PARKER ARTS 2023/24 SEASON

Parker Arts is excited to announce its 2023/2024 season! Tickets go on sale to the general public July 24 (Parker Arts Members can purchase tickets now).

Highlights include Grammy® Award honoree Don McLean’s 50th Anniversary “American Pie” Tour, music by chart-topping Spin Doctors, Sister Hazel and Christian rock band Unspoken, the charming Vienna Boys Choir, nostalgic favorites from Foghat, country trio Roots & Boots, and an early season concert by an Academy of Country Music Award winner to be announced soon – and much more!

Additionally, we’re thrilled to bring world-class comedy with national headlining and two-time Emmy Award nominee Michael Yo and the outrageously funny, tenacious comedy of Karen Morgan.

The season also features musical tributes - Good Times/Bad Times: The Best of Led Zeppelin, Electric Avenue: The 80s MTV Experience, and The Long Run, an Eagles tribute band playing exclusively for Parker Arts Members. Our musical theater performances include Murder for Two, School of Rock and Legally Blonde, The Musical.

Other acts include Jamie Allan’s IMagician, the all-male percussive dance group Malevo and the multi-sensory live show iLuminate.

A Classic Parker Holiday and The Nutcracker return this holiday season along with Christmas with the Celts, platinum-selling Squirrel Nut Zippers and hitmakers Firefall and Orleans. Patrons are also invited to a very special movie presentation of Christmas Vacation in the PACE Center theater.

Whether you’re looking to enjoy a night out with friends or explore the arts with the whole family, 2023/2024 offers something for everyone at Parker Arts! See the full lineup and purchase tickets at ParkerArts.org or call the Box Office at 303.805.6800.

Fireworks are returning to the Town of Parker on Independence Day in 2023! While there will be no community event held at Salisbury Park like in past years, residents are still encouraged to celebrate the 4th of July by viewing the Town’s fireworks display from different locations throughout Parker. Fireworks will launch at 9:30 p.m., weather permitting. For more details about this year’s show, visit page 2.
From the Mayor and Town Council

ENGAGEMENT PROGRAMS AVAILABLE FOR PARKER YOUTH

Jeff Toborg  
Mayor

Anne Barrington  
Councilmember

John Diak  
Councilmember

Laura Hefta  
Councilmember

Todd Hendreks  
Councilmember

Joshua Rivero  
Councilmember

Brandi Wilks  
Councilmember

The Mayor and Town Council support Parker’s youth through a variety of programs, such as the newly created Parker Youth Commission and even visits by elected officials to local schools and community groups/events. Two of the most popular programs created to serve our youngest residents include the Pledge of Allegiance Program and Scout Nights.

Pledge of Allegiance Program

The Town welcomes youth organizations to play the important role of opening regular Town Council Meetings by leading the Pledge of Allegiance. This program helps students engage with the community while learning more about local government. Meetings are in-person and generally held on the first and third Mondays of each month at 7 p.m.

If you would like to sign up a local group to participate, please visit ParkerOnline.org/PledgeOfAllegiance and fill out our online form. Meeting dates are first-come, first-served, so be sure to sign up early!

Scout Nights at Town Hall

Mayor Jeff Toborg hosts local scout troops at Parker Town Hall on the second Thursday of each month at 4 p.m. to help scouts fulfill merit badge requirements for local government.

Leaders of interested scout troops are encouraged to sign up their scouts at least one week prior to the second Thursday of the month via our online application at ParkerOnline.org/ScoutNights. All scouts from a troop who will be attending should be included on the online sign-up form.

Councilmember Event Visits

The Mayor and Town Council appreciate the positive contributions made by Parker’s youth community groups and often make appearances at their events to show the Town’s appreciation for their good work.

To request event participation by the Mayor and/or a Councilmember(s), please fill out our online request form at ParkerOnline.org/CouncilRecognition.

Learn More!

For more information about these and other Mayor and Town Council outreach programs, visit ParkerOnline.org/Council, email csullivan@parkeronline.org or call 303.805.3265.

JULY 4 FIREWORKS SHOW RETURNS TO PARKER

This year, Parker’s traditional Independence Day fireworks display will be making a return, baring weather-related concerns. The Town will hold a remote-viewing fireworks show that can be seen throughout the community in place of a traditional, day-long event in Salisbury Park. Fireworks will launch at 9:30 p.m., weather permitting. Salisbury Park will be open to the public that day, but there will be no additional services or activities and only limited parking available (300 paved spaces) on a first-come, first-served basis. The large grass lots used in prior years will not be available for parking in 2023.

Visit ParkerOnline.org/July4 for more information and for an online map of viewing locations. Notification for any necessary weather-related delays and/or a cancelation will be shared on the Town’s social media channels (@TownOfParkerCO).

We hope you have a happy and safe Fourth of July! For information on all upcoming Town-organized events and activities, visit ParkerOnline.org/Events.
KEEP OUR FLOODPLAINS CLEAN; KNOW YOUR FLOOD RISK

Dumping of trash and debris in our floodplains and open space kills native vegetation, promotes weed growth and contributes to potential flood flow blockages. This is also a Parker Municipal Code violation, so please do not dump material of any kind into the floodplains and open space.

To promote good water quality, plan to make compost out of leaves that fall to the ground rather than applying fertilizer. Leaves contain nutrients that are helpful for grass, as well as provide protection over the winter. Excess fertilizer that is washed off of yards, driveways and sidewalks gets into water bodies, and the nitrogen and phosphorus can cause algae growth and toxin production. This is especially harmful in Cherry Creek and the Cherry Creek Reservoir.

The purchase of flood insurance provides protection in the event your property experiences flooding of any kind. This type of protection is not covered by a standard homeowner’s insurance policy. The Town of Parker participates in the National Flood Insurance Program and the Community Rating System, which allows for a discount on flood insurance for all property owners within Parker.

The Town of Parker’s Stormwater Division manages the floodplains and floodways associated with several major drainageways inside our community. These efforts are based on the Flood Insurance Study and Flood Insurance Rate Maps prepared by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), as well as engineering studies funded by the Town and the Mile High Flood District. These studies are available for review at Parker Town Hall or online at ParkerOnline.org/Stormwater. Elevation Certificates for some properties are also available at Town Hall.

Town Engineering staff is available to meet in person at Town Hall, at your property or on the phone to discuss your flood risk and provide flood zone information.

For more details related to flood insurance, please visit FloodSmart.gov. You can find more information about Town of Parker Stormwater operations online at ParkerOnline.org/Stormwater or by contacting our staff at 303.840.9546 or stormwater@parkeronline.org.

FOLLOW THE TOWN ON SOCIAL MEDIA

To increase transparency and engage the community, the Town is active on a variety of social media platforms. These channels allow us to share important and timely information and give our residents an easy way to be involved and provide feedback. We look forward to hearing from you!

Find us on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter @TownOfParkerCO.

For a complete list of our social media channels, please visit us at ParkerOnline.org/SocialMedia.
PARKER ARTS SHOWS, EVENTS, PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES

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

CHECK OUT THESE UPCOMING EVENTS!

Jimmy Buffett’s Escape to Margaritaville
• June 23 through July 16
• PACE Center
A slice of paradise right in your backyard! The margaritas will be flowing for the parrot heads showing! This musical comedy featuring several of your favorite Jimmy Buffett classics is the summer-vibing party you’ve been waiting for! Visit ParkerArts.org to purchase tickets.

Honey Festival
• Aug. 6 | O’Brien Park
• 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Visitors can indulge in a fun-filled event aimed at raising awareness and appreciation for the humble honeybee through an array of educational and entertaining activities.

SUMMER CAMPS
Half and full day Summer camps run through July 28. We actively partner with some of Colorado’s finest enrichment providers, bringing kids the best in cultural summer programs that explore theater, art, science, music, robotics and more! Don’t wait as these camps will fill up quickly! Register today at ParkerArts.org/Education.

Teen Intensive
• Ages: 13 to 18
• July 10 to 14; 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Adventures in STEM with LEGO®
• Ages: 5 to 7
• July 10 to 14; 9 a.m. to noon

Advanced Acting
• Ages: 13 to 18
• July 17 to 21; 1 to 4 p.m.

World Percussion
• Ages: 5 to 12
• July 24 to 28; 1 to 4 p.m.

Discovery Park FREE Summer Concert Series
• Thursdays in July
• July 6, 13, 20 and 27
Our free concerts continue through July! Grab your folding chairs, picnic blankets and a group of friends for an evening of dancing and singing under the summertime sky!
Hey, kids, everyone wins so give it a TRY! Parker Parks and Recreation presents the Kids’ TRY-athlon on Saturday, July 15 beginning at 6:30 a.m. at H2O’Brien Pool. Children age 6 to 12 of all ability levels are invited to try their skills in three events: swimming, biking and running. Register online at ParkerRec.com/KidsTRY.

Thank you to our 2023 Kids’TRY-athlon Title Sponsor, Advanced Pediatric Associates, and Finish Line Sponsors, Colorado Luxury Houses, CORE Electric Cooperative, Inspire Animal Hospital, Macaroni Kid Douglas County and Parker Academy of Martial Arts.

Personal Training Specials
Take your fitness routine to the next level by adding one of our nationally certified personal trainers to your team! Summer personal training specials are available for purchase July 10 through 23. Purchase your specials at the Recreation Center front desk; limit to 10 sessions per person or two packages per person. For trainer profiles, visit ParkerRec.com/PersonalTrainer.

Women’s Total Body Fitness
Women’s Total Body Fitness is a challenging full-body workout designed for intermediate to advanced students. Classes consist of cardio, strength, endurance and core training segments that will challenge you in a fun and encouraging atmosphere. July sessions meet every Wednesday, July 19 through Aug. 23, at the Parker Recreation Center. For additional information please visit ParkerRec.com/Fitness.

H2O Glow Swim
Let’s glow! Light up the night with an after-hours, glow-in-the-dark pool party on Friday, Aug. 11 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. Space is limited, so register early at ParkerRec.com/AquaticsEvents.

WHERE COMMUNITY GROWS
Since 1985, America has celebrated July as Park and Recreation Month. A program of the National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA), the goal is to raise awareness of the vital impact that parks and recreation have on communities across the U.S.

Parker Parks and Recreation will celebrate National Park and Recreation Month with select outdoor Group Fitness classes; locations include Discovery Park, the outdoor area of the Recreation Center and aqua classes at H2O’Brien Pool! Find classes, dates and times at ParkerRec.com/GroupFitness.

The annual Park and Recreation Month Duck Hunt activity will be July 17 through 21 along the Cherry Creek Regional Trail between the Recreation Center and Fieldhouse. Find a duck and return it to the Fieldhouse to collect a prize!

Follow Parker Parks and Recreation on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter (@ParkerRec) for activity updates and more about National Park and Recreation Month.
REGISTER FOR THE CITIZEN’S ACADEMY

The Parker Citizen’s Police Academy 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, School Resource Officer Program and many other topics. Registration opens June 29 at ParkerPolice.org.

NEW PARKER POLICE OFFICERS

Officers Monica Brito Diaz, Matthew Cer, Jason Gomez and Rachel Price were sworn-in after completing the 21-week Highlands Ranch Law Enforcement Training Academy in June. Watch for our newest officers patrolling Parker with our Police Training Officers as they work towards solo status.

Congratulations Officer Gomez for winning the Top Gun Award and the Max Young Director’s Award.

EXPLORERS DOMINATE THE COMPETITION

Our Parker Police Explorers took first place for Overall Team and many other first-place trophies in Topeka, Kansas last month. We’re still waiting to hear when their championship parade will be through downtown Parker.

The competition had 16 teams from Colorado, Nebraska, Missouri, New Mexico, and Kansas. Explorer Captain Alex Wilson, Sergeants Gherbaz and Beaumont, and Explorers Mast, Ball, Lazuran, Guillen, and Kim represented the Parker Police Explorer program. Explorer Advisors Sergeant Brienzo and Officer Mattern also earned individual trophies.

Team Trophies
Top Tactical Team
1st Place Overall Team

Individual Trophies
1st Place Female Explorer Physical Fitness Test - Exp. Aislyn Ball
1st Place Male Explorer Physical Fitness Test - Exp. Logan Beaumont
3rd Place Female Explorer Physical Fitness Test - Officer Leslie Mattern
3rd Place Male Explorer Physical Fitness Test - Sergeant Troy Brienzo

Congratulations to all of our Parker Police Explorers and Advisors!

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT RETURNS AUG. 5 TO O’BRIEN PARK

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.

Join us Saturday, August 5, for a fun day including vendor booths, child fingerprint identification kits and other fun giveaways that will strengthen the bond between officers and community members. Additional details and times are available on our website and social media channels.

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 DEVELOPMENT CORNER

Planning and Building a Sustainable Parker!

Bike and Pedestrian Master Plan

The Community Development Department Planning Division has been hard at work developing a master plan to promote safe travel by bicycle and walking in our community. The Plan adoption draft has recently been completed and is now available for public review and comment.

A Town Council public hearing for final adoption of the Plan is scheduled for Monday, July 17 at 7 p.m. The adoption draft is available at ParkerOnline.org/BikeandPedPlan. Comments can be provided in the Ideas tab, or at the July 17 public hearing.

Thank you to all of the citizens who have followed the project and provided valuable input! The Plan, developed as a supplement to the Parker Transportation Master Plan, will serve as the Town's policy document and 'road map' to further support safe, comfortable and connected bike and pedestrian infrastructure. The new Plan includes recommendations for developing an enhanced multimodal network and cohesive Townwide bicycle and pedestrian facilities for all users.

PARKS, TRAILS, OPEN SPACE & STREETSCAPE DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION MANUAL

The Town’s Parks and Recreation and Community Development staff are nearing completion of the revised and expanded Parks, Trails, Open Space & Streetscape Design and Construction Manual. The adoption draft is now available for review at LetsTalkParker.org. Town Council will consider final adoption of the Plan at its July 17 Council meeting.

This technical manual provides guidance on the design and construction process of parks, trails and open space associated with new residential development, as well as Town property.

Originally adopted in 1997, the current manual is known as the Construction Specifications and Design Considerations for Parks, Trails and Streetscapes. The manual has been renamed, revised and expanded to include the addition of new design guidelines and updated construction specifications to support and illustrate the newer Land Development Ordinance (LDO) parks, trails and open space standards adopted in 2020. This will help Town staff, developers and park designers better understand and envision a range of amenity options for parks, trails, open space and streetscapes.

ROAD AND BRIDGE IMPROVEMENTS UNDERWAY

In addition to a few ongoing road and sidewalk construction projects currently underway in Parker, residents may have noticed two more project startups this past month.

One is the Hilltop Road/Canterberry Parkway Area Improvements Project, which was awarded to 53 Corporation, LCC, this past May. There had been an increasing trend of accidents in this area. Consequently, to mitigate collisions, an acceleration lane and two turn lanes are being extended. The roadway work will be completed this summer and the associated detention pond will be finished in the fall.

The second new project is the Pine Drive-Sulphur Gulch Bridge Rehabilitation Project, which was also awarded to Jalisco International, Inc. Work includes the replacement of corroded bridge railing, replacement of damaged stone veneer, and the removal and replacement of settled bridge approaches. Construction is scheduled to wrap up this fall.

Find out more by visiting ParkerOnline.org/CIPUpdate.
**PARKER COMMUNITY CALENDAR**

**Town Council Meetings**
- July 10 and 17; 7 p.m.

**Planning Commission Meetings**
- July 13 and 27; 7 p.m.

**Special Licensing Authority Meeting**
- July 20; 6:30 p.m.
  
  For more information on how to view these meetings and participate and/or provide public comment, visit ParkerOnline.org/Calendar or call 303.841.0353. Live video of Town Council and Planning Commission public meetings can be viewed at YouTube.com/TownOfParkerCO.

**Parker Genealogical Society of Colorado**
- Colonial Migrations to 1770
- July 8; 1:30 to 3 p.m.
- Douglas County Library (Parker)
  
  Visit Sites.Rootsweb.com/~copgs/ or call 303.840.5342 for more information.

**Registration Opens for August Swim Lessons**
- July 11; 10 a.m.
  
  Visit ParkerRec.com/SwimLessons or call 303.805.3282 for more information.

**Homeschool Information Day and Curriculum Swap**
- July 20; 10 a.m. to noon
  
  • Challenger Park
  
  Visit fb.me/e/3vGb5JYfo for more information.

**Parker Recreation Center Annual Maintenance Closure Week**
- July 24 to 30
  
  Memberships will be honored at the Fieldhouse and H2O’Brien Pool. Visit ParkerRec.com for more information.

**Registration Opens for Fall Youth Sports Leagues**
- July 25; 10 a.m.
  
  Visit ParkerRec.com/YouthSports or call 303.805.6324 for more information.

**Wine Walk**
- July 28; 4:30 to 7:30 p.m.
  
  • Downtown Parker
  
  Visit ParkerChamber.com or call 303.841.4268 for more information.

**TOWN FACILITY CLOSURES**
- July 4 - Independence Day
  
  Town Hall, Recreation Center, Fieldhouse, PACE Center and The Schoolhouse closed all day. H2O’Brien Pool will be open 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.