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Popular Program Returns in 2022 CHRISTMAS TREE RECYCLING

The Town of Parker will host its annual Christmas Tree Recycling Program from Dec. 26, 2021 through Jan. 24, 2022. This year's drop-off site will again be the west paved Salisbury Park ballfields parking lot, at 11920 Motsenbocker Road.



These drop-off services are 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 wreathes 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

will be available at the same site at no charge to residents. Beginning Dec. 31, mulch will typically be available on-site next to the drop-off pile. 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. This annual Christmas Tree Recycling Program is just one of many ways that Parker residents can reduce, re-use and recycle.

Please contact the Town of Parker Forestry Division at 303.805.3244 with further questions.

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DID YOU KNOW?



Town snow removal operations can affect on-street parking during storms and for several days after snow stops falling, depending on a storm's severity. There are four designated snow routes in Parker (including three downtown) with route-specific parking rules enforced in these areas during storms that require Town snow removal operations. For more information on these routes and parking rules, visit www.ParkerOnline.org/SnowRoutes.

From the Mayor and Town Council

VOLUNTEER WITH THE TOWN OF PARKER IN 2022



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Whether it's looking for a way to secure community service hours, get some experience or simply help out your local community, the Town of Parker has many fun opportunities for volunteers who are looking to get involved.

Beginning in 2022, all of the Town of Parker's volunteer positions—including opportunities with the Town, Parker Arts and Parker Parks and Recreation—will be listed through the new Volunteer Parker online portal. This online local resource offers one-stop shopping for volunteers who want to share their time and skills in our community. Interested volunteers can

VOLUNTEER PARKER!

search positions by interest, schedule or desired organization.

The many user benefits of this new volunteer portal include:

- Filter through opportunities based on interest or date
- Upload required forms and certifications
- Easily find teen opportunities and complete required school district forms

- Complete community service requirements
- Find opportunities for individuals, families, small groups and large groups
- Instill volunteerism values in children at an early age

Visit www.VolunteerParker.org to find an upcoming opportunity, and keep an eye out for more information about a Volunteer Open House in the near future!

P3 FAÇADE AND LANDSCAPE IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

Partnering for Parker's Progress' (P3) Façade and Landscape Improvement Program (FLIP) is back for 2022!

The FLIP program helps provide financial support to businesses who want to improve their exterior aesthetics. Exterior improvements are one of the most effective ways to enhance the appearance and economic vitality of a commercial property. Examples of eligible projects pictured here are new signage (top right) and landscape improvements (bottom right).

Businesses located in our three urban renewal areas (Cottonwood, Parker Road and Parker Central) are eligible to apply. The program is a reimbursement grant program that can help fund design, construction and improvement costs. For every \$1 your business invests, P3 will contribute \$1 up to \$6,250.

The deadline to apply is Jan. 31, 2022. Find out more information on eligibility, rules and applicable projects and apply at www.P3Parker.com\FLIP.



THANK YOU FOR THE HOLIDAY MEMORIES, PARKER!



The Town of Parker's 2021 holiday festivities kicked off with our Mayor's Holiday Lighting and record-breaking weather and attendance! Around 6,000 community members and friends joined Mayor Jeff Toborg and the Parker Chorale in a sing-along to Silent Night and a countdown to the Town Tree and Grand Park Lighting. Congratulations to Parker resident Katrina Babic, who won the grand prize for our holiday scavenger hunt, a 65-inch TV, donated by our Events Partner, Xfinity!

After the fun of the Mayor's Holiday Lighting, the Town continued the holiday celebration with activities and accents to downtown Parker. Activities were held each Saturday and Sunday during the month of December and included ice sculptures and walk-around characters.



We Love Our Sponsors!

Our winter events would not be possible without our sponsors: The Goddard School of Parker, FedEx Ground, Natural Grocers, Renewal By Andersen, Rocky Mountain Real Estate Advisors, Vitalant and last, but certainly not least, our 2021 Events Partner, Xfinity.

We also thank our local Hometown Sponsors: Montane, Novus Glass, Parker Animal Clinic, Pride Auto Care, South Denver Digs Realty and the Veterinary Center of Parker.

The holiday season featured festive décor in Downtown Parker. Visitors were able to take fun family selfies at Candy Cane Lane at Discovery Park, Toyland on Mainstreet and Santa's Workshop at O'Brien Park.

Nearly 300 children created a day of holiday memories when Santa and the North Pole Pass returned for 2021. Pass activities included a petting zoo, chance to learn secrets of the North Pole from Santa's elves while playing reindeer games, milk and cookie refreshments, and, most importantly, time with the big guy himself.

Mark your calendars and save the date for 2022 holiday festivities that will kick-off Thanksgiving weekend!

GET ACTIVE FOR VALENTINE'S DAY



Registration is now open for Parker Parks and Recreation's annual Love 'em or Leave 'em Valentine's Day 5K/10K on Saturday, Feb. 12 at 10 a.m. starting at Salisbury Park. This professionally timed event features a FREE Kids' Dash, as well as a long-sleeve T-shirt and post-race pancakes for all registrants. Register online today at www.ParkerRec.com/VDay5K10K.

YOUR SWEETHEART WILL HAVE A BALL

Get gussied up and enjoy a love-ly evening with your little sweethearts! The Parker Parks and Recreation Kids' Zone Sweetheart Ball, held Friday, Feb. 4 from 6:15 to 7:45 p.m. at the PACE Center, will feature a memorable night of dancing, games, crafts and refreshments that the entire family will adore.

This is a limited-capacity family event; please register all children and adults attending. The Sweetheart Ball will include light snacks and refreshments, crafts and a DJ to get you on the dance floor. To register online, visit www.ParkerRec.com/KidsZoneEvents or contact Diane Lange at dlange@parkeronline.org or 303.805.3281 for additional information.



PARKER ARTS SHOWS, EVENTS, PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES

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

WINTER/ SPRING CLASS REGISTRATION

Parker Arts Winter/Spring Enrichment classes are now open for registration. Visit www.ParkerArts.org/Education to see class listings from Ukulele to Breakdance and Improv Frenzy to Cuisine of India.

Featured Classes

Little Painters

- Jan. 10 to 31
- Ages 2 to 4 | 9:30 to 10:15 a.m.

Family Art Workshop

- Jan. 26 | 5:30 to 7 p.m.
- Ages 5+

Air Dry Clay Workshop

- Jan. 5 to 26
- Ages 5 to 9 | 4:30 to 5:30 p.m.

Parker Theatre Academy Showtime!

- Jan. 24 to May 9
- Level 1: Ages 6 to 9 | 5 to 6 p.m.
- Level 2: Ages 10 to 12 | 6 to 7 p.m.
- Level 3: Ages 13 to 18 | 7 to 8 p.m.

American Dialects

- Jan. 12 to Feb. 16
- Ages 13 to 18 | 5:30 to 7 p.m.

CHECK OUT THESE UPCOMING PERFORMANCES!

The Wizard of Oz

- Jan. 15 through Feb. 5 | PACE Center
- Special sensory-friendly performance on Jan. 23

Follow the yellow brick road in this stage adaptation of L. Frank Baum's beloved tale, featuring the iconic musical score from the MGM film. The timeless tale, in which young Dorothy Gale travels from Kansas over the rainbow to



the magical Land of Oz, continues to thrill audiences worldwide. The Wizard of Oz is presented by arrangement with Concord Theatricals on behalf of Tams-Witmark LLC. *To purchase tickets, visit www.ParkerArts.org/Shows.*

Friday Night Jazz: Love Songs from the Ladies of Jazz

- Feb. 4 | The Schoolhouse | 7:30 p.m.

Join the CJRO Septet and the refreshing and beautiful "LadyMay" Mayfield, jazz vocalist, musician, composer and educator from Fort Worth, Texas, for a night of romantic jazz.

The Comedy Zone

- Feb. 5 | The Schoolhouse | 7:30 p.m.

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

February comedians include Steve Peters and Daniel Eachus.



Family Discovery Series: Tunji and the Giant

- Feb. 5 | The Schoolhouse | 10 a.m.

Join the Colorado Chamber Players as they perform the beloved African folktale Tunji and the Giant, set to lively music and narration by David Mullikin, along with other short kid-friendly pieces.

PARKER PARKS AND RECREATION PROGRAMS, EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES



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



NBN Basketball Camps

Marcus Mason, the President of Nothing But Net Elite Basketball, shares experience and skills from his days as a Division I college player and coach with area players. His skill-development programs sharpen players' dribbling, passing, shooting and offensive moves with instruction through weekly academies, multi-day camps, clinics and private or group training. Upcoming NBN Fundamentals Basketball Camps include the **MLK Day Camp** on Monday, Jan. 17 and the **Presidents' Day Camp** on Monday, Feb. 21. Each camp runs from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more details, visit www.ParkerRec.com/YouthBasketball.



Kids' Zone Classes

Nurture your child's creative spirit and natural sense of fun with **Paint and Play**. We will make arts and crafts and burn off extra energy with sports and games. We are looking for kids ages 3 to 6 to join us every Tuesday, from Feb. 1 through 22 from 10 to 11:15 a.m. **Imagination Yoga**, held Wednesdays, Feb. 2 through 23 from 4:30 to 5:15 p.m., is a curriculum-based kids' yoga program that inspires real change in the lives of children. Your child will explore the fun side of science in **Silly Science**, held Thursdays, Feb. 3 through 24 from 10 to 11:15 a.m. All Kids' Zone classes are held at the Parker Recreation Center. For more information, visit www.ParkerRec.com/KidsZone.



Personal Training Specials

Start the new year off right with discounted personal training sessions that you can use all year long! The Winter Personal Training Specials are available to purchase Jan. 10 through 23; there is a limit of 10 per person.

Personal Training Single Session

- Adult: \$42 Resident/\$46 Non-Resident
- Youth/Senior: \$38 R/\$42 NR

Pilates/Yoga/Stretch Personal Training Single Session

- Adult: \$46 R/\$51 NR
- Youth/Senior: \$42 R/\$46 NR

For more information, visit www.ParkerRec.com/PersonalTraining or contact Todd Panik at 303.805.3278 or tpanik@parkeronline.org.

WE ARE SEARCHING FOR VOLUNTEER COACHES!

Volunteers make Parker Recreation's youth sports leagues possible. We are currently in need of volunteer coaches for our youth sports winter and spring seasons, including basketball, soccer, hockey, flag football, volleyball and lacrosse.

Coach obligations include a one-hour practice and one game per week for youth (grades 1 through 12) leagues or one practice/game combination per week for Mini Mite and Kinder (ages 3 to 6) leagues. If you are interested in coaching a team, contact the sports office at 303.805.6308 or visit us online at www.ParkerRec.com/YouthSports.





PARKER POLICE DEPARTMENT

Keeping Our Community Safe

TEXAS ROADHOUSE TIP-A-COP



Thank you, Parker residents, for supporting the Parker Police Department and Colorado Special Olympics during our recent Tip-a-Cop event at Texas Roadhouse. We raised more than \$2,300 with your help for these amazing athletes.

Officers Drew-Bell, Mattern and Valko, as well as Dispatcher Daily, worked with Special Olympics Athletes Heather, Tara, Ryan and Angie to raise money to cover the cost of participation. This event is successful because you support Special Olympics and the Parker Police Department. Thank you!

We met six-year-old Austin and his eight-year-old brother, Grant, along with their parents. The family came to Texas Roadhouse to participate in this wonderful event. Austin donated \$2 from the Tooth Fairy, and Grant donated his \$2 allowance. What a great example of giving and at such a young age! So heartwarming! Thank you for supporting Special Olympics and the Parker Police Department!

REGISTER FOR OUR CITIZEN'S ACADEMY

We are excited to announce the return of our in-person Citizen's Police Academy!



Parker-area residents are invited to attend the 13-week academy.

This program gives participants first-hand information about how the Police Department operates. Classes will focus on criminal law, evidence, dispatch, traffic laws, accident reconstruction, DUI laws, K-9 Units, the School Resource Officer Program and many other topics.

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

The classroom work, combined with field trips and tours, requires a commitment of one night a week from 6 to 9 p.m. for 13 weeks. All classes are held on Wednesday nights, with the optional Saturday

class at the shooting range.

Classes will run from March 2 through May 25. Registration will open on Jan. 19 at 6 p.m. Class size is limited to 40, and priority is given to Parker residents. Anyone who registers after the class has been filled will have a priority spot for the fall academy. All registrants must complete a background check to attend.

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

HEROES AND HELPERS



Parker Police Officers and staff members recently had a fantastic time shopping with more than 20 Parker boys and girls. Our annual Heroes and Helpers event allowed these kids an opportunity to

shop for themselves and family members with a Parker Police Officer. Each child picked out a few items for themselves and their loved ones. Our officers nominated children for the program who they had come in contact with throughout the year.

We are grateful to Target for sponsoring this event, allowing us to build a positive relationship with these children. Without their support, this event wouldn't be possible.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORNER

Planning and Building a Healthy and Sustainable Parker!

Modernizing Parker's Land Development Ordinance – Module 2



The Town is pleased to announce the second of three installments of the Land Development Ordinance (LDO) Modernization Project, Module 2 – Development Standards, has been completed and is **now available online for public review and comment through Feb. 18, 2022.**

The Community Development Department's Planning Division, along with project consultant Clarion Associates, continues to work on a comprehensive update of the LDO. The LDO, Title 13 of the Parker Municipal Code, governs land use and development within the Town of Parker. Its purpose is to preserve and promote the public health, safety and general welfare of the community. It is one of the most important tools to implement the vision and goals of the *Parker 2035 Master Plan*, including guiding growth and development.

This second installment, Module 2 – Development Standards, includes the following chapters:

- Chapter 13.02: Rules of Construction and Definitions (partial)
- Chapter 13.08: Development Standards
- Chapter 13.09: Sign Code

Public comments can be submitted through the project webpage at www.ParkerOnline.org/LDO under the Comments and Ideas section or emailed directly to our Project Managers. The LDO Module 2 – Development Standards, as well as a memorandum summarizing the major changes in the draft regulations from the current LDO, can be found in the project webpage's Document Library.

The proposed changes in this public draft build on the previous work in Phase 1 of the project, which included community and stakeholder outreach and meetings, resulting in the LDO Diagnostic Report, Annotated Outline and Project Charter that informs the project. These documents are available to view in the Document Library on the project website, as is the public draft of the first installment, Module 1 – Zoning Districts and Uses, that has been completed.

Attend Our Open House!

- Feb. 9, 2022 • 5 to 7 p.m.
- PACE Center Art Gallery

Want to learn more about the Land Development Ordinance Update? Be sure to save the date listed above for the next Community Open House on Module 2 – Development Standards. We encourage residents to drop in during this time to learn more about the proposed changes directly from our Planners! For more information, visit www.ParkerOnline.org/Calendar.

PARKER ROAD MULTI-USE TRAIL PROJECT UPDATE

Construction of the Parker Road Multi-Use Trail/Sidewalk Project continues and is nearing completion. This project will add a new multi-use, 10-foot sidewalk/trail between Twenty Mile Road and Hess Road on the west side of Parker Road.

A replacement sound barrier wall adjacent to the Country Meadows subdivision north of Hess Road (pictured below) is currently being installed. Construction on the sound barrier wall was delayed while local contractor Rumler Civil Construction experienced supply chain issues with procuring lumber. The delay pushed back the substantial completion date to February. Minor project work items will continue into late winter and be fully completed in early spring.

The Town is being reimbursed for 50% of the construction costs related to this project up to \$1,000,000 by the state via the Denver Regional Council of Governments (DRCOG).

For more information on this and other Town capital improvement projects, call 303.840.9546 or visit www.ParkerOnline.org/CIPUpdate.





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PARKER COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Town Council Meetings

- Jan. 3 and 18; 7 p.m.

Planning Commission Meetings

- Jan. 13 and 27; 7 p.m.

Special Licensing Authority Meeting

- Jan. 20; 6:30 p.m.

For more information on how to view these meetings and participate and/or provide public comment, go to www.ParkerOnline.org/Agendas 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).

FREE Parker Arts Lecture: The World According to Dogs

- Jan. 15; 6:30 p.m.

- PACE Center

Visit www.ParkerArts.org/Shows or call 303.805.6800 for more information.

Chaparral High School Performances

- Whose Line is It Anyway?

Jan. 7; 7 p.m.

- Noises Off (Full Length Play)

Jan. 27 through 29; 7 p.m.

Visit chs.dcsdk12.org or call 303.387.3500 for more information.

Planetary Analog: What Exotic Places on Earth Teach Us

- Art Gallery: Jan. 14 through 27; 7 p.m.

- FREE Lecture: Jan. 18; 6:30 p.m.

Visit www.ParkerArts.org/Shows or call 303.805.6800 for more information.

The Wizard of Oz

- Jan. 15 through Feb. 5

- Sensory-friendly performance Jan. 23

- PACE Center

Visit www.ParkerArts.org/Shows or call 303.805.6800 for more information.

Cheerleading Mini Cheer Camp

- Jan. 15; 2:30 to 5:30 p.m.

- Parker Recreation Center

Visit www.ParkerRec.com/Gymnastics or call 303.805.3281 for more information.

NBN FUNDamentals Camps: MLK Day

- Jan. 17; 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

- Parker Fieldhouse

Visit www.ParkerRec.com/YouthBasketball or call 303.805.6308 for more information.

TOWN FACILITY CLOSURES

- New Year's Day

Recreation Center and

Fieldhouse closed at 4

p.m. Dec. 31 through

Jan. 1. Town Hall

closed Jan. 1.

- Martin Luther

King Jr. Day

Town Hall closed

Jan. 17.