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## TALK OF THE TOWN

*August 2022*



*Tickets Now Available for Purchase!*

# PARKER ARTS 2022/23 SEASON

Parker Arts is excited to announce its 2022/2023 season!

Highlights include concerts by multi-platinum recording artist and Academy of Country Music® Award winner Sara Evans, rock and pop legends Berlin, Night Ranger and A Flock of Seagulls, legendary singer-songwriters Karla Bonoff and Lee Greenwood, and Emmy® Award winner John Tesh and his Big Band Live.

The season also features musical tributes, The Rocket Man Show and Yesterday and Today: An Interactive Beatles Experience, as well as musical theater performances of The Addams Family, The Sound of Music and Jimmy Buffet's Escape to Margaritaville.

See World Champions of Mentalism The Clairvoyants, as well as magician Justin Willman from *Magic for Humans* on Netflix, and the electrifying Cirque Kalabante: Afrique en Cirque performed by the Kalabante Acrobats.

Your favorite holiday traditions return this season along with A Slightly Wicked Holiday Show, featuring a



cast of Broadway's best, and shadow dance team, The Silhouettes, from *America's Got Talent: The Champions*. Families are also invited to a very special movie presentation of *Elf* in the PACE Center theater.

Whether you're looking to enjoy a night out with friends at our Friday Night Jazz, Comedy Zone, or new Uncharted Music Series performances or explore the arts with the whole family in our affordable Family Discovery Series, 2022/2023 offers something for everyone at Parker Arts!

See the full lineup and purchase tickets at [www.ParkerArts.org](http://www.ParkerArts.org) or call the Box Office at 303.805.6800.

*Learn more about upcoming Parker Arts events and activities on page 4!*

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## DID YOU KNOW?



Reconstruction of Plaza Drive from Twenty Mile Road to Dransfeldt Road was completed and opened in June. The contractor, Schmidt Construction Co. of Castle Rock, completed the project in just over a month and well ahead of schedule. The associated sidewalk work on the north side of Plaza Drive is currently being completed.

# From the Mayor and Town Council

## GIVE FEEDBACK, GET INVOLVED WITH YOUR TOWN!



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The Town of Parker offers residents a variety of opportunities to get involved in local government and provide feedback on Town initiatives and operations. Here are just a few of the options currently available to residents who are looking for a way to get involved.

### Aug. 21 Parker Farmer's Market

Stop by the Town's Let's Talk Parker booth at the Parker Farmer's Market on Sunday, Aug. 21 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. for a fun and informal conversation! Connect with Town Councilmembers and staff to ask questions, voice concerns or just meet some of the people who help keep Parker a great place to live, work and play.

Among the highlights of our August booth will be the Town's Human Resources Department, which will offer

information about some of the current job opportunities that are open within our organization.

### Parker Youth Commission

Applications are being accepted now for Parker teens who want to shape the direction of the Town's brand-new Youth Commission. This opportunity is a great way for local students to participate in the governmental process and represent and articulate the needs of our community's youth. The commission will be comprised of nine teens in grades 9 through 12 with strong ties to Parker (attend school, work, etc.). Teens who are interested in government and volunteering are encouraged to apply.

For more information, visit [www.ParkerOnline.org/YouthCommission](http://www.ParkerOnline.org/YouthCommission).

### Let's Talk Parker Online Tool

Have you taken some time to check out the *Let's Talk Parker* interactive online tool? This great resource offers residents an easy option for getting involved and providing feedback on Town projects and initiatives at a time that fits with their own personal schedule. The website can be accessed by visiting [www.LetsTalkParker.org](http://www.LetsTalkParker.org) or from the "Let's Talk" button on the [www.ParkerOnline.org](http://www.ParkerOnline.org) homepage.

Active projects awaiting your input include the Pine Lane Subarea Plan that will serve as a guide for future commercial development within the north central portion of the Town. The latest updates for the My Mainstreet Project concerning future possible development in the downtown area are also expected to be added during the month of August.

## THE BENEFITS OF WORKING FOR THE TOWN OF PARKER

Town of Parker employees enjoy a robust benefits package. An integral part of the organization's overall compensation package, our benefits includes valuable perks, in addition to salary:

- Medical, pharmacy, dental and vision
- Flexible spending and health savings accounts

- Generous retirement plans
- Paid holidays
- Accrued time off
- Employee assistance program
- Gym memberships
- Life and AD&D
- Disability
- Wellness program

To access the Town of Parker Employee Benefits Guides, visit [ParkerOnline.org/Benefits](http://ParkerOnline.org/Benefits). To learn more about the opportunities currently available to join our team, visit [ParkerOnline.org/Jobs](http://ParkerOnline.org/Jobs) or scan the QR code pictured here.



# PROTECT YOUR DOG AND OTHERS

Incidents in the Town of Parker involving dangerous dogs have risen dramatically in recent years. These incidents include threatening behavior and attacks on people and other animals and have serious impacts on the community. Not only have people and other animals been injured and traumatized, the dogs committing these offenses and their owners can suffer serious consequences, as well.

A dog running at large can become a dangerous dog unexpectedly. When people and other animals react to a dog at large, the situation can escalate quickly. Please take some simple steps to keep your dog and your community safe. These precautions can prevent you from facing criminal charges and a possible civil lawsuit.

## House Precautions

Many incidents begin with a dog accidentally getting out of a house. To avoid this:

- Securely shut all yard gates and maintain yard fences at all times.
- If your dog is able to jump a fence, provide additional means to ensure they are secure.
- Make sure your dog is unable to run from the house when a door is opened.
- Do not open both a door to the garage and the overhead garage doors at the same time.
- Educate children and house guests to keep dogs from escaping the home.

## Leashes

Dogs must be on a leash at all times when not in a secure yard or designated off-leash dog park. Make sure the person holding the leash is able to control the dog at all times. Many dangerous dog



cases occur when a dog breaks free from a child holding a leash or an adult not properly monitoring their dog.

## Training and Socialization

Dog training and socialization can prevent a dangerous dog situation. Invest in the safety of your dog and the community by training and socializing your dog.

## Consequences and Penalties

If a dog acts in a dangerous manner, the owner is subject to criminal charges. Possible penalties include:

- A fine of up to \$999.00.
- Community service hours.
- Damages/restitution to a victim, including medical bills and veterinary bills.
- Registration of the dangerous dog with law enforcement.
- Removal of the dangerous dog from the owner.
- Euthanasia of the dangerous dog.
- Restrictions on future possession of animals.

An owner of a dangerous dog can also face civil litigation for a victim's damages and suffering.

Protect your dogs and your community. Train your dog, check your doors and hold the leash!

## REMINDER: TALL GRASS & WEEDS

We are deep into the summer season, and that means grass and weeds are growing!

The Town of Parker would like to remind residents about its municipal ordinance dealing with weeds and tall grass. Any non-native grass or weeds over 12 inches tall must be cut. We request that noxious weeds be pulled or sprayed as mowing them won't remove the threat of spreading. Violations of the Town's municipal ordinance regarding weeds and tall grass could result in a fine up to \$499 per day that the violation exists.

We also ask that all residents take a moment and look over their front, side and backyards to ensure they are free from tall grass and weeds. If your property has them, please take care of them as quickly as possible and continue to maintain your property throughout the year.

Undeveloped property is permitted to grow native grasses and other acceptable vegetation to naturally occurring heights.

For more information, please contact the Community Services Division of the Parker Police Department at 303.841.9800.





# PARKER ARTS SHOWS, EVENTS, PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES

For information about these programs or for registration/tickets, visit [www.ParkerArts.org](http://www.ParkerArts.org) or call 303.805.6800.

## EDUCATION

### Parker Arts Fall Classes Now Open for Registration

Fall and Winter Break Camps! Music, Theater, Dance, Culinary, Art and Science! Highlights this fall include Street Photography Basics, Color Theory, Kids Acting Basics, our STEAM Discovery Series for the entire family, and Music in Me, designed for those with special needs.

For a complete list of classes and to register, please visit [www.ParkerArts.org/Education](http://www.ParkerArts.org/Education).



### On Pointe School of Dance Fall Registration is Open

On Pointe offers a variety of classes for all ages and skill levels, including ballet, tap, contemporary, modern, jazz, hip hop and more. Dance classes include a unique experience for dancers to participate in the winter performance of Clara's Dream at the PACE Center. Classes start Aug. 8 and end Dec 7.

Please visit [www.ParkerArts.org/Education](http://www.ParkerArts.org/Education) to view class details and register online.

## CHECK OUT THESE UPCOMING EVENTS!



### The Honey Festival

• Aug. 7 | O'Brien Park

This FREE event celebrates the honeybee and all the amazing benefits it brings our community!

### Free Lecture: Japanese Aesthetics – Bonsai and Ikebana

• Aug. 10 | PACE Center

Explore Japanese aesthetics and the daily rituals of Japan through cultural gardens, temples, and shrines.

### Uncharted Music Series: Carly Burruss

• Aug. 27 | The Schoolhouse

New face of traditional country music, Carly Burruss, kicks off the season's newest series!

### Berlin ft. Terri Nunn

• Sept. 9 | PACE Center

Join us for one of the greatest Synth Electro-Pop bands of all time!

### Uncharted Series: Mary Fahl

• Sept. 10 | The Schoolhouse

Singer-songwriter Mary Fahl brings her timeless music to The Schoolhouse.

### Parker Quest – Moo & You

• Sept. 10 | Downtown Parker

Learn about Parker's dairy history as you check items off your "Milk Bucket List" in this free annual event.

### Friday Night Jazz: An Evening of Latin Jazz

• Sept. 16 | The Schoolhouse

The CJRO Sextet celebrates the rich culture of Latin Music with an evening of Samba, Mambo and more.

### The Comedy Zone

• Sept. 17 | The Schoolhouse

Laugh out loud in this fun-packed series, featuring two hilarious comedians for one low ticket price.

### The Clairvoyants Experience

• Sept. 18 | PACE Center

Join us for World Champions of Mentalism and the best-selling magicians in Broadway history.

### Night Ranger

• Sept. 22 | PACE Center

These heavy-hitting rock legends both epitomized and transcended the arena rock sound and style!

# PARKER PARKS AND RECREATION PROGRAMS, EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES



For information about these programs or to register, visit [www.ParkerRec.com](http://www.ParkerRec.com) or call 303.841.4500.

## PROVIDING SUPPORT FOR PARKER'S SENIORS

Wondering how to help your aging parents, spouse or yourself? Want to discover resources available for older adults? Monthly Senior Support Series education sessions are designed to arm you with knowledge, support and tools to face the years ahead.

Each month, a new expert will discuss a different topic. Whether you are learning for yourself or a loved one, these sessions are meant to ease burdens and instill confidence in navigating the aging process. Each class listed at the right will be held at Douglas County Libraries in Parker from 3 to 4 p.m.; cost is \$5 per participant.

For more details about each class, visit [www.ParkerRec.com/Register](http://www.ParkerRec.com/Register) or contact Heather Ballantyne at [hballantyne@parkeronline.org](mailto:hballantyne@parkeronline.org) or 303.805.3208.



### Communicating with Someone with Dementia

• Sept. 13

### Navigating Independent, Assisted Living, Skilled Nursing and Memory Care

• Oct. 11

### Understanding Palliative and Hospice Care

• Nov. 8

### Coping with Loneliness and Social Isolation

• Dec. 6

## YIN AND RESTORATIVE YOGA

Parker Parks and Recreation will offer a new seven-week Yin and Restorative Yoga class beginning Aug. 31 at the Parker Recreation Center.

Yin Yoga mindfully stretches the connective tissues of the body by holding poses for three-plus minutes. It is beneficial for myofascial release, lengthening the lower body and

increasing range of motion. Class will be held Wednesdays, Aug. 31 through Oct. 12, from 7:15 to 8:15 p.m.

For more information and to register, visit [www.ParkerRec.com/Register](http://www.ParkerRec.com/Register) or contact Todd Panik at 303.805.3278 or [tpanik@parkeronline.org](mailto:tpanik@parkeronline.org).

## H2O GLOW SWIM



Let's glow! Light up the night with an after-hours, glow-in-the-dark pool party on Friday, Aug. 12 from 8 to 9:30 p.m. at H2O'Brien Pool.

Grab your glow gear, enjoy party music, play pool deck games and hang out with friends! All ages and swimming abilities are welcome. Children 10 and older may attend without an adult. Each child 5 and under and non-swimmers must be accompanied by a parent or guardian IN the water.

Space is limited, so register early at [www.ParkerRec.com/AquaticsEvents](http://www.ParkerRec.com/AquaticsEvents). Each person attending the event must be registered. The pre-registration fee for this event is \$20 for Parker residents and \$22 for non-residents; walk-up registrations will be taken on a space-available basis and cost an additional \$5 per participant. Contact Hannah at [hquaney@parkeronline.org](mailto:hquaney@parkeronline.org) or 303.805.3282 with questions.



# PARKER POLICE DEPARTMENT

*Keeping Our Community Safe*

## NATIONAL NIGHT OUT AND CAR SHOW AT O'BRIEN PARK

Join us Saturday, Aug. 6, from 5 to 8 p.m. at O'Brien Park for a fun evening featuring vendor booths, child fingerprint identification kits and other fun giveaways that will strengthen the bond between officers and community members.

National Night Out will feature some of the Parker Police Department's best crime-fighting tools, including the Mounted Patrol, SWAT team, CSI units and Community Services. Community members will have the chance to ask questions and take a peek at some of the specialized vehicles and equipment critical to ensuring public safety. Make sure to bring your appetite, as five local food trucks will join us at O'Brien Park!

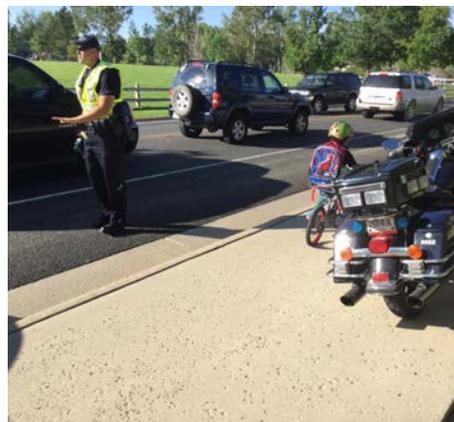
For the first time, we are joining forces with the Vehicle Vault and adding a Car Show and Shine to National Night Out. See classic, exotic, muscle or other specialty cars showing their stuff for this fun annual event.

Additional details and times are available on Parker PD's social media channels and at [www.ParkerPolice.org/NNO](http://www.ParkerPolice.org/NNO).

## PRACTICE SCHOOL ZONE SAFETY

Parker students return to school this month, which means the yellow lights will flash again in school zones. Officers will patrol school zones before and after school to remind drivers to be safe. Below are a few important safety tips for drivers and parents to remember throughout the school year.

**1. Slow Down** - It's simple, yet so important. Slowing down to the 20 mph speed limit will give drivers more time to react in case a young child unexpectedly darts into the road.



**2. Come to a Complete Stop** - Another easy yet critical thing to do. Young, smaller children in school zones can be difficult to see around cars and other obstacles. Coming to a complete stop will allow you to make sure it is safe to go.

**3. Timing is Everything** - Give yourself extra time when traveling during drop-off or pick-up. There will be a traffic delay every morning and afternoon on a school day. It's inevitable; plan for it. Give yourself extra time to focus on safety, not the stress of running late.

**4. Talk to your Kids** - Parents, please talk to your children about being safe. It's not just about having the right-of-way; it's about being safe. Talk to them repeatedly about how important it is to be safe and look out for problems.

Let's have a safe, fun and productive school year by working together to keep everyone safe.

## TEEN ACADEMY PROGRAM A SUCCESS



Twenty Parker-area teens enjoyed the Parker Police Department Teen Academy in July. There were huge smiles as our teen participants rode along in patrol vehicles while making high-speed maneuvers at the driving track. Police Department Officers and staff enjoyed the opportunity to educate and build relationships with the younger members of our community.

# COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORNER

*Planning and Building a Healthy and Sustainable Parker!*

## Planning Division - Quick Reference

- **Signs** - All permanent nonresidential signage in the Town of Parker requires a sign permit. All temporary signs require 'sign registration.' No sign permit is required with the registry, and there is no registration fee. For more information regarding the Town's sign code, please visit [www.ParkerOnline.org/SignPermits](http://www.ParkerOnline.org/SignPermits).
- **Long-Range Projects** - Comprehensive Planning staff develops and implements the Town's Master Plan and other long-term plans and programs that reflect the community's vision and guide the future of Parker. To view the Town's current master plans and guiding documents, please visit [www.ParkerOnline.org/MasterPlans](http://www.ParkerOnline.org/MasterPlans).
- **Engage in the Process** - Visit the Town's Let's Talk Parker website to engage in any of the current long-range projects listed. We'd love your

input! For more information, visit [www.LetsTalkParker.org](http://www.LetsTalkParker.org).



- **Mobile Businesses** - A permit is required and allows mobile businesses to operate year-round with renewals every two years. Visit [www.ParkerOnline.org/MobileBusinesses](http://www.ParkerOnline.org/MobileBusinesses) for more information on requirements for this type of businesses.
- **Development Tour Map** - Curious as to what development projects are currently under review or under construction? Visit our map of active development projects within Parker at [www.ParkerOnline.org/Development](http://www.ParkerOnline.org/Development).

## SAY 'SO LONG TO SUMMER' IN SEPTEMBER

Register now for Parker Parks and Recreation's annual So Long to Summer 5K/10K, with Title Sponsor Will Said of The Reveal Group, on Saturday, Sept. 17 at Salisbury Park.

The professionally timed 5K and 10K feature a popular event shirt, customized event bib and post-race pancakes. Find more event information and register at [www.ParkerRec.com/Summer5K/10K](http://www.ParkerRec.com/Summer5K/10K).

The event Title Sponsor is Will Said with The Reveal Group at Your Castle Real Estate and Finish Line Sponsors are

RNK Running & Walking, The Fitness Lab and Macaroni Kid Douglas County.



## THANK YOU FOR A WONDERFUL 4TH!

The Town of Parker was excited to once again celebrate Independence Day with a full crowd at the Parker Stars and Stripes Celebration at Salisbury Park.

This year's event attendees experienced many of the same popular activities that have been offered in past years, such as live music from 6 Million Dollar Band, a variety of food vendors, walk-around entertainers and more. A new carnival area featuring games and prizes was added, in addition to a new event finale, a 150-strong drone light show. While the drone show experienced a brief 15-minute weather delay, we were excited that this creative performance, one of the first to be offered in the Denver metro area, was able to light up the Parker sky to conclude the evening.

Our event would not have been possible without our sponsors: Xfinity, Ameritech Windows, Elevation Cycles, Joy Lutheran Church and Jet's Pizza.

The Parker Stars and Stripes Celebration is just one of many events and activities offered by the Town of Parker each year to help add to our community's hometown feel. Visit [www.ParkerOnline.org/Events](http://www.ParkerOnline.org/Events) to learn more about our upcoming activities and events.





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## PARKER COMMUNITY CALENDAR

### Town Council Meetings

- Aug. 1 and 15; 7 p.m.

### Planning Commission Meetings

- Aug. 11 and 25; 7 p.m.

### Special Licensing Authority Meeting

- Aug. 18; 6:30 p.m.

*For more information on how to view these meetings and participate and/or provide public comment, visit [www.ParkerOnline.org/Calendar](http://www.ParkerOnline.org/Calendar) or call 303.841.0353. Live video of Town Council and Planning Commission public meetings is also available on the Town's Facebook page (@TownOfParkerCO).*

### Parker Recreation Fall Activity Registration Opens

- Aug. 1; 10 a.m.

*Visit [www.ParkerRec.com/Register](http://www.ParkerRec.com/Register) for more information.*

### Homeowner Building Class

- Aug. 11; 5:30 p.m.
- Parker Town Hall

*Visit [www.ParkerRec.com/Homeowners](http://www.ParkerRec.com/Homeowners) or call 303.841.1970 for more information.*

### Mayor's Day of Service

- Aug. 20; 8 a.m.
- O'Brien Park/Parker Trails System

*Visit [www.JustServe.org](http://www.JustServe.org) or call 720.257.4506 for more information.*

### Parker Task Force Food Bank Car Fest

- Aug. 20; 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- Downtown Parker

*Visit [www.ParkerCruisers.com](http://www.ParkerCruisers.com) or call 303.841.3460 for more information.*

### Parker Recreation Youth Late Fall Sports League Registration Opens

- Aug. 23; 10 a.m.

*Visit [www.ParkerRec.com/YouthSports](http://www.ParkerRec.com/YouthSports) for more information.*

### Parker Recreation Registration for September Swimming Lessons Open

- Aug. 23; 10 a.m.

*Visit [www.ParkerRec.com/SwimLessons](http://www.ParkerRec.com/SwimLessons) for more information.*

### Wine Walk

- Aug. 26; 4:30 to 7:30 p.m.
- Downtown Parker

*Visit [www.ParkerChamber.com](http://www.ParkerChamber.com) or call 303.841.4268 for more information.*

### Art in the Park

- Aug. 27 and 28;  
10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

- O'Brien Park

*Visit [www.ParkerArtistsGuild.com](http://www.ParkerArtistsGuild.com) for more information.*

## TOWN FACILITY CLOSURES

- Aug. 1 to 5 - Parker Recreation Center Indoor Pools and Sauna

Recreation Center indoor pools and sauna will be closed for maintenance. Visit [www.ParkerRec.com](http://www.ParkerRec.com) for more information.

- Aug. 29 to Sept. 5 - Parker Fieldhouse

Fieldhouse will be closed for annual maintenance. Membership will be honored at the Parker Recreation Center. Visit [www.ParkerRec.com](http://www.ParkerRec.com) for more information.