



# 2017 Calendar 2016 Annual Report



# 2016 Annual Report

## 2016 Parker Town Council



Mike Waid, Mayor



John Diak



Amy Holland



Debbie Lewis



Josh Martin



Joshua Rivero



Renee Williams

Thanks to the hard work of Town Council and staff, a thriving economy and the support of our wonderful community, Parker had a busy and productive 2016! Parker was named the 17th-Best Small City in America according to a 2016 WalletHub study. Analysts compared 1,268 cities with populations between 25,000 and 100,000 based on 30 key indicators of livability, including “housing costs,” “school-system quality” and “number of restaurants per capita,” among others. Parker was one of only three Colorado communities listed among the study’s top 20.

Our community is thriving and we continue to enhance the quality of life in Parker and the amenities available here. An exciting addition came in September with the grand opening of the new Douglas County Libraries in Parker, which has already become a beloved destination. Located adjacent to the new library is Discovery Park, planned to open to the public in late December 2016, which will be home to a wide variety of programmed events and seasonal activities such as a spray garden and ice skating. The Town’s eagerly anticipated dog park and disc golf course is also underway and planned to open in 2017.

Another great facility - the Parker Arts, Culture and Events (PACE) Center - celebrated its fifth anniversary in October. During that time, nearly 1,000 performances have taken place on the main stage, and close to 225,500 tickets have been sold.

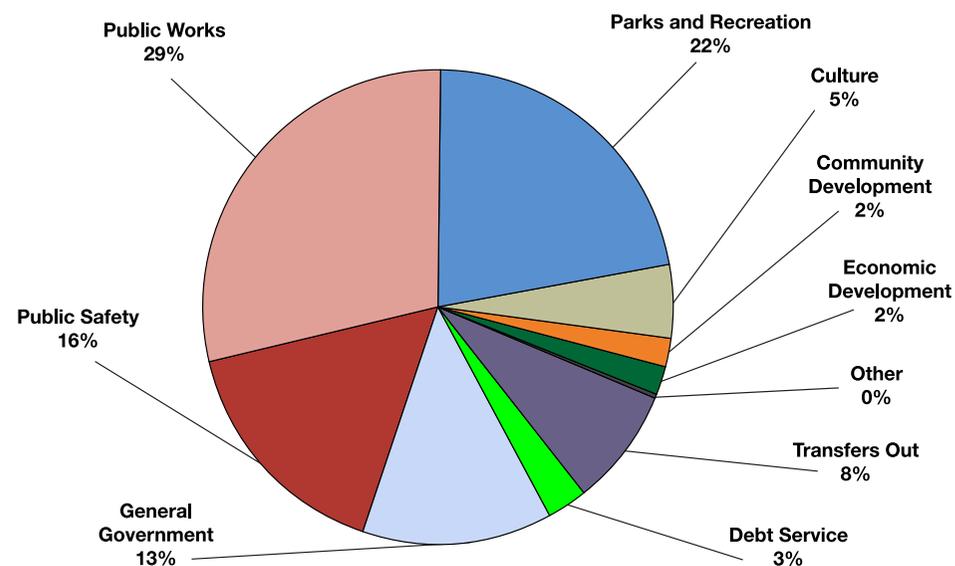
Parker is attractive to new businesses, and this year we’ve welcomed some great new restaurants, as well as destination businesses such as Gander Mountain and Boondocks Food and Fun Center (opening in December 2016).

Several major regional events moved to Parker, including MuckFest MS, Tour de Cure Colorado and CYCLO X-Reuter Hess. In addition, Parker Parks and Recreation’s annual Run Series was expanded to include a fourth race, which will be held in June 2017.

These are just a few highlights of the things that make Parker “Your Kind of Place!” Read on to see what the Town accomplished in 2016. We wish you all a safe and happy New Year!

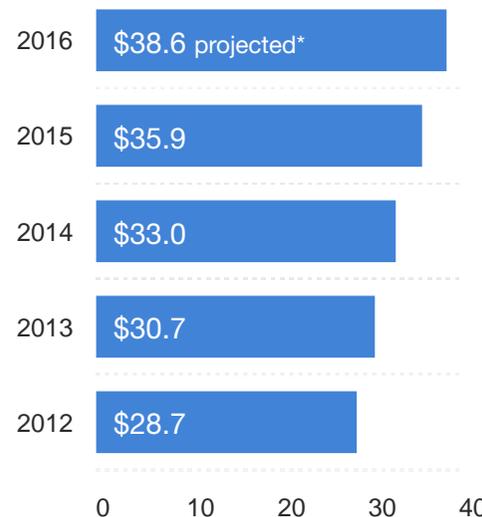
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## 2016 Budget Breakdown

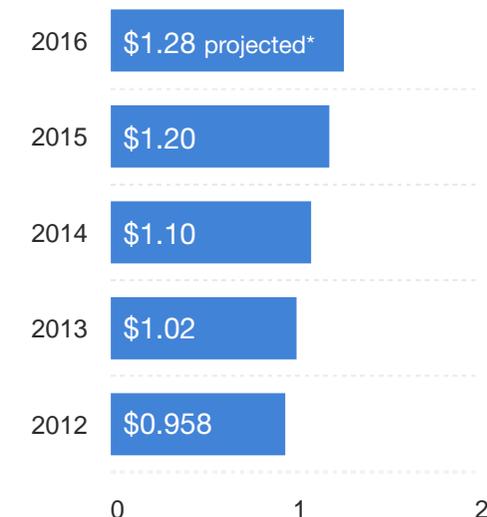


## Year-by-Year Financial Comparisons

### Sales Tax Collected (in millions)



### Town Retail Sales (in billions)



\*\*\* 2016 projected figures calculated with data through Oct. 31, 2016

## Community Outreach and Involvement

### Town Council Election Results

The Town held a regular election on Nov. 8 in conjunction with the Douglas County general election. Mike Waid was elected to a second four-year term as Mayor, while incumbent Councilmembers John Diak, Debbie Lewis and Joshua Rivero were also re-elected to four-year terms. All four individuals were sworn into office Dec. 12.

### Branding and Marketing Initiative

The Town partnered with Barnhart Communications on a branding and marketing initiative in 2016 to help promote Parker as a destination community. Among the pieces of the initiative unveiled was the new the tagline, "Your Kind of Place," as well as Visitor and Holiday Campaigns. Key pieces related to the Visitor's Campaign included a new visitor's section of the Town website, metro-wide advertisements and familiarization (FAM) tours that brought travel/hospitality journalists to Parker to experience some of the many great things our community has to offer. A supplementary campaign, "Made in Parker," was rolled out beginning in the summer to promote local businesses, services and events that are unique to our Town.

### Social Media

Instagram accounts were launched for both the Town of Parker (@TownofParkerCO) and Parker Parks and Recreation (@ParkerRec) in 2016 to help further connect with residents and visitors on social media. The Instagram accounts joined a large group of platforms already in use by the Town, including Facebook, Twitter, YouTube and Nextdoor.

### Community Events

The Town's Customer Service team processed 65 community event permit applications for 2016, including recurring events like Parker Days and Trick or Treat on Mainstreet, as well as events new to Parker, such as Muckfest MS and Tour de Cure Colorado.

### Town-Sponsored Events

The Town was proud to again sponsor a variety of popular, free community events for residents and visitors. Among the popular annual events hosted in 2016 were the Christmas Carriage Parade, Mayor's Holiday Lighting, free Holiday Carriage Rides, Let Freedom Sing and Bike to Work Day. The Mayor's Holiday Lighting featured a new format, including an enhanced lineup of family-friendly entertainment and activities.

### Planning and Development Outreach

The Community Development Department held a number of public meetings in 2016 to involve community members in planning the future of Parker:

- **Quarterly Community Development Open Houses:** The purpose of these open houses, introduced in 2016, is to raise awareness of the Town's approach to growth and development, facilitate communication with residents and promote civic engagement.
- **Parker Road Corridor Plan:** This plan will provide a long-term vision for the corridor, address mobility issues and promote future growth and redevelopment. Completion is scheduled for 2017.
- **Downtown Parking Study and Plan:** This study will analyze existing parking conditions in downtown, determine parking demand related to future development and recommend a comprehensive approach to parking management and improvements. Completion is scheduled for 2017.

### Household Chemical Roundup

The Stormwater Division again co-sponsored a Household Chemical Roundup with the Tri-County Health Department. Approximately 693 households dropped off items in 2016, resulting in more than 42 tons of materials being collected, including approximately 40,000 pounds of paint materials, 218 tires and 2,290 pounds of batteries.

## Community Enhancement

### Business Attraction

Attracting new business to Parker is a principal function of the Economic Development Department. This involvement in promoting Parker results in the addition of jobs, growth of sales and property taxes, and strengthens the economic base in our community. Parker benefited from a number of commercial/industrial growth opportunities in 2016:

- **Gander Mountain:** A new retailer to Parker, Gander Mountain opened a 57,000-square-foot store in September. This outdoor retailer specializes in equipment for hunting, fishing, camping, boating, archery and apparel for outdoor enthusiasts.
- **Boondocks Family Fun Center:** Opening in December 2016, Boondocks Family Fun Center will provide indoor and outdoor entertainment options for citizens and visitors to Parker. Boondocks is a 60,000-square-foot building that will include 32 bowling lanes, a full-service restaurant and bar, a laser tag arena and arcade. The outdoor entertainment options will include two 18-hole miniature golf courses, three go-kart experiences and a 150,000-gallon bumper boat pond.
- **South Parker Road Businesses:** A number of projects are taking place at the corners of the intersection of Parker and Hess Roads. Advance Auto Parts and Brakes Plus were completed during the fall at Robinson Ranch and bring needed services and retail choices to South Parker. Artisan Pizza will open in this same shopping area during the first quarter of 2017. Finally, the owners of the northeast corner have begun pre-leasing discussions with end-users that would bring additional medical, commercial, retail and restaurant services to this part of Town.



Nearly 20,000 visitors attended the Town's five major free special events in 2016: Bike to Work Day, Let Freedom Sing, Mayor's Holiday Lighting, Christmas Carriage Parade and Holiday Carriage Rides.

Parker Arts performances featured an estimated percentage of attendance capacity of 83% in 2016. The national average for comparable facilities is 72.8%.



An estimated 210,000 residents and visitors were served by Parker Arts programs and performances in 2016, enough people to fill a Rockies game at Coors Field more than FOUR times!

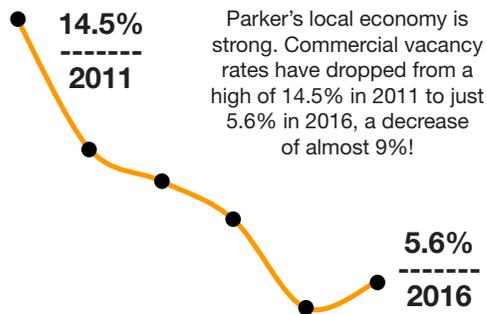


Parker Recreation continued to expand its programming offerings in 2016, including serving over 1,500 individuals with disabilities through its Therapeutic Recreation Division.

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Our community continues to grow. The total value of all construction performed in the Town of Parker in 2016 exceeded \$200 million by Oct. 31!



Parker Parks and Recreation saw big increases in revenue generated from its two major award-winning facilities in 2016.

The Parker Fieldhouse increased revenue by nearly 20% from 2015, while Parker Recreation Center revenue jumped 61%!



## Community Enhancement

### Capital Improvement Projects

The Capital Improvement Projects Service Division of the Town's Engineering and Public Works Department kept very busy in 2016 with a number of major projects:

- Reconstruction Project:** The 2016 Reconstruction Project removed and replaced concrete pavement with asphalt pavement on eastbound Mainstreet between Jordan Road and Motsenbocker Road. This project included concrete pavement preventative maintenance on Mainstreet between Jordan and Bradbury Parkway and Jordan Road between Clarke Farms Drive and Cedar Gulch Parkway.
- Powerline Undergrounding:** An overhead to underground powerline conversion was completed on Hilltop Road between Legend High School and the intersection of Hess Road and Hilltop Road. A joint conversion project with the Cottonwood Highlands development on Jordan Road between E-470 and Acer Drive was also completed.
- Legend Circulation Improvements:** This joint project with the Douglas County School District was completed over the summer at Legend High School to improve circulation internally and around the school.
- Sidewalk Gap Closure Project:** This 2016 project consisted of adding sidewalks east of the Salisbury Park entrance at Motsenbocker Road. Nearly 500 feet of sidewalk was added to both sides of the entrance roadway for improving pedestrian access.
- Cottonwood Drive Widening Project:** The Town started the design of the Cottonwood Drive widening between Jordan Road and Parker Road (State Highway 83).
- Chambers Road Widening:** The Town began the widening of Chambers Road between Hess Road and Mainstreet. The project included a roadway bridge over Newlin Gulch and pedestrian bridge over Chambers Road near Gold Rush Elementary School. This project was jointly funded by the Town, Douglas County and the Douglas County School District. The new northbound lanes and a new southbound lane configuration were opened to traffic in December. The milling and repaving of the southbound direction will be completed in spring 2017, and median landscaping is also planned for 2017.
- Summerset Lane Extension:** Design for this project to extend Summerset Lane east of Pine Drive was completed. Construction is anticipated to begin in 2017.
- Communication Upgrades:** Approximately 13,000 feet of fiber optic cable was installed for improved communication between Town facilities.
- Crown Crest Boulevard Traffic Signal:** Construction began on a new traffic signal on Crown Crest Boulevard at the Parker Adventist Hospital/Life Time Fitness entrance.
- Schoolhouse Historic Restoration:** The Mainstreet entrance restoration and basement restoration phases were completed for this major project, partially funded by the Colorado Historic Fund. The final phase of this historic restoration, anticipated to begin in 2017, features work on the event room, artist-in-residence studio and boardroom. In addition, new seats will be installed in the theater, and the lobby will be redesigned to better accommodate the addition of concessions and a permanent box office.

## Engineering Services Improvements

The Town's Engineering Department reviewed and inspected the following improvements to public roadways in 2016:

- Cottonwood Drive extension west of Jordan Road
- Jordan Road widening north of Cottonwood Drive
- Parkerhouse Road extension west of Jordan Road
- Motsenbocker Road widening near Salisbury Park
- Compark Boulevard widening
- Dransfeldt Road widening south of Lincoln Meadows Parkway (ongoing)
- Stroh Road expansion east of Parker Road (ongoing)
- Parker Road widening north and south of Stroh Road (ongoing)

## Streets Division Accomplishments

- Streets contractors performed preventative maintenance surfacing (chip seal and slurry) on a total of 67 lane miles of Town roadways in 2016.
- Contractors also milled and resurfaced 11,000 square yards of streets.
- Town crews repaired 1,200 potholes.
- Streets installed 26 tons of hot crack sealant through October.
- Town Street sweepers collected and disposed of 1,300 tons of roadway debris.

## Community Enhancement

### Stormwater Projects

- Completed a Community Rating System Cycle visit and improved the Town's rating from a Class 6 community to a Class 5 community.
- Completed roadside ditch improvements in the Robinson Ranch subdivision.
- Completed design of drainage improvements on Parker Square Drive.
- Completed the Cherry Creek Stabilization Project at Norton Farms, including a neighborhood volunteer planting project.
- Completed construction of a drop structure and trail crossing on Newlin Gulch as a part of the East/West Regional Trail.

### Parks and Recreation Highlights

Parker Parks and Recreation welcomed a number of additions in 2016:

- Introduced a new, permanent orienteering course along the Cherry Creek Trail.
- Added an online trails map allowing access to information from mobile devices.
- Built a new pop-up plaza at The Schoolhouse to host weekly concerts, Wine Walks and other ticketed events.
- The Therapeutic Recreation Division received a \$20,000 Mill Levy grant for individuals with disabilities.
- Welcomed several new major athletic events to the Town, including MuckFest MS, Tour de Cure Colorado and numerous USAC sanctioned cycling races.
- Offered seven new programs for individuals with special conditions, including arthritis, cancer and Parkinson's disease.
- Surpassed annual budget projections in Kids' Zone programs, concessions, Fieldhouse special events and facility rentals.
- Offered 19 new wellness classes in the areas of yoga, Pilates and nutrition services.

### Parks and Recreation Capital Projects

Parker Parks and Recreation worked on a variety of capital improvement projects in 2016 that will benefit our Town for years to come:

- **New Parks:** Parker's newest downtown park was completed in December. Discovery Park (1.5 acres) includes an ice skating trail, plaza with public art and an interactive water spray feature, plus an outdoor performance stage. Construction also began on Parker's first dog park (five acres) and disc golf course (39 acres), scheduled for completion in 2017.
- **Additional Trails:** Parker added just over one mile of new trails in 2016, including connections in Bradbury Hills and the East/West Regional Trail. An additional mile will be added to the East/West Trail in 2017, completing this connection within the Town.
- **Additional Open Space:** Staff continued working with Douglas County to have 72 acres of additional open space (Harvie property) transferred to the Town. This transaction should be completed in 2017.
- **Grant Funding:** Parker and Douglas County secured a \$2 million grant from Great Outdoors Colorado (GOCO) for completion of the East/West Trail. Parker's share of this grant is \$400,000.
- **PSCo Overhead Power Line Mitigation Off-sets:** The Town secured various future improvements as a result of this project approval. These included a grade-separated trail undercrossing for the East/West Trail at Jordan Road; completion of the three-acre park site directly adjacent to the existing Bradbury Hills Community Park; an additional half-mile of new trails near the Rowley Downs subdivision; and landscaping and re-vegetation enhancements along the existing PSCo right-of-way.
- **Rueter-Hess Recreation Authority:** With the completion of the Rueter-Hess Reservoir Recreation Master Plan, the Town continued to work with its partners at the authority to refine improvements and phasing.

### Sign Code Updated

A major update was made to the Town sign code to address community aesthetics, respond to business needs for signage and comply with the U.S. Supreme Court Reed V. Town of Gilbert decision on content neutrality. The effort has resulted in a content-neutral code that addresses aesthetics, limits visual blight and supports content-neutral access to signage for business, property owners and residents.

### Fire, Construction Codes Implemented

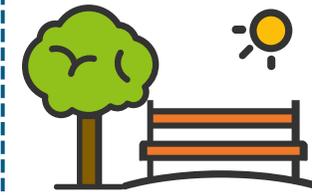
The Town implemented administration of the 2015 International Fire Code, including approvals, plan review, permitting and inspections. The Town assumed responsibility for the Fire Code in 2016 to help improve customer service, provide a one-stop shop approach to development approvals and increase local control. The Town continues to partner and work with the South Metro Fire Rescue Authority on fire and life safety. Other codes implemented include the 2015 International Building, Plumbing and Residential Codes. Parker is a leader in the South Metro region in using the most current building codes to ensure safe, energy efficient and sound construction.

### Wayfinding Signage Plan and Program

The Town completed its Wayfinding Signage Plan and Program, which will guide the creation of a Town-wide signage system that identifies major destinations, guides the public to them and supports community identity. Phase One fabrication and installation, focused upon downtown, is underway with Phase Two scheduled for 2017.

### Pikes Peak Drive and Pilgrim's Place Conceptual Design

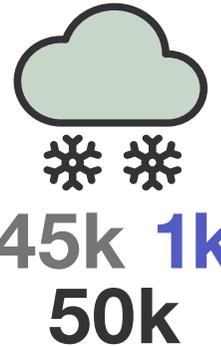
This completed design effort implements a key recommendation of the Mainstreet Master Plan to improve Pikes Peak Drive and Pilgrim's Place as multi-modal streets that activate downtown and improve parking. The construction of the proposed improvements is not currently funded in the Town's Capital Improvement Program.



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1,920  
38

Parker's Parks crews kept busy in 2016 maintaining 390 acres of developed parkland, 1,920 acres of open space and 38 miles of concrete and soft surface trails in Town.

During the winter of 2015-16, Parker plows cleared snow over 45,000 miles of roads. Staff applied more than 1,000 tons of solid deicer and 50,000 gallons of liquid deicer over 21 storm events.



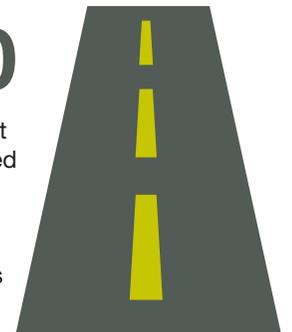
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Through their fundraising efforts in 2016, Parker Police raised enough money to cover the costs for 255 Special Olympics athletes to participate in sports seasons (\$60 per athlete).

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The Town's street sweepers collected and disposed of 1,300 tons of debris along Parker roadways in 2016.



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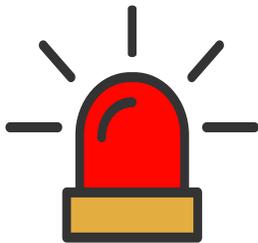
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▼ 6%

Traffic safety is important to the Parker Police Department. Officers wrote an average of 4.9 speeding tickets per day in 2016, and reported accidents were down 6% through Nov. 1.

Parker PD provides essential emergency dispatch service for residents.

Dispatchers received an average of 198 calls per day from residents in 2016, on pace for 72,270 for the year!

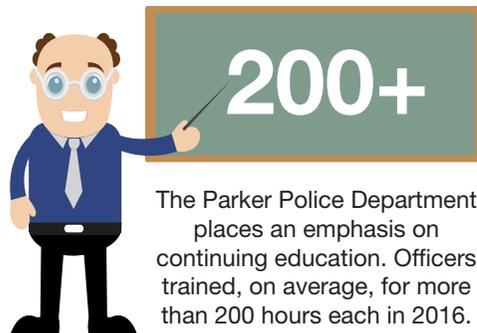


72,270



2.9%

Parker Teen Court has proven to be an effective alternative to the justice system for first-time, nonviolent, misdemeanor juvenile offenders. Only 1 of 35 offenders who took part in the program in 2016 re-offended, a recidivism rate of just 2.9%!



The Parker Police Department places an emphasis on continuing education. Officers trained, on average, for more than 200 hours each in 2016.

## Safety, Transparency and Recognition

### MyPD Police Mobile App

The Parker Police Department introduced a new mobile app to increase accessibility and communication with police for Parker residents. MyPD is a smartphone app that allows users to submit crime tips, ask questions, give feedback or read the latest PD news on their smartphone. In addition, users will find many other useful public safety tools aggregated in the app: crime maps, sex offender information, information on missing children and much more. The Parker PD also has the ability to send push notifications to app users.

### 9-1-1 for Kids Public Education

The Parker and Lone Tree Communication Center offers free public education presentations for pre-kindergarten through second grade kids on the importance of 9-1-1 and how to use it if they have an emergency. In 2016, it hosted more than 150 kids in spring and fall classes. In addition, it featured booths at many community events to help distribute 9-1-1 education literature to children and their parents. They also played games where the kids had to decide whether or not a scenario was a true emergency that required a call to 9-1-1.

### CALEA Re-Accreditation

The Parker Police Department was awarded its second successful Law Enforcement Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA) accreditation in 2016. The CALEA accreditation is awarded to law enforcement agencies demonstrating excellence and is considered the gold standard for policing in America. The lead assessor stated that he had reviewed more than 40 agencies throughout the United States and Canada and had not assessed one better than the Parker Police Department.

### Kindness Company of the Month

The Parker Police Department was honored to be the first Kind Company of the Month recognized by the Kindness Revolution. The Kindness Revolution recognized the commitment the department has to making our community a better place through problem-solving partnerships with community members. A continued focus on excellent customer service and dedication to enhancing the lives of residents and visitors by Parker PD embodies the spirit of the Kindness Revolution.

### Parker Open Budget Introduced

Launched in December 2016, Open Budget is a new online resource developed to communicate the Town of Parker's budget in an easy-to-understand way. The site provides visitors with a visual interface to explore and search through the Town's budget. Find immediate answers to questions and easily share insights with others at [www.ParkerOnline.org/OpenBudget](http://www.ParkerOnline.org/OpenBudget).

### Finance Department Honored

The Finance Department is annually recognized for its expertise in managing the Town's financial resources. Awards earned by the department in 2016 included:

- Certification of Excellence for Debt Policy from the Association of Public Treasurers of the United States and Canada
- Certification of Excellence for Investment Policy from the Association of Public Treasurers of the United States and Canada
- Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting from the Government Finance Officers Association
- Distinguished Budget Presentation Award from the Government Finance Officers Association

### Cops and Bobbers

More than 150 Parker children attended the first Cops and Bobbers event in 2016. Parker Police Officers taught children how to fish and assisted them as they casted their first lines. The pond was stocked with rainbow and golden trout, and the junior anglers were able to keep what they caught. Even those who didn't catch a fish still took home a prize. Participants were able to keep their rods and reels that were donated by Cabela's and Colorado Parks and Wildlife. Watch the Parker Police Department's website and social media to register your child for the 2017 Cops and Bobbers event.

### Individual Town Staff Honors

- Parker Police Detective Beverly Wilson received the Peace Officer Advocacy Award in 2016. Detective Wilson was recognized by the attorneys of the 18th Judicial District for her dedication and compassion to the victims of crime in Parker.
- Recreation Supervisor Andy Fraser was recognized by the Colorado Parks and Recreation Association as its Facility Manager of the Year for his work at the Parker Fieldhouse.

### Parker Ranked Among Top Small Cities

Parker was named one of the "Best Small Cities in the U.S." for the second straight year by WalletHub in 2016. Our Town came in at No. 17 overall in the nation among communities with a population between 25,000 and 100,000.

Other notable rankings received by the Town in 2016 included:

- The "Bakery Capital of Colorado" (No. 4 nationally) according to Graphiq.com
- No. 5 among social media site Nextdoor's "Best Places to Trick or Treat in the U.S."

# Frequently Used Contacts

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## Building Division

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## Community Development

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## Municipal Court

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## Public Works and Engineering

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## Sales Tax Administration

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## Economic Development Department

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## PACE Center

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## Public Works and Engineering

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## Recreation Weather Line

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## Fieldhouse

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## H2O'Brien Pool

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## Recreation Center

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## 2018 Parker Calendar Photo Contest

Do you want to see your photos featured in the Town of Parker's 2018 calendar? Watch for photo contest details on the Town website at [www.ParkerOnline.org/CalendarContest](http://www.ParkerOnline.org/CalendarContest), in the Talk of the Town newsletter or on the Town's social media outlets (Facebook, Twitter and Instagram) this fall! If you have questions or comments about the Annual Report, please contact the Communications Department at 303.805.3257 or email [ca@parkeronline.org](mailto:ca@parkeronline.org).



# January 2017

## Disney's Beauty and the Beast

Be our guest for a tale as old as time! Disney's Beauty and the Beast arrives at the PACE Center from Jan. 20 through Feb. 12.

The Academy Award®-winning film comes to life in this romantic and beloved take on the classic fairytale. The stage version includes all of the songs you know and love.

To purchase tickets, visit [www.ParkerArts.org](http://www.ParkerArts.org).

### Photo Credits

Above: Michelle White

Below: Ryan Manning



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# February 2017

## Get Active with the 2017 Run Series

The Parker Parks and Recreation Run Series features four popular events each year.

The fun kicks off with the signature Love 'em or Leave 'em Valentine's Day 5K/10K and Kids' Dash on Feb. 11 at Bar CCC Park.

Also returning this year are the So Long to Summer 5K/10K on Aug. 12 at Salisbury Park and the Turkey Day 5K FUN Run/Walk on Thanksgiving day, Nov. 23, at the Recreation Center.

A new event has been added to the Run Series this year, the Spring Into Summer 5K & Family Fun Trek on June 3 at Tallman Meadow Park.

For more information on the Race Series, visit [www.ParkerRec.com/RunSeries](http://www.ParkerRec.com/RunSeries).

### Photo Credits

Above: Ginger Wick

Below: Jay Knapp



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Love 'em or Leave 'em  
Valentine's Day 5K/10K  
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# March 2017

## Connect with Your Town on Social Media

The Town of Parker has cultivated a large online presence not only through its own web-based platforms, but also thanks to the use of social media.

The Town, Parks and Recreation, Parker Arts and Police Department all have been effective at reaching the public through Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and YouTube. Individuals are able to visit our outlets to find out everything from information about the latest events to emergency and weather-related updates.

Visit [www.ParkerOnline.org/SocialMedia](http://www.ParkerOnline.org/SocialMedia) to find the Town of Parker on the platform you are looking for!

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Ash Wednesday

Daylight Saving Time Begins

St. Patrick's Day

Spring Begins

Town Council Meeting



# April 2017

## Parker Celebrates Arbor Day

Arbor Day is a fun, educational event for the whole family and is an important piece to keeping Parker named as a "Tree City USA."

The Tree City USA® program is sponsored by the Arbor Day Foundation in cooperation with the USDA Forest Service and the National Association of State Foresters. Parker has been named as a Tree City USA for 22 straight years!

Come help us celebrate Arbor Day on Saturday, April 29. Look for more details in Talk of the Town and at [www.ParkerRec.com/ArborDay](http://www.ParkerRec.com/ArborDay) as the event nears.

### Photo Credits

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# May 2017

## Active Aging Adults

Parker strives to meet the needs of its aging adult population while promoting healthy living through innovative programs and activities. Enjoy a variety of classes in aquatics, fitness, enrichment, arts, dance and culture, along with a number of events and volunteer opportunities.

Parks and Recreation celebrates National Senior Health and Fitness Day® with the Senior Stroll on May 31 at O'Brien Park. This event features a one-mile fun walk followed by breakfast and exciting prize giveaways.

Volunteer opportunities are available at the PACE Center. Assignments may include greeters, ushers, stage crew, musicians, office administration, merchandise sales and security.

Visit us online at [www.ParkerRec.com](http://www.ParkerRec.com) and [www.ParkerArts.org](http://www.ParkerArts.org).

## Photo Credits

Above: Jay Knapp

Below: Leslie Stephens



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# August 2017

## Honey Festival

Come see what all the buzz is about on Aug. 6 at the Town of Parker's annual Honey Festival from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in O'Brien Park. The Parker Cultural Department and Cultural and Scientific Commission present this celebration of the honey bee and all the benefits bees bring to the community.

This free event is designed to heighten awareness, appreciation and provide educational information and resources regarding the honey bee, honey products and bee keeping. Guests of all ages can speak with local bee keepers, organizations and vendors to learn the process of bee keeping and harvesting honey. In addition to receiving educational material and honey recipes, you can purchase bee-friendly plants, test a bee keeper's suit, make bee-related crafts and see live working hives.

### Photo Credits

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Below: Todd Strong



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# September 2017

## Experience the Dog Days of Summer

Parker Parks and Recreation presents Barker Days 2017 on Sept. 9 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

This pup-ular event welcomes hundreds of dogs with their owners to O'Brien Park and features a temporary dog park in the ballfield and H2O'Brien Pool, dog demonstrations, contests and dog-related vendors.

Dogs can take a dip in the pool (closed to humans for the season and neutralized to be dog-friendly), chase balls and Frisbees on the baseball field, check out the agility course, hang out with fellow furry friends and rub noses with dog-related service providers. A separate play area will be provided for small dogs that prefer to play with pups their own size.

Visit [www.ParkerRec.com/BarkerDays](http://www.ParkerRec.com/BarkerDays) for more details.

### Photo Credits

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Below: Michael J. Titera



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# October 2017

## Celebrate Halloween in Parker

Get your family in the fall spirit with fun Halloween events in Parker!

Parks and Recreation's popular Fieldhouse Fright Night returns Oct. 21 with a variety of family-friendly activities. Kids will be entertained with the Spook Skate, Rock'n Halloween at the Climbing Wall, costume contest, arts and crafts and more! For details, visit [www.ParkerRec.com/FFN](http://www.ParkerRec.com/FFN).

Downtown is the place to be on Halloween thanks to the Cherry Creek Valley Rotary Club-sponsored Trick or Treat on Mainstreet. Kids of all ages dress up as their favorite characters and join in the festive fun! The adventure starts in O'Brien Park and continues down Mainstreet. For more information, visit [www.CCVRotary.org](http://www.CCVRotary.org).

### Photo Credits

Above: *Dave Schaper*

Below: *Jennifer Meilstrup*



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# November 2017

## Experience the Holidays in Parker

The holidays in Parker are a special time of year with many activities on the calendar.

To celebrate the start of the season and Parker's impressive lighting display, the Town hosts the Mayor's Holiday Lighting on the Friday after Thanksgiving. Residents gather in O'Brien Park to enjoy performances from local groups, caroling, festive concessions, free holiday carriage rides and, of course, the grand park lighting!

Another tradition is Holiday Carriage Rides through the downtown area. Held most Saturdays between Thanksgiving and Christmas from 4:30 to 8:30 p.m., rides are free! The schedule opens with a special Friday session following the Mayor's Holiday Lighting on Nov. 24. For details, visit [www.ParkerOnline.org/CarriageRides](http://www.ParkerOnline.org/CarriageRides).

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# December 2017

## Christmas Carriage Parade

The second Saturday of December is a festive day in downtown Parker thanks to the Christmas Carriage Parade!

Hundreds of horses, some with carriages, some with riders and some of the miniature variety, march the parade route, decked out with decorations reminiscent of the annual parade theme. Drumbeats and thunderous horns from local marching bands make the crowd roar with excitement, while the children of Parker catch a glimpse of Santa and Mrs. Claus.

Parade-goers also enjoy holiday carolers, live ice sculpting, a petting zoo and pony rides, holiday markets and pictures with Santa.

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

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