



PARKER
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TALK OF THE TOWN

November/December 2017



The Most Wonderful Time of the Year

HOLIDAY EVENTS IN PARKER

The holiday season is upon us! Celebrate with our annual festivities and events. Join us for a Hometown Holiday Weekend kick-off Nov. 24 through 26 featuring the Mayor's Holiday Lighting presented by Xfinity and Swingle Lawn, Tree and

Landscape Care, FREE Holiday Carriage Rides through downtown and Holiday Activities in Discovery Park. Also mark your calendars for the Christmas Carriage Parade presented by Xfinity on Saturday, Dec. 9. Learn more about these festivities on page 3!

PARKER ICE TRAIL AT DISCOVERY PARK

The Parker Ice Trail at Discovery Park will open its season during the Thanksgiving weekend, Nov. 24 through 26, with special hours on Friday and Saturday from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. and Sunday from 11 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. Additional holiday activities will also be featured each of the three evenings from 4 to 8 p.m.

The Parker Ice Trail meanders through Discovery Park, reminiscent of a frozen river or canal. Skaters or spectators can stay warm next to one of the many fire pits adjacent to the ice, or enjoy hot chocolate and other concessions while delighting in the sights and sounds of our newest community park.

For additional information about the Parker Ice Trail at Discovery Park, visit www.ParkerRec.com/IceTrail or email Alex at aeaton@parkeronline.org.

Ice Trail Hours

- Monday through Thursday: 4 to 9 p.m.
- Friday: 4 to 10 p.m.
- Saturday: 11 a.m. to 10 p.m.
- Sunday: 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Admissions and Rentals

- Children 10 and under: \$6
- Adults: \$8
- Skate Rental: \$4
- 4-Visit Pass: \$30 – can be used for any age and for multiple people; includes both admission and skate rental
- Group Rate (10 or more guests): \$10 each, includes skate rental

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DID YOU KNOW?



Park off-street to keep your car from getting plowed in.... shovel snow into your yard instead of the street to keep it from getting pushed back onto your sidewalk by plows... make sure to shovel your sidewalks within 48 hours of the end of every snowfall to avoid receiving a citation... we have a great collection of helpful tips for dealing with winter weather in Parker! Visit www.ParkerOnline.org/SnowTips for more information on things you can do to survive the winter months!



From the Mayor and Town Council **MORE OPEN SPACE COMING TO PARKER; WE WANT TO HEAR YOUR FEEDBACK**

In the February issue of Talk of the Town, we announced that a 72-acre property located just north of the intersection of Mainstreet and Canterbury Parkway had been conveyed to Parker by the Douglas County Board of County Commissioners. The property, known as the Harvie Open Space (Ray J. Harvie Park), will be maintained by the Town and used for open space and passive recreation.

Following some site cleanup earlier this year, the Town is now in the process of annexing the site and re-zoning it to Open Space. There is an existing conservation easement on the property, which will remain, that has been designed to protect the long-term open



space values of the site. This easement does allow minor improvements, such as soft-surface trails, several small shade/picnic shelters, a soft-surface trailhead/parking area (max. 20 cars) and interpretive/educational signage, plus fencing as needed.

Parker's Parks, Recreation and Open Space Department is in the process of developing a conceptual plan for the site that will make this area a true

public amenity for our community. These preliminary plans will be available for individuals to view at a Public Open House scheduled for Wednesday, Nov. 1 from 4 to 7 p.m. at Town Hall.

For those unable to attend this open house, the plans will be posted online on Nov. 1 at www.ParkerRec.com/HarvieOpenSpace. Feedback will be welcomed; we look forward to hearing your thoughts regarding the plans for this site.

For more information on this project, visit www.ParkerRec.com/HarvieOpenSpace or contact Dennis Trapp at dtrapp@parkeronline.org or 303.805.3276.

GET INVOLVED... SERVE ON THE SPECIAL LICENSING AUTHORITY!



The Town of Parker is seeking volunteers to serve as members of the Special Licensing Authority to work on issues regarding liquor, arcade and sexually oriented business licenses in our community. Liquor licensing topics include the consideration of new licenses, renewals of existing licenses, monitoring compliance with liquor regulations and making recommendations to Town Council on related issues.

A position on this Authority requires a commitment of one night per month. Applicants must be residents of the Town, must not have any vested interest in any establishment with

a liquor, arcade or sexually oriented business license within the Town, must not have an abhorrence to alcohol and will be required to undergo a confidential background check.

If interested, please send a letter of interest to: Parker Special Licensing Authority, Attn: Carol Baumgartner, 20120 E. Mainstreet, Parker, CO 80138. Letters of interest must be received by Friday, Nov. 17 at 5 p.m. Detailed application packets will then be sent out to all applicants.

For more information, contact Chris Vanderpool at 303.805.3198 or cvanderpool@parkeronline.org.

MAYOR'S HOLIDAY LIGHTING

O'Brien Park comes alive from 5:30 to 7 p.m. on Nov. 24 at the Mayor's Holiday Lighting presented by Xfinity and Swingle, Lawn, Tree and Landscape Care.

This annual event begins with the Parker Chorale leading the Town Sing-a-Long to Silent Night followed by the countdown to the Town Tree and Grand Park Lighting. Once the park is lit, visitors can stroll around this festive community space to take in the sights, sounds and tastes of the holidays!

Enjoy illuminated holiday-themed ice sculptures and entertainment, caroling by local school choirs and tasty treats, or even participate in a family-friendly scavenger hunt! Don't forget to stop by



the Town tent to pick up a program and scavenger hunt key. Make your first stop a visit with the Parker Police Department at its annual Cram the Cruiser event (see page 6 for details) and receive a stamp on your scavenger hunt key. If you visit enough stations throughout the park, you may even win a 50-inch TV from Xfinity!

Visit www.ParkerOnline.org/MayorsHolidayLighting for full details.

CHRISTMAS CARRIAGE PARADE

The Town of Parker, Colorado Driving Society and Xfinity invite you to experience the Christmas Carriage Parade, a downtown Parker tradition, on Saturday, Dec. 9. This year, the parade entries will determine their own themes and bring their own vision of what the holidays mean to them to life.

The parade starts at noon, but the pre-festivities begin at 10 a.m. with holiday ice sculpting, a petting zoo and pony rides, as well as a Winter Market.

Santa will be in Town for this great event and will be available for pictures inside Douglas County Libraries in Parker from 1 to 3 p.m. Make sure to take a peek around while you are there and plan to experience story time or holiday crafts sponsored by Douglas County Libraries. Thank you to Swingle Lawn, Tree and Landscape care for bringing Santa to Town for this great occasion.

Mainstreet and Victorian Roads will be closed on the day of the parade. Individuals within these limits will not be able to exit until the roads are reopened. Parking outside of these limits is advised. Please visit www.ParkerOnline.org/CarriageParade for maps and more information or call 303.805.3253.



Thank You to Our Sponsors!

Our Town events would not be possible without our amazing sponsors: Colorado Driving Society; Parker Trail Riders; Xfinity; Swingle Lawn, Tree and Landscape Care; Parker Flats at Old Town and Park Sixty Four Apartments; Fit 36; Kneaders; Parker Station Professional Offices; Escalade Financial Partners; Douglas County Libraries in Parker; Dany McDaniel Insurance Agency Inc. – State Farm; Renewal By Anderson; and Spradlin Printing.

FREE HOLIDAY CARRIAGE RIDES

Parker's popular free downtown holiday carriage and wagon rides return during our Hometown Holidays Weekend.

Rides will be offered Friday through Sunday, Nov. 24 through 26, from 3:30 to 8:30 p.m.

There will be one ride station this year at Douglas County Libraries in Parker. These round-trip rides are non-stop and travel through downtown to O'Brien Park and back to the library. All carriage and wagon rides are free to the public, although participants will be required to reserve time slots in advance. Reservations are on a first-

come, first-served basis. Sign-up will open on Wednesday, Nov. 22 at 10 a.m.

Even if you don't want to ride a carriage, come on down to Discovery Park and enjoy the sights and sounds of the holidays. Watch a light show entertainer or a Snow Globe Acrobat, enjoy a story with one of Santa's Elves or maybe take pictures with Elsa and Olaf!

Visit www.ParkerOnline.org/CarriageRides for more details and to sign up for carriage rides.



CELEBRATE THE HOLIDAY SEASON WITH PARKER ARTS

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

NEW ART EXHIBIT



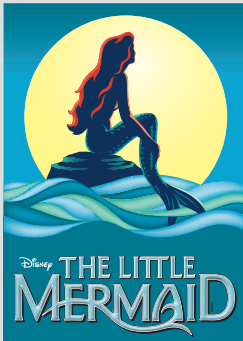
PAG Annual Exhibit: "2017 Colorado Showcase"

- Nov. 3 to Dec. 26
- PACE Center Art Gallery
- Reception: Nov. 3, 6 to 8 p.m.

Juried from artist submissions sent in from across the state, the 46 painters and sculptors in this year's show work in a variety of mediums, including oil, watercolor, pastel and mixed media, as well as photography, clay, stone and bronze.

BOOK YOUR HOLIDAY PARTY AT PACE

The PACE Center is the perfect venue to host your holiday celebration, family gathering or event! Parker Arts makes it easy for you to transform your holiday celebration into a memorable experience for everyone. Call our rental coordinators at 303.805.3369 and book your holiday party today!



Disney's The Little Mermaid

Jan. 19 to Feb. 11 • PACE Center

Disney's The Little Mermaid is a hauntingly beautiful love story for the ages. With music by eight-time Academy Award winner Alan Menken, lyrics by Howard Ashman and Glenn Slater and a compelling book by Doug Wright, this fishy fable will capture your heart with its irresistible songs, including "Under the Sea," "Kiss the Girl" and "Part of Your World."

CHECK OUT THESE OTHER UPCOMING SHOWS!

Family Discovery Series: Opera Colorado's "Cinderella"

- Nov. 11 • PACE Center

A Classic Parker Holiday

- Dec. 1 to 3 • PACE Center

Take 6 and Nnenna Freelon

- Nov. 24 • PACE Center

The Nutcracker of Parker

- Dec. 14 to 17 • PACE Center

WINTER CAMPS WITH PARKER ARTS



Harry Potter: Arts, Cooking, Science & Water Fun

- Dec. 27 to 29
- 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
- Class ID: 10672

Ninjaneering Using LEGO®

- Dec. 26 to 29
- 9 a.m. to noon
- Class ID: 10634

Ninjaneering Master Using LEGO®

- Dec. 26 to 29
- 1 to 4 p.m.
- Class ID: 10635

LET PARKER PARKS AND RECREATION HELP YOU STAY ACTIVE THIS WINTER



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



Spend Time with Old St. Nick

The Kids' Zone is excited to bring children ages 1 month to 9 years with an adult a very special guest! Join us for Milk and Cookies with Santa on Sunday, Dec. 10 at the Fieldhouse. Two times are available: 1:15 to 2 p.m. or 2:30 to 3:15 p.m. Don't miss the opportunity to spend some quality time with jolly old St. Nick and kick off a magical holiday season. The cost is \$11 for Parker residents and \$14 for non-residents.



Winter Youth Sports Camps

Winter camps for youth will keep kids active during school breaks! Camps are held at the Parker Fieldhouse and include sports such as basketball, fencing, softball, lacrosse and volleyball.

For a full list of camps and to register your child, visit www.ParkerRec.com/YouthSports.



Adult Winter Sports Conditioning

Join this class to take your skiing or snowboarding to the next level! Drills are prepared for beginner to advanced skiers and riders alike, ages 18 and up. Morning and evening classes are available: Mondays and Wednesdays, Nov. 27 through Dec. 20, from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. at the Parker Recreation Center, as well as Tuesdays and Thursdays, Nov. 28 through Dec. 21, from 5:25 to 6:25 p.m. at the Fieldhouse. Cost is \$50 per resident and \$55 per non-resident.

JOIN US ON THANKSGIVING FOR THE TURKEY DAY 5K FUN RUN/WALK!

Celebrate Thanksgiving with family and friends while getting a workout at our annual Turkey Day 5K FUN Run/Walk with RNK Running & Walking on Nov. 23 at 8 a.m. starting at the Parker Recreation Center.

A scaled-down version of our 5K run series, this non-sanctioned event will be unofficially timed. Pre-registration is only \$15 and race-day registration is an additional \$10. Receive 10 percent off pre-registration for groups or families of four or more registering together online; the discount will automatically apply at checkout. This discount will

not be available once registration closes. A small convenience fee will be assessed to online registrations. All pre-registered participants will receive commemorative ear warmers and a chance to win prizes. In the spirit of the holidays, participants who bring a non-perishable food item for the Parker Task Force will receive an additional prize drawing ticket (limit one per person). Wear your commemorative item from a previous Turkey Day 5K to receive yet another prize drawing ticket!

Register for this event online at www.ParkerRec.com/TurkeyDay5K or

contact Charlie Rhode for more event information at cwrhode@parkeronline.org. Strollers are welcomed, but please leave dogs at home.

Parker Parks and Recreation would like to thank our Turkey Day 5K Title Sponsor, RNK Running & Walking, as well as our Finish Line Sponsors, Awaken Chiropractic, Colorado Foot and Ankle Sports Medicine, Denver Vail Orthopedics, Huntington Learning Center, Parker Academy of Martial Arts, Parker Lifestyle, Parker Performance Clinic, Renewal by Andersen, and Southeast Christian Church.



PARKER POLICE DEPARTMENT

Keeping Our Community Safe

WELCOME K-9 KATO



The Parker Police Department would like to introduce its newest four-legged officer, Officer K-9 Kato. K-9 Kato is a one-and-a-half-year-old male German Shepherd/Belgian Malinois. His handler is Officer Eric Graham, an 11-year veteran of the Parker Police Department. Officer Graham and K-9 Kato were certified as a Narcotic Detection Team in October and will be patrolling the streets of Parker four or more nights a week.

SUPPORTING LAS VEGAS

In an effort to support Las Vegas, Parker Police Department Victim Advocate Supervisor Nancy Prokop and four other victim advocates from the state of Colorado traveled to Las Vegas to support those in need of support. We are very proud that Nancy was selected to represent Colorado and give her time to help our fellow Americans in need. Thank you to Colorado Organization for Victim Assistance (COVA) for funding this and providing the much-needed victim advocacy support.

CRAM THE CRUISER FOOD DRIVE

Join the Parker Police Department as we “Cram our Cruisers” for the Parker Task Force! We are seeking food donations to fill the more than 120 backpacks that are provided to qualifying Parker-area kids each Friday throughout the school year. These backpacks are filled with enough food to get kids through the weekends when they don’t have access to nutritious meals from their school. Your individual-sized donations will provide kids with the nourishment they need so they are able to focus on learning and growing instead of being hungry.

You can help by donating individual-sized food items like the ones listed below. Please be sure to check all expiration dates before donating items. We want to ensure all the food provided is safe to be shared.

Items in Need

- Canned ravioli
- Ramen noodles
- Instant oatmeal
- Fruit snacks
- Goldfish crackers
- Individual microwave meals
- Granola bars
- Pudding cups
- Juice boxes

The Parker Police Department will be hosting a live collection day on Nov. 24 from 8 a.m. to noon at the Police station. Come by to drop off your donations and say hi to some of our wonderful officers and volunteers. If you’re not able to make it to the Police

CRAM THE CRUISER

WORKING TOGETHER TO HELP KIDS IN NEED



Department drop-off, we’ll also have a booth at the Mayor’s Holiday Lighting on Nov. 24 from 5:30 to 7 p.m. at O’Brien Park. Everyone who brings an item for the Cram the Cruiser drive will earn a punch for the scavenger hunt to win a great prize. Additionally, Town of Parker buildings including Town Hall, the PACE Center, the Recreation Center and the Fieldhouse will all have collection bins located near their entrances from Nov. 1 through 22.

Please consider hosting a drive at your church, school, scout group, civic club, etc. and donate items to support this wonderful local effort of providing nutrition to local kids in need. Contact Bri Rock at brock@parkeronline.org or 303.805.6575 for more information.

THANK YOU, PARKER!

In response to the large need for blood donations following the shooting in Las Vegas, we hosted a Bonfils blood drive in the Parker Police Department parking lot. We collected 43 units of whole blood, and 15 of those were first-time donors! Several Parker Police Officers and employees, as well as Councilmember Amy Holland, donated toward this important effort.

READY... SET... SNOW!!!

It is the Town of Parker's goal to provide the best snow service possible within the constraints of budget, personnel and available equipment. Keep in mind that Parker Road/State Highway 83 is maintained and plowed by the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT), rather than the Town.

Snow Operations Policy

Although the Town has a snow plowing priority system in place, the time required to clear roads depends on several variables such as snowstorm intensity, duration, wind and temperature. Parker sees approximately 56 inches of snow during an average snow season (based on a 15-year average), which is spread over multiple snow events.

Priority 1: Arterial Roadways

Arterial roadways are our first priority and will be cleared first. These are the major roadways that carry the most traffic volume, such as: Stroh Road, Hess Road, 20 Mile Road, Cottonwood Drive, Canterbury Parkway, Lincoln Avenue, Jordan Road, Pine Drive, Hilltop Road and Mainstreet. Parker Road is maintained by CDOT.

Priority 2: Collector Streets

Collector streets are our second priority, including, but not limited to: Dransfeldt, Riva Ridge, Motsenbocker, J. Morgan, Nate, Bradbury Parkway, Clark Farms Drive, Pine Lane, Apache Plume, Crown Crest Boulevard, Tallman, Omaha and Canterbury Trail. These streets provide access to arterial roadways and will be cleared once the arterial roadways have been plowed.

Priority 3: Local Residential Roads and Cul-de-sacs

Local residential roads and cul-de-sacs that provide traffic flow within subdivisions and access to homes are not plowed unless six (6) inches of snow has accumulated on streets or if major drifting has occurred.

Under the Town's previous policy, snow on local streets was not plowed until 10 inches of snow had accumulated. This policy change came at the direction of Town Council and was approved in September 2017. To be able to service all neighborhood streets, typically only a single pass (15 to 18 feet wide) will be made on local streets.

During larger storms that produce six inches or more of snow, Town trails and lesser-used Town facilities will only receive snow plowing/shoveling services following the completion of neighborhood streets.

Measuring Snowfall Totals

Snowfall amounts in Parker are now measured with sensors located at the intersections of Twenty Mile Road/Pine Lane and Hilltop Road/Canterbury Parkway.

Ice Control

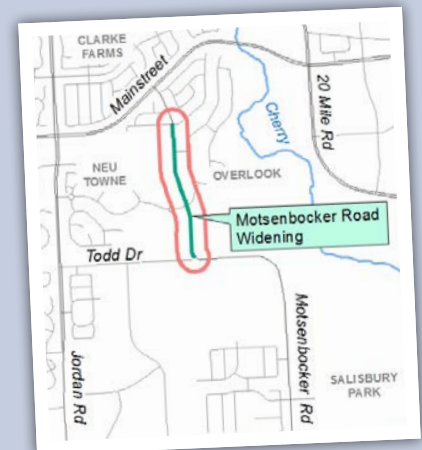
General ice control will be limited to Priority 1 and Priority 2 roadways and will not be performed on local streets unless they meet specific conditions that interfere with safe vehicle travel.

Information Resources

To view the Town of Parker's full Snow Plowing and Ice Control policy, read FAQs, view our snow route map or learn more about snow ops in Parker, please visit www.ParkerOnline.org/Snow. You can also contact the Engineering and Public Works Department at 303.840.9546.

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS: MOTSENBOCKER ROAD WIDENING

Provided an adjacent developer agreement is realized soon and Town funds are available, the widening of Motsenbocker Road to a three-lane roadway between the Clarke Farms subdivision and the Todd Drive intersection is expected to become a reality beginning in 2018.



The plan to improve Motsenbocker Road south of the Clarke Farms subdivision began over a decade ago when Town Council approved development agreements with both the Neu Towne and the Overlook at Cherry Creek subdivisions. In 2008, a conceptual design was completed, but the project was suspended due to the economic downturn. That conceptual design was updated in late 2016 to support the proposed Neu Town development design effort.

For more information on this or other Town of Parker Capital Improvement Projects, contact the Engineering and Public Works Department at 303.840.9546 or publicworks@parkeronline.org.



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COMMUNITY CALENDAR - UPCOMING EVENTS

Sales Tax Taxpayer Seminar

• Nov. 2; 10 a.m.
Parker Town Hall - Council Chambers
Go to www.ParkerOnline.org/SalesTax or
call 303.805.3228 for more information.

Saturday Skate Night

• Nov. 4 and Dec. 9; 5:30 to 9 p.m.
Parker Fieldhouse
Go to www.ParkerRec.com/SkateNight
or call 303.805.6300 for more information.

Understanding the Medicare Maze

• Nov. 7; 6 to 7:30 p.m.
Parker Recreation Center
Go to www.ParkerRec.com/Enrichment
or call 303.805.6300 for more information.

Homeowner Building Class

• Nov. 9; 6 p.m.
Parker Town Hall
Go to www.ParkerOnline.org/Homeowners
or call 303.841.1970 for more information.

Parker Town Council Meetings

• Nov. 9 and 20; Dec. 4 and 11; 7 p.m.
Parker Town Hall
Go to www.ParkerOnline.org or call
303.841.0353 for more information.

Parker Planning Commission Meetings

• Nov. 10 and Dec. 14; 7 p.m.
Parker Town Hall
Go to www.ParkerOnline.org or call
303.841.0353 for more information.

Mountain Pine Yuletide Bazaar

• Nov. 11; 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Parker Fieldhouse
Go to www.MPWCParker.org or call
720.336.3447 for more information.

Christmas Carriage Parade

• Dec. 9; Noon
Downtown Parker
Go to www.ParkerOnline.org or call
303.841.0353 for more information.

Parents' Night Out

• Dec. 16; 6 to 10:30 p.m.
Parker Fieldhouse
Go to www.ParkerRec.com/PNO or call
303.805.6300 for more information.

TOWN HOLIDAY CLOSURES

Nov. 10
Town Hall closed

Nov. 23
Town Hall,
Recreation Center
Fieldhouse and
PACE Center closed

Nov. 24
Town Hall closed

Dec. 24
Recreation Center
and Fieldhouse close
at noon

Dec. 25
Town Hall,
Recreation Center
Fieldhouse and
PACE Center closed

Dec. 26
Town Hall closed

Dec. 31
Recreation Center
and Fieldhouse close
at 4 p.m.