or call
303.805.3244 for more information.

Parker Town Council Meetings

• Jan. 7 and 22; 7 p.m.
Parker Town Hall
Go to www.ParkerOnline.org or call
303.841.0353 for more information. View
live on Facebook (@TownofParkerCO).

Parker Planning Commission

• Jan. 10 and 24; 7 p.m.
Parker Town Hall
Go to www.ParkerOnline.org or call
303.841.0353 for more information. View
live on Facebook (@TownofParkerCO).

Lessons & Lemonade - Free Art Lessons

• Jan. 12; 9:30-11:15 a.m.; 11:30-12:45 p.m.
Hobby Lobby (Parker & Mainstreet)
Go to www.ParkerArtistsGuild.com/
Youth-Workshops for more information.

Disney's Newsies

• Jan. 18 to Feb. 10; times vary
PACE Center
Visit www.ParkerArts.org/Shows or call
303.805.6800 for more information.

Estate Planning: Wills and Trusts 101

• Jan. 19; 9:30 to 11 a.m.
Parker Recreation Center
Visit www.ParkerRec.com/Enrichment or
call 303.805.3281 for more information.

Saturday Skate Night

• Jan. 19; 5:30 to 9 p.m.
Parker Fieldhouse
Go to www.ParkerRec.com/SkateNight
or call 303.805.6309 for more information.

NBN Basketball: MLK Day Basketball Camp

• Jan. 21; 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Parker Fieldhouse
Go to www.ParkerRec.com/BasketballCamps
or call 303.921.5302 for more information.

Adult and Youth Spring Sports League Registration Begins

• Jan. 22; 10 a.m.
Visit www.ParkerRec.com/Register or call
303.805.6324 for more information and
to register.

The Living Trust

• Feb. 2; 9:30 to 11 a.m.
Parker Recreation Center
Visit www.ParkerRec.com/Enrichment or
call 303.805.3281 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,
Fieldhouse, Parker
Recreation Center
and PACE Center
closed all day.

Jan. 21

• Martin Luther King Jr. Day
Town Hall closed.