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May 2019



Working to Keep Parker Moving

SPRING ROADWAY PROJECTS

The weather is warming up, and that means spring and summer road construction will be heating up soon. Two projects that will impact Parker residents and area commuters have either already begun or will begin soon: the Townwide Resurfacing Program and the Townwide Chip Seal – Slurry Program.

Townwide Resurfacing Program

The Town of Parker has contracted with Brannan Sand and Gravel Company to perform roadway resurfacing work on three major arterial roadways: Jordan Road (Parkerhouse Road to the northern Town boundary), Pine Drive (Talon Trail to Mainstreet) and East Mainstreet (Pine Drive to Riva Ridge Drive).

Construction began in April and is scheduled to conclude in July. During this time period, we expect lane closures and minor delays Monday through Friday between 7 a.m. and 5 p.m.

Townwide Chip Seal – Slurry Program

The Town has contracted with Vance Brothers, Inc. to perform roadway

treatments in various locations in Parker, including residential neighborhoods.

When a neighborhood has been selected for a preservation treatment, approximately half of the streets in that neighborhood will need to be closed completely for a period up to eight hours, depending on weather conditions. Other adjacent streets will remain open to allow nearby access for parking and getting to your home on foot, if needed, during the time of the closure. Once these streets have dried and reopened to traffic, the other half of the neighborhood will be treated in an identical fashion.

Additional details, including specific project dates, will be distributed to your home when they become available by the contractor if your neighborhood has been scheduled for service. Please watch your driveway for project flyers to appear.

For more details about road work scheduled to occur this spring/summer in Parker, including a detailed online map, visit www.ParkerOnline.org/StreetProjects or call 303.840.9546.

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DID YOU KNOW?



You don't have to attend a public meeting to stay informed here in the Town of Parker! Make sure to check out live video of Town Council Meetings (first and third Mondays of the month) and Planning Commission Meetings (second and fourth Thursdays of the month) on the Town's Facebook page (@TownofParkerCO). If you're not on Facebook, you can also find archived video the day after each meeting at www.YouTube.com/TownofParkerCO.



From the Mayor and Town Council

LET'S TALK PARKER! JOIN US MAY 19 AT THE PARKER FARMER'S MARKET

This spring and summer, the Parker Town Council and Town staff will be making appearances at the Parker Farmer's Market, and we want to hear from you!

Since the 2018 launch of the Town of Parker's new online community engagement website, Let's Talk Parker, we have seen a promising increase in the number of residents joining the conversation surrounding local issues by providing feedback about important community projects that they care about. While Town staff works to promote and grow this online platform, meeting the community one-on-one is still as important as ever.

The Town will have a Let's Talk Parker booth at three upcoming Farmer's Markets on select Sundays in downtown Parker, starting with the May 19 market. Stop by our tent to chat with a Town staff member or Councilmember. Get to know the people behind the government titles, learn about new projects and initiatives or just find an answer to a question that's been on your mind. Staff members from various Town departments will be on hand to help provide the information that you're looking for.

While you're at our booth, make sure to visit the Touch-a-Truck equipment

showcase hosted by our Engineering and Public Works Department, find out about volunteer opportunities in your community and sign up for the Let's Talk Parker online platform.

If you are unable to make it to our May 19 booth, don't worry. We will also return for two other Farmer's Market dates later this summer. Make sure to check the Community Calendar in Talk of the Town or on the Town's website (www.ParkerOnline.org/Calendar) for upcoming Let's Talk Parker summer dates and be sure to join us.

We look forward to seeing you at our booth!

CELEBRATE PUBLIC WORKS WEEK WITH TOUCH-A-TRUCK

Building roadways, clearing snow, working to prevent flooding... a lot goes into managing a community's infrastructure. Here in Parker, we're fortunate to have an outstanding staff that keeps everything running smoothly.

Join your Town and municipalities across the country in recognizing National Public Works Week May 19 through 25. This annual celebration, sponsored by the American Public Works Association, works to highlight the positive impact that public works operations and professionals have on our communities.

We'll kick off the week by giving you an up-close and personal look at the Town of Parker's Engineering and Public Works Department with our new Touch-a-Truck equipment showcase that will be on display at the May 19 Parker Farmer's Market from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Get a glimpse of a variety of equipment, including a street sweeper, snowplow truck, loader and more, including a traffic signal head up close. Even take a selfie with a Town truck at our photo station. This is a great event for kids, so make sure to bring them along!

In addition to the Touch-a-Truck showcase, throughout the week we will feature Parker Public Works facts and



statistics on our social media pages. Make sure to follow us (@TownofParkerCO) on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram to learn more about the outstanding things these folks do to benefit Parker and our residents.

For more information about Parker's Engineering and Public Works Department, visit www.ParkerOnline.org/PublicWorks.

HOUSEHOLD CHEMICAL ROUNDUP

Tri-County Health, the Town of Parker and the Parker Water and Sanitation District will hold a Household Chemical Roundup on Saturday, May 18 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Parker Joint Services Center, 17801 E. Plaza Drive. This event is open to all Douglas County residents. Participants are asked to bring proof of residency, such as a driver's license, and \$25 per vehicle to offset the cost of hazardous waste disposal.

To decrease wait time at the event, residents are encouraged to register in advance at www.TCHD.org/HCRoundup. As a reminder, dumping of any waste into the storm drainage systems is considered an illicit discharge and a Municipal Code violation. Please do your part by disposing of waste properly and protecting the environment.

Acceptable Items

- House and garden chemicals
- Passenger vehicle and pickup truck tires **removed from rims**
- Paint and paint products*
- Automotive fluids
- Fuels
- Propane tanks
- Vehicle batteries
- Items containing mercury
- Fluorescent light bulbs, including CFLs
- Fire extinguishers

Unacceptable Items

- Business waste
- Radioactive waste
- Smoke detectors
- Electronics of any kind
- Scrap metal
- Oil drums
- Asbestos
- Explosives
- Tractor Tires
- Medical Waste

*Latex paint can be safely disposed of in regular household garbage IF it is completely dried out. To dry out latex paint, mix kitty litter, sand, sawdust, dirt or any other absorbent material with the wet paint and allow it to dry in an area inaccessible to children and pets. Also visit www.PaintCare.org to find retail stores where paint can be dropped off for disposal any time of the year.

MY MAINSTREET PROJECT UPDATE

The My Mainstreet project's implementation phase is continuing. In April, five publicly-owned downtown properties that have been identified for development were listed for sale with NavPoint Real Estate Group. NavPoint was selected to represent the Town of Parker and Partnering for Parker's Progress (P3 Parker) in the sale of the properties and implement the vision identified in the My Mainstreet Strategic Framework, which was adopted in November 2018.

The My Mainstreet Strategic Framework was developed from a community-wide effort to identify

a consensus on what the future of downtown Parker should look like. The My Mainstreet project and community feedback occurred from February-November 2018. For more information about the 2018 project, please visit www.LetsTalkParker.org/MyMainstreet.

The Town and P3 Parker will continue to engage the community as this implementation phase continues. Look for updates on a new My Mainstreet project page that will appear at www.LetsTalkParker.org later this month.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORNER

The economy in the Denver metro region continues to grow and enhance our cities and towns, including Parker. The strong economy also brings development to house new residents and businesses. The Town's Community Development Department works closely with the community and stakeholders to ensure development contributes to Parker as a great place to live, work, shop and play.

Community Development (Planning, Building and Economic Development Divisions) is responsible for planning Parker's built and natural environment—including implementation of the community's vision and strategic goals of the *Parker 2035 Master Plan*. The master plan (view it online at www.ParkerOnline.org/Parker2035) guides our growth and ensures safe, responsible and sustainable building in Parker. Compliance with the master plan is the first step in the development process.

Did You Know?

If private property owners desire to develop their property, proposed Site Plans are reviewed for:

1. Compliance with the master plan's General Land Use Plan
2. Regulatory compliance; zoning and development standards
3. Regulatory compliance; engineering, stormwater and traffic impacts
4. Compliance by utility and water companies, Douglas County School District and applicable referral agencies



PARKER ARTS THIS MAY: MUSIC, ART, EDUCATION AND MORE!

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

EDUCATION

Parker Arts Summer Camps and Classes are open for registration! Sign up your child for half-day or full-day camps in a variety of subjects. With everything from art to cooking, music and dance, theater, multi-media, robotics and science, kids can explore a myriad of interests while having fun! Visit www.ParkerArts.org/Education to see camp and class details and register today.

Thanks to our generous PACE Center members and the Greater Parker Foundation, Parker Arts can provide financial assistance to qualified families interested in enrolling in Parker Arts camps! For more information on scholarships, visit www.ParkerArts.org/Scholarships.

ART EXHIBITS

All Things New

- The Schoolhouse Art Gallery
- Now through June 1

Ahh, the freshness of spring! Come see our new ideas and our fresh artwork at this fabulous Parker Artists Guild spring show. Over 20 artists will display their new work.

Watercolor Society National Exhibition

- PACE Center Art Gallery
- Now through June 26

CHECK OUT THESE UPCOMING PERFORMANCES!

**The Parker Players' First Revue
Comedy Show: Commuter Town
and Country**

- The Schoolhouse • May 11

The Full Monty

- PACE Center • July 19 to Aug. 4



FREE Summer Concerts at Discovery Park

Join us in the summer sun as Parker Arts presents the Discovery Park Summer Concert Series. This state-of-the-art venue features an open-space design, monumental art pieces, an interactive water fountain for the kids and more! Feel free to bring your picnic baskets, lawn chairs and beach blankets to enjoy the open green space and soak in the sounds of summer!

May 30 – Wash Park
June 13 – Knot Rock
June 20 – Nothing But Nineties
June 27 – The Burroughs

July 11 – Woodshed Red
July 18 – Conjunto Colores
July 25 – Buckstein
Aug. 1 – Boogie Machine

JOIN THE PARKER ARTS FAMILY CIRCLE!

Becoming a Parker Arts Family Circle member is not only a great way to give back to the arts and contribute to Parker's flourishing art community, but it also has some outstanding benefits!

Members enjoy exclusive special events like meet and greets with performers, fun social gatherings with other members, discounts on tickets and more!

Join us for the members-only Season Announcement Party and learn about all the new shows coming to the PACE Center and The Schoolhouse before anyone else and buy tickets before they go on sale to the general public! With the new 2019-2020 Season on its way, now is a great time to join the family or renew your membership!

For more information and to sign up, visit www.ParkerArts.org/FamilyCircle or call 303.805.3377.

WARM UP TO THE SPRING SEASON WITH PARKER PARKS AND RECREATION



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



Adult Fitness Classes

Power Pool is a 60-minute, intense water fitness class that will change your mind about the traditional aqua aerobics class. Sessions are held Thursdays, May 9 through 30 at the Parker Recreation Center and Fridays at H2O'Brien Pool, June 7 through 28. **Let's Run**, designed for adults, will help you discover your goals and create a plan to help achieve them. Come run with us each Tuesday and Thursday from May 28 through June 27 at the Parker Recreation Center.



Summer Camps for Kids

The Kids' Zone offers a variety of summer camps for ages 3 to 10 designed to enrich your child's life, grow healthy self-esteem and improve social skills. Kids ages 4 to 18 can learn about sportsmanship, build social skills and stay active during summer break. Sports camps include basketball, fencing, lacrosse, pickleball, soccer, volleyball and Skyhawks sports camps. View a full list of camps and register online at www.ParkerRec.com/SummerCamps.



Free Learn to Coach Series

Are you interested in volunteering to coach a youth sports league but feel that you need more training or coaching skills? We now offer a free Learn to Coach Series featuring instruction on organizing and coaching a youth sports team with a wide variety of sport-specific drills, techniques and philosophies. Visit www.ParkerRec.com/Register and search "Learn to Coach" for a list of available clinics and to register.

CATTLE CROSSING 5K & FAMILY FUN TREK



Giddy up! Grab your cowboy hat and stick horse because Parker Parks and Recreation's Cattle Crossing 5K & Family Fun Trek with RNK Running & Walking is going to make ya'll shout YEEHAW. Help us celebrate the beginning of summer and Parker's rich rural history on Saturday, June 1 at 8 a.m. at Tallman Meadow Park.

Part of the Parker Parks and Recreation Run Series, the Cattle Crossing 5K & Family Fun Trek is a western-themed event. Costumes are encouraged! The 5K is professionally timed, and the Family Fun Trek is about one mile of laid-back, outdoorsy fun, which includes a "duck hunt" for the kids.

All registered participants receive a commemorative "tin" campfire mug, a chance to win great prizes and a delicious post-race pancake breakfast! The free Kids' Dash for children 8 and under will follow the run; no registration necessary. Online registration closes May 29 at noon.

Register early for the lowest price and check out the family/team registration competition! Find additional information and register online at www.ParkerRec.com/CattleCrossing5k. Contact Charlie Rhode at cwrhode@parkeronline.org for more event information.

Parker Parks and Recreation would like to thank our Cattle Crossing 5K & Family Fun Trek Title Sponsor, RNK Running & Walking, as well as our Finish Line Sponsors, Ent Credit Union, Macaroni Kid Douglas County, Parker Academy of Martial Arts, Parker Lifestyle and Parker Natural Grocers.



PARKER POLICE DEPARTMENT

Keeping Our Community Safe

SCOUT NIGHT



The Parker Police Department will host merit badge training for area Boy and Girl Scouts on May 7 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Registration will open April 30 and can be found at www.ParkerPolice.org/ScoutNight.

WOMEN'S SELF-DEFENSE CLASSES



The Parker Police held two women's self-defense classes in April. A short, two-hour Basic Safety course was attended by 50 women who wanted to learn how to increase safety in their homes and vehicles and how to prepare for a threat. An intense three-day Rape, Aggression Defense class included an evening of classroom-based instruction followed by two days of defensive training with live aggressors. The 25 students were taught how to defend themselves and make their voices heard.

OFFICERS SAVING LIVES WITH NARCAN

When Officer Casey Cashman went to work on Feb. 24, he didn't know it would be the day he saved a man's life. That evening, he was sent on a call regarding a 30 year-old male who was unresponsive in his bedroom. When Officer Cashman arrived, the victim was unconscious and not breathing. He recognized the signs of an overdose and administered a nasal dose of Naloxone to the victim prior to paramedics arriving. As paramedics arrived, the victim began breathing on his own and regained consciousness.

Naloxone, commonly called Narcan, is a drug that counters the effects of an opioid overdose. If Narcan isn't administered quickly, an overdose can be lethal. Understanding that time is of the essence is the reason why every Parker police officer has been trained and carries Narcan. Our officers are trained to recognize the symptoms of an overdose-respiratory depression, unconsciousness and pinpoint pupils. A great aspect of Narcan is that it doesn't matter if someone is misdiagnosed of an overdose; the medication doesn't have a negative impact on an individual who isn't overdosing on opioids.

Parker officers began carrying Narcan in 2017, thanks in part to a state grant that provided the funding for more than 70 units. According to the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment, there were 504 opioid drug overdoses that resulted in death in our state in 2016. In 2017, that number rose by 10% to 556.

Even though Douglas County is in the bottom quarter of Colorado counties



for drug overdoses, it was important to Police Chief David King that all of our officers carry Narcan and know how to use it. "Giving our officers the necessary tools that can make the difference between life and death was critical," said Chief King.

It isn't just police departments that are dealing with an increase in drug overdoses. Parker Adventist Hospital's emergency department has seen an increase in both opioid and meth-related overdoses. While these instances most frequently occur in individuals between the ages of 18 and 40, Parker Adventist has seen patients as young as 15 and as old as 67. Opioid-related overdoses tend to be labor-intensive patients for emergency departments. It is not uncommon for these patients to wake up combative and non-compliant.

Doctor Andy Knaut, M.D. at Parker Adventist Hospital confirmed that the quick action taken by Officer Cashman where he recognized the emergency and properly administered Narcan saved the victim's life. Officer Cashman will receive a life-saving award for his actions on Feb. 24. Congratulations, Officer Cashman, on a job well done!

YOUTH BASEBALL/SOFTBALL SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

The Double Angel Foundation (DAF) is looking for baseball and softball players between the ages of 5 and 18 who may need some financial assistance to play their sport.

DAF annually grants up to \$7,000 in sports scholarships to area youth. These scholarships can be used for high school baseball, special needs baseball programs and girls' softball to cover registration fees, uniforms and equipment. So far this year, the Foundation has given \$4,000 to Parker Youth Sports to pay for scholarships and equipment. A total of \$3,000 is still available to award to individual youth.

"We don't want to see an enthusiastic young potential ballplayer not get to learn or continue playing baseball because the family is struggling financially," according to the DAF Board of Directors.



The scholarship program and the Double Angel Foundation were created in honor of Dillon and Logan Dixey, two young Parker brothers who loved baseball but tragically drowned in 2000 after being overcome by carbon monoxide while swimming at the rear of a houseboat on Lake Powell.

For information about obtaining a scholarship, visit DoubleAngel.org. The application form can be found in the Sports Scholarships section. For questions, email doubleangelorg@msn.com or call 303.841.2420.

NBN DERRICK WHITE BASKETBALL ACADEMY

Give your son or daughter the chance to learn from a home-grown NBA talent right here in Parker!

Derrick White, a product of Legend High School, was an All-American at the University of Colorado at Colorado Springs, a first-team All-Pac-12 player at CU Boulder and now a budding star in the NBA for the San Antonio Spurs.

The NBN Derrick White Basketball Academy consists of fundamentals that focus on dribbling, passing, defense, speed, agility and shooting. Coaches will develop players' abilities to play in a team structure while

having fun with individual and team games.

Two sessions are offered June 24 through 27: Session 1 for ages 6 to 10 from 9 a.m. to noon and Session 2 for ages 11 to 17 from 1 to 4 p.m. Both sessions are held at the Parker Fieldhouse. Cost is \$200 for Parker residents and \$220 for non-residents; a \$15 sibling discount is available.

Register today at www.ParkerRec.com/SummerCamps or contact Andy Fraser at 303.805.6310 for additional information.

JOIN US FOR THE SENIOR STROLL!

On Wednesday, May 29, an estimated 100,000 older adults will participate in local fitness activities throughout the country as part of the 26th annual National Senior Health & Fitness Day®, the nation's largest health and wellness event for older adults.

To celebrate this day, Parker Parks and Recreation will host the annual Senior Stroll at 9 a.m. at O'Brien Park. This free event features a one-mile fun walk around the park, followed by a light breakfast, socializing with friends and exciting prize giveaways. Registration for the event is not required.

Thank you to our 2019 Senior Stroll sponsors, 100% Chiropractic, ClearCaptions and Pine Grove Crossing.

In addition to events like the Senior Stroll, Parker Parks and Recreation offers many programs for active aging adults, including SilverSneakers® by Tivity Health fitness programs, Arthritis Foundation exercise programs, Golden Yoga, Tai Chi, Aqua Aerobics, 50+ softball and basketball, pickleball and much more.

For more information on programming and the Senior Stroll, please call Deni Jacobs at 303.805.3208 or visit us online at www.ParkerRec.com/SeniorStroll.





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COMMUNITY CALENDAR - UPCOMING EVENTS

Hilltop Art and Music Fair

• May 4; 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Hilltop Schoolhouse & UCC Parker Hilltop
Go to www.UCCParkerHilltop.org
or call 303.841.2808 for more information.

FAA Denver Metroplex Project Workshop

• May 6; 5 to 7:30 p.m.
DC Libraries in Parker - Event Hall B
Go to www.MetroplexEnvironmental.com
for more information.

Homeowner Building Class

• May 9; 6 p.m.
Parker Town Hall
Go to www.ParkerOnline.org/Building or
call 303.841.0353 for more information.

Rocky Mountain Wildlife Foundation Wolf Event

• May 11; 10 a.m. to noon; noon to 2 p.m.
Blue Mountain Self Storage
Go to www.BlueMountainSelfStorage.com
or call 720.257.4076 for more information.

Lap and Therapy Pool, Sauna Closed for Team Training

• May 17; closes at 4 p.m.
Parker Recreation Center
Call 303.841.4500 for more information.

Rocky Mountain Brass Band Festival

• May 18; 6 to 9 p.m.
PACE Center
Go to www.RockyMountainBrassWorks.org
or call 303.619.6164 for more information.

Vintage & Vibrant: Exploring the Latest Trends in Living Well and Aging Well

• May 22; 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.
PACE Center
Go to www.VintageAndVibrant.org
or call 303.663.7681 for more information.

H2O'Brien Pool Opens

• May 25; 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
O'Brien Park
Go to www.ParkerRec.com/H2OBrienPool
or call 303.841.4500 for information.

Ms. Colorado Senior America Pageant

• May 25; 2 p.m.
PACE Center
Go to www.ColoSrAmerica.com or call
720.384.6249 for information.

Memorial Day Veterans' Service of Remembrance

• May 27; 10 a.m.
Parker Cemetery
Go to www.PonderosaValleyFunerals.com
or call 303.841.2405 for information.

Princess Ball

• May 31; 6:30 to 8 p.m.
PACE Center
Go to www.ParkerRec.com/PrincessBall
or call 303.805.3281 for more information.

TOWN FACILITY CLOSURES

May 27 • Memorial Day

Town Hall and Fieldhouse closed all day.
Parker Recreation Center and H2O'Brien
Pool open during regular business hours.