The Parker Halloween Home Decorating Contest, formerly the Porch Parade Series, makes its frightfully fun return this October! The community is invited to celebrate with the Town of Parker and activity sponsor Rocky Mountain Real Estate Advisors by decorating your home for the spooky season. Unleash your creativity, bring a smile (or a scare) to your friends and neighbors, and enter to be named one of the best-decorated homes in Parker!

Participants, which must have a Parker mailing address in the 80134 or 80138 ZIP codes, will be able to enter one of three judged categories:

• **Spooktacular** – The scariest display.
• **Too Cute To Spook** – The best kid friendly or fall décor display.
• **Best Decorated Porch, Patio or Balcony** – A great option for townhome and apartment residents.

All entries will also compete in the following contests:

• **Elected Choice Award** – Mayor and Town Council Favorite
• **People’s Choice Award** – Community Favorite as Voted on the Town Facebook Page (@TownOfParkerCO)

Entries will be accepted online beginning Monday, Oct. 9 until 10 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 24. Judging and voting will take place Oct. 25 to 30. Once the entry deadline has closed, the Town will share a virtual map of all registered homes, so the community can plan a walk or drive around Parker to see the decorations and share in the celebration.

The top three homes in the three judged categories, plus the Elected Choice and People’s Choice awards, will be announced on the Town’s Facebook page Tuesday, Oct. 31, with each first-place winner receiving a commemorative yard sign.

Find contest details and rules, and submit an entry, at ParkerOnline.org/DecoratingContest.
On Aug. 21, the Parker Town Council formally adopted resolutions of support regarding four local ballot issues for the 2023 Election to be held on Nov. 7. Each of the four items, Questions 2A, 2B, 2C and 2D, are related to proposed changes to the Town of Parker’s Home Rule Charter.

Ballot Question 2A
This question proposes changes that would allow Town Council to set fines and terms of imprisonment for violation of Town ordinances and regulations, in accordance with the limits set by state law. Currently, the Town may only sentence offenders to pay fines of up to $1,000, be imprisoned for up to one year, or both, whereas state law permits fines of up to $2,650, adjusted for inflation, and imprisonment up to 364 days.

According to the resolution of support, “…the Town Council has determined that it is in the best interest of the Town to allow sentencing in accordance with state law, as higher fines may serve as a deterrent to crime.”

Ballot Question 2B
This question proposes changes that would delete language concerning Town Council’s authority to provide for the manner by which department heads may supervise, control and discipline their employees in order to make the Charter consistent with the amendment approved by voters in 2019 to allow the Town Manager to prepare the Personnel Manual for the Town instead of Town Council.

Ballot Question 2C
This question proposes changes that would enable the Chief of Police to administer the oath of office to new police officers in addition to the current options of the Town Clerk or a judge.

Town Council’s resolution of support for this item states that “it is normal practice within law enforcement for a chief of police to administer an oath or affirmation of office to new police officers.”

Ballot Question 2D
This question proposes changes that would enable Town Council to delegate its authority to receive and make gifts, bequests and donations of personal property by ordinance on a case-by-case basis.

Town Council’s resolution of support for 2D states that “delegating this function on a case-by-case basis for certain categories of property will enable the Town to efficiently manage property in a way that benefits the community, for example by donating furniture that is slated to be replaced, rather than having it take up valuable storage space while the ordinance process proceeds or selling it to the organization.”

For more information about the 2023 Election, visit ParkerOnline.org/2023Election.
**HOA RESOURCES AND CONTACTS**

Make sure your neighborhood isn’t left out of updates regarding public safety, Town development projects impacting your neighborhood/nearby areas, upcoming surveys, and partnership opportunities with Town staff and elected officials.

Please contact your Homeowners Association (HOA) board to request that they provide their contact information to the Town. For ease of sharing your contact information, the Town has created a webpage for HOA’s to enter their information: ParkerOnline.org/HOAResources.

If you have questions or concerns, please email wseacat@parkeronline.org or call 303.841.0353.

**FIELDHOUSE FRIGHT NIGHT**

Calling all ghastly ghouls, spooky spirits and wicked witches for an evening of Halloween family fun at Fieldhouse Fright Night with Ascent Eyes on Saturday, Oct. 21 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. All ages are welcome!

Kids will find tricks and treats galore as they make their way around Trick-or-Treat Street, play goblin games, visit Story Adventure Walk for the littles and Haunted House for the bigs, conquer the Rock’n Halloween Climbing Wall and play superhero with Parker Police Department and South Metro Safety Foundation!

A popular costume contest and local sponsor giveaways will round out this magical Halloween family event. NEW this year, food trucks will be onsite for purchase!

Register for Fieldhouse Fright Night online at ParkerRec.com/FHFrightNight. The first 400 pre-registrants receive a special reusable trick-or-treat bag. Online registration closes Oct. 20 at 3 p.m. Walk-up registration is available for an additional fee.

Thank you to our event Title Sponsor, Ascent Eyes and Silver Level sponsors, Macaroni Kid Douglas County, Parker Academy of Martial Arts, Renewal by Andersen, Smile Studio Orthodontics and Tutu School Parker.

**PARKER YOUTH COMMISSION**

2023/2024 Youth Awards

The Parker Youth Commission is pleased to announce the 2023/2024 youth awards!

The Spirit of Parker Award is designed to recognize current high school seniors who have influenced/made a positive, meaningful and beneficial impact on the Town of Parker. Submissions will include a written composition, short-question answers and a letter of recommendation. Two winners will be selected to receive a $1,000 scholarship.

The Pride of Parker Award is designed to give middle school students the opportunity to express what Parker means to them through a visual art submission. Five winners will be selected to receive a $100 gift card.

Submissions from both categories will be displayed as part of an art exhibit at the PACE Center. Applications are open through Nov. 30.

Mural Service Project

Local students recently added a mural to the Town’s public art collection. Spearheaded by resident Adi Aderhold, students from all Parker-area high schools beautified this once-blank canvas, turning it into a mythical creatures-themed delight. Eight student artists created the primary mural content, and an additional 25 students contributed through background painting and assisting where needed.

The Parker Youth Commission is proud to have had the opportunity to contribute to the creation. The mural is located at the tunnel of the East-West Trail at Chambers Road.

For more information about the Parker Youth Commission, visit ParkerOnline.org/YouthCommission.
FALL CAMPS
For a complete list of classes/camps and to register, please visit ParkerArts.org/Education.

Elec-TRICKS and FUN-gineering
• Oct. 16 to 20 | 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.
  • Ages 6 to 12

Introduction to Painting Camp
• Oct. 16 to 20 | 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.
  • Ages 8 to 13

ART GALLERY EXHIBITS
DUETS: Pairs & Collaborations
• Now to Oct. 21 | Schoolhouse

Reflections on Amache
• Now to Nov. 12 | PACE Center

FUNDRAISER
Build Your Own Brunch (BYOB) Fall Fundraiser
• Oct. 28 | 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.
• PACE Center
Bring your appetite and build your own brunch as you choose from a delicious assortment of sweet and savory favorites from Parker’s own West Main Taproom + Grill.

FALL MUSICAL COMEDY!
Oct. 27 – Nov. 19 | The Schoolhouse
Experience the perfect blend of music, mayhem and murder in this hilarious 90-minute show where two performers play 13 roles – not to mention the piano – in a witty and winking homage to old-fashioned murder mysteries. You won’t want to miss this killer musical comedy!

CHECK OUT THESE UPCOMING EVENTS!

Member Event: Public Gardens Are Changing The World
• Oct. 5 | PACE Center | 6 p.m.

Parker Arts Lecture: Growing a Drought-Resistant Garden
• Oct. 9 | Schoolhouse | 12 p.m.

Friday Night Jazz: Keepin’ it Smooth with Robert Johnson
• Oct. 13 | Schoolhouse | 7:30 p.m.

The Comedy Zone
• Oct. 14 | Schoolhouse | 7:30 p.m.

Greg & Dana’s Haunted Objects Live
• Oct. 14 | PACE Center | 7:30 p.m.

Family Discovery Series: Boulder Ballet: The More We Move
• Oct. 14 | Schoolhouse | 10 a.m.

Parker Symphony Orchestra: Destination Europe
• Oct. 20 | PACE Center | 7:30 p.m.

Vienna Boys Choir
• Oct. 29 | PACE Center | 7:30 p.m.

* Some October shows are sold out.
Are you ready to go bobbing for pumpkins?! That’s right, pumpkins float! Retrieve your chosen pumpkin from our pool pumpkin patch and take it, along with your goodie bag, home to decorate or carve! Join us on Saturday, Oct. 14 for a session at 4:30, 5:30 or 6:30 p.m. at the Parker Recreation Center indoor pool. Cost is $26 per resident and $28 for non-residents. Limited walk-up registrations will be taken on a space-available basis and cost an additional $5 per participant.

The Parker Recreation Center also offers multiple Women’s Specialty Fitness classes. Women’s Total Body Fitness, Intro to Weight Training for Women, and Advanced Weight Training for Women begin the last week of October. Learn more about specific dates, times, and cost at ParkerRec.com/Register.

For more information on fitness classes, visit ParkerRec.com/Fitness or call Dan Christensen at 303.805.3205.

Pumpkin Smash Softball Tourney
Join us for the end-of-season Pumpkin Smash Adult Softball Tournament on Oct. 28. Co-ed lower teams will play at O’Brien Park and men’s lower teams will play at Salisbury Park. This one-pitch tournament guarantees teams three games using modified USSSA rules and will include pumpkins for smashing.

Register online at ParkerRec.com/Register.
The Douglas County School District recognized Parker Police School Resource Officers (S.R.O.) Britton and Faulkner, who have become National Association of School Resource Officers (N.A.S.R.O.) practitioners. All of our S.R.O.s attended the national N.A.S.R.O. conference or Colorado Association of School Resource Officers conference this summer to continue to make Parker schools safe.

Faith and Blue
The Parker Police Department is partnering with the Douglas County Sheriff’s Office and Southeast Christian Church (9650 Jordan Rd.) to host a Faith and Blue celebration on Oct. 6, from 5 to 7 p.m. The event will include special police demonstrations, music, food trucks and more!

Domestic Violence Awareness Month
Your home is supposed to be a place of comfort and security. But for millions, home is anything but a sanctuary. The U.S. Department of Justice states that 24 people are victims of physical violence, sexual violence or stalking by their intimate partner every minute.

Speak up for victims and survivors against domestic violence! If you or someone you know is in immediate danger, please dial 911 or call The National Domestic Violence Hotline at 1.800.799.SAFE (7233) to be connected immediately to assistance and resources 24/7.

It is important to note that domestic violence does not always manifest as physical violence or its threat. Other types of abuse, such as emotional, psychological, economical or a combination of them, can be just as extreme as physical violence.

To learn more about the various signs of domestic violence, visit NCADV.org/Learn-More or TheHotline.org.

Crime in Parker Town Hall
You can’t turn on the TV or log into social media without hearing a story about increased crime in the United States. But is that the reality in Parker? Parker Police Chief Jim Tsurapas and Douglas County Sheriff Darren Weekly will meet with residents to discuss crime trends in Parker and answer your questions.

You can learn what crimes are trending in Parker and what the Parker Police Department is doing to battle them.

Chief Tsurapas and Sheriff Weekly will discuss their collaborative efforts to fight crimes in Parker and Douglas County. They will also share resources residents can use to track crime in their neighborhoods and explain the monthly report available to all residents.

Join us on Oct. 3 at the PACE Center from 6 to 7 p.m. Chief Tsurapas and Sheriff Weekly will present for 30 minutes and answer your questions afterward.
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORNER

Planning and Building a Sustainable Parker!

October is National Planning Month!

October is National Community Planning Month throughout the United States and celebrates the role and benefits of planning in our communities. Planning is critical and provides a vision for Parker today and in the future. Planners work to maximize the health, safety and economic well-being of all people living in our communities – from where we want to live, how we move around, growing thriving businesses and recreation opportunities. Planning helps create strong communities of lasting value!

Planners take a comprehensive approach when looking at how the pieces of a community – buildings, roads and parks – fit together like pieces of a puzzle. Starting in 1985 with the Town’s first Master Plan, the Town and its citizens thoughtfully developed a comprehensive plan which continues to guide Parker and results in the enhanced quality of life that we all enjoy today.

The Town’s Community Development/Planning Department aspires to provide opportunities for all residents to be meaningfully involved in making choices that determine the future of our community. We encourage all residents to participate in Planning projects or community initiatives to help guide Parker forward! Please visit active Town projects at LetsTalkParker.org to see where you can provide feedback and ideas on topics affecting our community.

National Community Planning Month gives us the opportunity to publicly recognize the participation and dedication of professional planners, members of planning commissions and our citizen planners who have contributed their time and expertise to the improvement of our community.

CALL FOR CULTURAL COMMISSIONERS

The Town of Parker has openings on the Parker Cultural and Scientific Commission. The Commission serves as an advisory body to Town Council and works with the Cultural Department, also known as Parker Arts, to foster, implement and participate in opportunities for cultural and scientific experiences for the community.

The Commission is seeking energetic individuals who are deeply committed to the vision that Parker Arts will be fundamental to Parker’s identity as a vibrant community.

Commissioners will be appointed by the Town Council to serve two-year terms beginning January 2024. Meetings are every other month, on the third Tuesday from 5:30 to 7 p.m.

To apply, please email a letter of interest and resume to Carrie Glassburn, Cultural Director, at cglassburn@parkeronline.org. The deadline is Nov. 1, 2023.

Information and criteria can be found at ParkerOnline.org/CulturalCommission.

IS YOUR HOME READY FOR WINTER?

With colder temperatures, shorter days and the possibility of blowing snow right around the corner, it may be a good time to complete a few home maintenance tasks:

- **Furnace air filters** should be changed every month to help increase air flow and prevent damage to your HVAC system. An annual tune-up and inspection by a qualified professional can help homeowners save money, maintain comfort and ensure safety.

- **Check and repair leaky faucets** both inside and out (kitchen, bathrooms, utility rooms and hose bibs). This may prevent broken/frozen pipes and emergency repairs later.

- **Maintain garage doors** by tightening all roller brackets and bolts. Lubricate moving parts and overhead springs. Check cables for broken strands or damage and contact a specialist if a repair is required.

- **Properly blow out sprinkler systems** to eliminate frozen pipes. Take extra steps to protect and/or remove the vacuum breaker outside of the home to prevent freezing.

- **Make sure windows are sealed tight** and latching hardware is functioning properly. Frequently foggy windows could indicate a failed seal.

- **Check the batteries** in your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors, too.

Contact the Building Division at 303.841.1970 with questions.
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PARKER COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Town Council Meetings
• Oct. 2 and 16; 7 p.m.

Planning Commission Meetings
• Oct. 12 and 26; 7 p.m.

Special Licensing Authority Meeting
• Oct. 19; 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.

Chaparral High School Performances
• Fall Orchestra Concert
  Oct. 5; 7 p.m.; Chaparral HS
• Encore Players “Whose Line is it Anyway?”
  Oct. 6; 7 p.m.; Chaparral HS
• Fall Band Concert
  Oct. 10; 7 p.m.; Chaparral HS
• Fall Choir and Broadway Dance Concert
  Oct. 11; 7 p.m.; Chaparral HS
Visit chs.dcsdk12.org or call 303.387.3500 for more information.

2nd Annual Parker Uncorked
• Hosted by the Rotary Club of Parker
  • Oct. 7; 2 to 7 p.m.
  • Vehicle Vault
Visit ParkerUncorked.org for more information and tickets.

Therapeutic Recreation: Parent Workshops – Managing Behaviors
• Oct. 23; 6 to 8 p.m.
• Parker Fieldhouse
Visit ParkerRec.com/TR or call 303.805.3208.

Adult Winter Sports League Registration
• Oct. 24; 10 a.m.
Visit ParkerRec.com/AdultSports or call 303.805.6324.

Recreation Center Pool Late Opening
• Oct. 8; aquatics center will open at 11 a.m.
Visit ParkerRec.com/Aquatics or call 303.805.3282.

Trunk or Treat off Mainstreet
• Hosted by the Downtown Business Alliance
• Oct. 28; 2 to 5 p.m.
• Downtown Parker
Visit DowntownParker.com/TrunkorTreat for more information.

Ponderosa Theatre Company
• Fall production of Harvey
  Oct. 5 and 6; 7 p.m.; Ponderosa HS
  Oct. 7; 2 and 7 p.m.; Ponderosa HS
Visit www.PonderosaTheatre.com or call 303.387.4000 for more information.

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