It's been a busy year in Parker! The Town Council and staff worked diligently to ensure that we continued to provide the fantastic amenities, programs and service delivery that our community has come to expect. In 2018, our team continued to enhance Parker's high quality of life by completing new trails, roads and other important projects that benefit our community, which you can read more about in the following Annual Report section.

Now, more than ever, our citizens are looking for opportunities to engage, which Parker embraced with open arms. Our commitment to transparency and community engagement continued with the February launch of our new community engagement website, Let's Talk Parker. In the site's first 10 months, we have already welcomed more than 25,000 visitors and given them a chance to weigh in on important Town projects and decisions. As we move forward and strive to accomplish more with fewer resources, the feedback from our community is more important than ever.

In addition to Let's Talk Parker, we also designed and launched new websites for the Town of Parker, Parker Parks and Recreation, Parker Arts and the Parker Police Department. We are proud of these new websites, which were designed to be fully mobile friendly with new and improved navigation and features.

And, our work does not go unrecognized! Parker received a variety of awards and recognitions in 2018, which you can read about in the pages ahead.

In December, Parker said goodbye to outgoing Councilmembers Amy Holland and Josh Martin and thanked them for their selfless service to the community. We also welcomed newly elected Councilmembers Cheryl Poage and Jeff Toborg, as well as re-elected Councilmember Renee Williams. The Town Council looks forward to working together to serve our great community.

These are just a few highlights of the things that make Parker “Your Kind of Place!” Read on to learn more about what was accomplished in 2018. We wish you all a safe and happy New Year!

– Your Parker Town Council

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2018 General Fund Budget Breakdown

- Police: 34.2%
- Community and Economic Development: 4.4%
- General Government: 13.8%
- Cultural: 4.6%
- Economic Incentives: 1.6%
- Urban Renewal Authority (P3): 0.5%
- Debt Service: 6.9%
- Parks: 7.9%
- Engineering and Public Works: 23.1%
- Building Inspection: 3.1%

Over 50 percent of the Town of Parker’s General Fund revenues support two of the core service areas communities expect from their local government—Police and Public Works.
Town Council Election Results
The Town held a regular election on Nov. 6 in conjunction with the Douglas County general election. Incumbent Renee Williams was elected to a second four-year term as Councilmember, while Cheryl Poage and Jeff Toborg were also selected to serve on Town Council, replacing term-limited Councilmembers Amy Holland and Josh Martin. The three elected Councilmembers were sworn into office Dec. 17.

Let’s Talk Parker Launched
The Town introduced a new online platform in 2018 that offers residents another easy option for getting involved in Town projects and initiatives that fits with their own schedule. Let’s Talk Parker features information about a wide variety of projects and initiatives, including potential public developments, plan updates, community enhancements and more. Visit www.LetsTalkParker.org to get involved in your community!

#ChooseParker
A new shop-local initiative, #ChooseParker, was introduced to help promote the importance of independent, local businesses to our economy. A $100 purchase at one of these local businesses results in $48 in staying in our community, compared to $14 for a chain restaurant/store and $1 for an online purchase. Shopping local keeps our tax dollars and our money within our community, supporting local government programs and services, all while supporting our own business community. In 2018, the Town’s social media and other communications outlets featured information, business features, facts, statistics and more about the importance of choosing Parker for your shopping needs.

Finance Department Awards
The Town was recognized in 2018 with the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award from the Government Finance Officers Association for the 14th time. Other honors received included the Cash Handling Certification from the Public Treasurers of the United States and Canada.

My Mainstreet Project
Partnering for Parker’s Progress (P3), the Town’s urban renewal authority, engaged the community in 2018 about the future of downtown Parker through My Mainstreet, a project aimed at directing development for four publicly owned downtown sites. The project brought residents, business owners and developers together to help create a vision of what these four properties could look like in the future, balanced by what is feasible for the private market to deliver. This joint P3-Town project concluded in the fall with a strategic framework plan that will help shape the future of these important sites.

New Websites Unveiled
Several new and improved websites were rolled out for the Town of Parker in Fall 2018, following an in-depth outreach and redesign process. Included in the project were new websites for the Town (www.ParkerOnline.org), Parker Arts (www.ParkerArts.org), Parker Parks and Recreation (www.ParkerRec.com) and the Parker Police Department (www.ParkerPolice.org). Participation from the community was instrumental in guiding the design process for the new sites, including feedback received from online surveys and in-person focus groups. Major focus was placed on improving site navigation, simplifying content and mobile-first design.

Parking Requirements for New Downtown Developments
The Town adopted new parking regulations for the Greater Downtown District in November based on recommendations from the previously completed Downtown Parking Study, Mainstreet Master Plan and community input. Highlighting the changes were the introduction of parking minimum and maximum requirements for new downtown developments located east of Parker Road. These new standards are a balanced approach with an aim of retaining the character and walkability of downtown, while ensuring parking in the area for employees, visitors and residents.

Planning for Parker’s Future
The Town’s Community Development Department helps to provide a vision for the future of our community with the help of participation and feedback from our residents. The long-range plans that were worked on in 2018 included:

• Complete Streets Policy: The 2014 Transportation Master Plan recommended the Town prepare and adopt a Complete Streets Policy because of the importance of streets and the substantial land area that they occupy in Town. In November, the Town adopted its first such policy, which promotes a multi-modal approach to streets while recognizing that vehicular travel will continue to be the dominant mode of travel. It supports the idea that everyone, regardless of age, ability, income or background, should have safe, comfortable and convenient access to community destinations and public places—whether driving, walking, bicycling or taking public transportation.

• Parker Road Corridor Plan: This plan, which originally kicked off in 2016, was reinvigorated in 2018. The project study area includes the eight-plus mile corridor extending from the Town’s northern boundary (north of Valley Hi Drive) to its southern boundary (south of Stroh Road). The Plan itself will develop a corridor-specific vision and goals related to land use, economics, urban form and multi-modal transportation. This exciting opportunity, once complete, will provide needed guidance and a framework for future Parker Road corridor infrastructure improvements and land-use recommendations.

• Parks, Recreation and Open Space Master Plan: In a partnership with the Parks and Recreation Department, Community Development helped complete Parker’s first Parks, Recreation and Open Space Master Plan, which will help guide management, operations and development of Parks and Recreation resources for years to come.

Our building inspectors are a busy group. Through November 2018, they performed 37,775 total inspections, an increase of more than 20% over 2017.

The Parker Police Department’s new online interactive traffic map, launched in 2018, receives an average of 5 times more traffic tips than through the previous system that was used.

Our residents and visitors love to know what’s going on in Parker. Individuals interacted with the Town on social media (likes, comments, shares and link clicks) more than 220,218 times in 2018 through the end of November.

Parker offers a Teen Court program as an alternative to the juvenile justice system for first-time, nonviolent, misdemeanor juvenile offenders. Almost 60 cases were heard by a group of peer teen volunteers in 2018.
Our Streets Division staff responded to 22 snow events in 2018, plowing 21,500 miles of Town roadways. These snow operations used 830 tons of Ice Slicer and 15,400 gallons of MgCl2.

The Parker Police are highly selective when choosing their officers. Of the 238 individuals who applied for a sponsorship position to the Police Academy through Parker PD in 2018, only six were advanced to the background check stage, a rate of 2.5%.

Parker’s great business community just keeps getting better. In 2018, the Town’s Sales Tax Division issued 1,716 licenses to Parker businesses, including 178 licenses for new businesses.

Our residents are passionate about Parker. More than 2,600 individual surveys were taken in the first 10 months of the Let’s Talk Parker online platform created to help citizens get more involved in Town projects.

2018 Capital Improvement Projects
The Town had several capital improvement projects that either started or were completed in 2018:

- **Parker Road Sidewalk Project** – This project, which added a sidewalk on the east side of Parker Road between the Sulphur Gulch Trail and the Plaza Drive intersection, was completed with partial funding from a Colorado/federal grant.
- **Roadway Reconstruction Project** – The scope of this annual project removed and replaced the 30-year-old concrete pavement on J. Morgan Boulevard between the Stroh Road and Cody Avenue intersections with a composite asphalt pavement/aggregate base course pavement section.
- **Jordan Road Widening** – The widening of Jordan Road between the Hess Road and Bradbury Parkway intersections was substantially completed in 2018.
- **New Traffic Signals** – New traffic signals added or under construction in 2018 included Jordan Road/Bradbury Ranch Drive, Chambers Road/Cottonwood Drive and Canterbury Parkway/Idyllwilde Drive.
- **Parkglenn Way Retaining Wall Replacement** – This project featured replacement of a failing wooden retaining wall with a concrete retaining wall, as well as a sidewalk reconfiguration.
- **Sidewalk Gap Elimination** – A missing section of sidewalk on the west side of Jordan Road between Cottonwood Drive and Parkerhouse Road was added, as well as another on the north side of Longs Way west of Parker Road.
- **Lincoln Avenue Median Improvements** – The Town contracted in late 2018 to complete needed median concrete improvements for improved circulation and planned median landscaping.
- **Building Demolition** – Capital Improvement staff worked with Facilities and Partner for Parker’s Progress (P3) staff to demolish structures on the Town-owned properties at Pine Curve and 19801 E. Mainstreet.
- **Chambers Road – Landscaping** for the remaining island between Mainstreet and Heirloom Parkway was bid out, while staff also worked with Douglas County to begin the process of widening Chambers in the unincorporated area between Lincoln Avenue and Mainstreet.
- **New Roadways** – The design of two new roadways was completed to allow for construction in 2019. A new section of Motsenbocker Road will be located between Clarke Farms and Todd Drive. Kings Point Way will be a collector roadway on the east side of Parker Road between Cottonwood Drive and an expanded Aurora Parkway.
- **J. Morgan Boulevard Extension** – The Town acquired the needed right-of-way south of Stroh Road to allow for this planned roadway extension.
- **Power Line Conversion** – The Town contracted with IREA to convert the existing overhead power line along the east side of Parker Road to an underground configuration adjacent to the Robinson Ranch Residential subdivision.
- **Trails Construction** – Capital Improvement staff worked with the Parks and Recreation Department to complete the construction of the Salisbury Park Trail and the Auburn Hills (Old Newlin Gulch Road) Trail. A test section of parallel soft-surface trail was also constructed adjacent to the Cherry Creek Trail north of Hess Road.

Economic Expansion
The Economic Development Division of the Community Development Department is advancing a plan to grow the Town boundaries in areas where substantial expansion of the tax base and jobs can be accomplished. Annexations in 2018 included six parcels in Compark, including Charter Communications, Woodspear Office Park and Baxter Health, in addition to the annexation of an enclave at Pine Lane and Parker Road that provided increases in Town-based employment and retail sales tax revenues.

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“What Will Your Story Be?”
The year 2018 brought an expansion of Economic Development marketing efforts, with a strong push to utilize social media and other digital channels to directly target business owners and influencers. Key to this effort was the introduction of video storytelling to allow these decision makers to “see” themselves in Parker. A theme of “What Will Your Story Be?” invites viewers to take a brief look at what business success looks like in Parker and encourages a deeper look to consider a future in Parker. Visit www.ParkerED.org to watch!

Colorado Safest Cities List
The Town of Parker was ranked the 13th-safest city in Colorado by Safewise. Violent crime rate and property crime rate were used to determine rankings.
One Mind Pledge
In response to the increasing need to assist individuals with mental illnesses and improve their response to those suffering from mental illness, the Parker Police Department completed the One Mind Pledge. In order to complete this pledge, a department must train and certify 100% of its officers in Mental Health First Aid and at least 20% of sworn officers in Crisis Intervention Training. Parker’s force exceeded those requirements, with 85% of officers having completed Crisis Intervention Training. The remaining 15% have all taken Mental Health First Aid.

Stormwater Capital Improvement Projects
• McCabe Meadows Detention Pond Retrofit – This project included installation of new forebays and trickle channels to improve maintenance activities for this facility. The outlet structure was also removed and replaced with a new structure conforming to current Town requirements and industry standards.
• Newlin Gulch at Heirloom Parkway – This area of Newlin Gulch had experienced channel and bank erosion, and this project stabilized the reach with rock riffle structures and bank stabilization measures. The project was designed and constructed in partnership with the Urban Drainage and Flood Control District.
• Parkglenn Trickle Channel Replacement – This project replaced degraded trickle channel with new trickle channel for improved maintenance.
• Cherry Creek Projects: KOA and Hess Road – The Hess Road reach was constructed by the Urban Drainage and Flood Control District, and the KOA reach is in design and will be constructed in late 2019.
• Sierra Middle School Detention Pond – This project included a new forebay and trickle channel in the pond for improved maintenance, as well as reconstruction of a grouted boulder rundown that was damaged by high storm flows in 2013.

Traffic Operations Accomplishments
Projects taken on by the Traffic Division in 2018 included:
• Completed deployment of the new traffic signal control system that automates monitoring of detection equipment to identify needed repairs
• Installed new Ethernet communications equipment that automatically provides redundant path failover, which is critical for traffic signal communications, as well as building-to-building data use by the Information Technology Division
• Updated traffic signal timing along Parker Road, which, as an example of its impact, has resulted in an 18% measured decrease in travel times in the southbound lanes during peak afternoon hours
• Deployed heated LED modules at 20 more traffic signal locations, reducing snow accumulation on signal faces
• Implemented Parker’s first use of Flashing Yellow Arrow control

New Development in Parker
In 2018, Parker’s development continued to reflect the strong regional growth and a growing local, regional and national economy. The number of applications for new development and redevelopment submitted to the Town’s Community Development Department were almost the same in 2018 (projected at 163) as the previous year (162). While the Parker 2035 Master Plan guides where types of development should occur, local and regional markets drive what types of applications are received in any given year. We consistently strive to improve the design and character of new developments in Parker, and Town Council adopted several updates to the Parker 2035 Master Plan and Land Development Ordinance amendments in 2018 with these goals in mind. This includes new development design standards for multi-family residential projects, updated standards for neighborhood and community centers and revised downtown parking standards.

Annual Roadway Maintenance
Among the roadway maintenance projects managed by the Streets Division in 2018 were:
• Mill and asphalt overlays on Hess Road, Hilltop Road, Canterberry Parkway and Jordan Road, totaling approximately $2.5 million
• Slurry/chip seal preventative maintenance improvements on several roadways, plus parking lots, totaling approximately $1.75 million
• Concrete repair/replacement improvements on several roadways totaling approximately $1 million

Town Facilities Division Highlights
Among the capital improvement projects completed at Town facilities in 2018 were:
• LED lighting projects at Town Hall and the Parker Fieldhouse
• Replacement of HVAC systems at The Schoolhouse, Recreation Center and Fleet shop
• Replacement of the lightning protection system at The Schoolhouse
• Structural and water mitigation project at the Fieldhouse
• Carpet replacement in the PACE Center theater

Parker Arts Highlights
Highlights in 2018 for Parker Arts included:
• After an extensive restoration, The Schoolhouse reopened in February.
• The PACE Center received 7 Henry Awards nominations from the Colorado Theatre Guild for outstanding achievements in the theater industry.
• Portfolio Day expanded, allowing art students from area high schools to attend professional workshops and have their portfolios reviewed by college professors from across the country.
• Over 15,000 people attended one of several free Cultural events (concerts in Discovery Park, Honey Festival, Parker Quest, Adult Lecture Series, etc.).

Technology allows our residents to get more involved in local government than ever before. All Town Council meetings can now be viewed live on Facebook. More than 28,000 meeting views were logged in 2018 through the Nov. 26 meeting.

As Colorado continues to grow, so does Parker. The total value of private and public construction in our Town exceeded $330 million through November 2018, an increase of more than 13% over 2017.

Did you know that roadways comprise about 15 percent of Parker’s total land area? Supplementing our roads are 5,000+ street signs, 750+ lighting fixtures, 90 traffic signals and 46 school zone flashers.

12,000+

Parker residents love local community events. The largest annual event hosted by the Town of Parker, the Parker Stars and Stripes Celebration on July 4, saw an all-time-record attendance of nearly 12,000 people in 2018.

$330 Million
The Town continues to place emphasis on the acquisition and preservation of open space. In 2018, 150 acres of open space were added to Parker’s portfolio.

Parker launched a new Adopt-a-Street Program in 2018, with a record of 14 groups signing up to participate. These volunteers removed more than 200 bags of trash from Town roadways during the year.

Parker Arts served 5,128 elementary school students and 56 individual schools in 2018 through its student matinee productions.

The Parker Police placed a new prescription medication collection box in their lobby in 2018 to collect unused and expired drugs. About 1,400 pounds of medications, nearly three-quarters of a ton, were collected by the end of November!

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- Harvie Open Space – Acquired and annexed this 72-acre open space property, including approval of various planning and engineering entitlements
- Other Open Space Dedications – Accepted dedication from developers of more than 150 acres of land that will be preserved as open space relating to the following projects: Trails at Crowfoot, Reata West and the Depot at Westcreek
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Parks and Recreation Capital Projects

Numerous Parks and Recreation Capital Projects were undertaken in 2018:

- Pickleball Courts - Resurfaced and converted an existing inline rink at the Parker Recreation Center to four permanent pickleball courts to support Parker’s growing Active Aging community
- High Plains Trail – Completed conceptual designs for three segments of the trail, including the future grade-separated crossing of Parker Road
- East/West Regional Trail – Finished construction of this regional trail through the Town from Chambers Road to the Cherry Creek Trail
- Salisbury Park Trail – Constructed a 10-foot-wide concrete trail from Salisbury Park to the McCabe Meadows Trailhead near Parker Road
- Sulphur Gulch Trail Crossing – Constructed an “enhanced” at-grade trail crossing of Pikes Peak Drive in downtown Parker, including pavement treatment, landscaping, shade shelter with seating, drinking fountain and historic signage

Recreation Division Highlights

The Town’s Recreation Division had another successful year in 2018:

- Received three awards at the annual Colorado Parks and Recreation Association conference held in Snowmass: Deni Jacobs received the outstanding Therapeutic Recreation Professional of the Year Award, Cathy Berends was named the PLAY Professional of the Year, and volunteer sports coach Mark Hossack received the Individual Community Champion Award
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- Introduced new technology to the Day Camp program to allow for digital sign-in/out of parents, allowing for increased security and more portable camper files for excursions
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2020 Calendar Photo Contest
Do you want to see your photos featured in the Town of Parker’s 2020 calendar? Watch for photo contest details on the Town website at www.ParkerOnline.org/CalendarContest, in the Talk of the Town newsletter or on the Town’s social media outlets (Facebook, Twitter and Instagram) next fall! If you have questions or comments about the Annual Report, please contact the Communications Department at 303.805.3257 or ca@parkeronline.org.
### Disney’s Newsies: The Musical
Extra! Extra! Newsies is coming to the PACE Center from Jan. 18 through Feb. 12!

Featuring classic songs like “Carrying the Banner” and “Seize the Day,” Newsies tells the tale of a band of newsboys taking on big business to fight for what’s right in turn-of-the-century New York City.

Based on the real-life story of the newsboys strike in 1899, this action-packed musical promises fun for the whole family!

Visit www.ParkerArts.org for tickets and more information!

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## Get Active with the 2019 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. 9 at Bar CCC Park.

Also returning this year are the Cattle Crossing 5K and Family Fun Trek on June 1 at Tallman Meadow Park, the So Long to Summer 5K/10K and Family Fun Trek on Aug. 10 at Salisbury Park and the Turkey Day 5K FUN Run/Walk on Thanksgiving day, Nov. 28, at the Parker Recreation Center.


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Get Involved with Your Community; Visit Let’s Talk Parker!

Do you care about the Parker community, but family, work and life obligations don’t leave you with much time to participate? If so, you’ll love Let’s Talk Parker, the Town’s official online community engagement resource.

This innovative platform offers our residents another easy option for getting involved and providing feedback on Town projects and initiatives at a time that fits with their own personal schedule. The website can be accessed by logging on to www.LetsTalkParker.org or through the “Let’s Talk” button on the Town of Parker website homepage at www.ParkerOnline.org.

Be sure to check out this new tool and let us know what you think!

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- **March 10**: Daylight Saving Time Begins

- **March 13**: Coffee with a Cop
  - www.ParkerPolice.org

- **March 14**: Planning Commission Meeting
  - www.ParkerOnline.org

- **March 17**: St. Patrick’s Day
  - www.ParkerOnline.org

- **March 18**: Town Council Meeting
  - www.ParkerOnline.org

- **March 20**: Spring Begins

- **March 24**: Ash Wednesday

- **March 28**: Planning Commission Meeting
  - www.ParkerOnline.org

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Above: Shaun Wilsey
Below: Joe McDaniel
Parker Celebrates Arbor Day

Arbor Day is a fun, educational event for the whole family and is an important component in 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 every year since 1994!

Come help us celebrate Arbor Day on Saturday, April 27. Look for more details in the Talk of the Town monthly newsletter and at www.ParkerRec.com/ ArborDay as the event nears.

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Above: Tessa Murphy-Sena
Below: Chris D’Arcy
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 29 at 9 a.m. at O’Brien Park. This event features a one-mile fun walk, followed by breakfast and exciting prize giveaways.

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


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May 2019 Calendar

- Cinco De Mayo - Mother’s Day - Memorial Day - Senior Stroll - Free Discovery Park Concert

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Bike to Work Day

The Town of Parker will again hold its annual Bike to Work Day breakfast station June 26 on the Cherry Creek Trail under the E-470 overpass.

The Denver Regional Council of Governments (DRCOG) brings together city and county governments and other interested groups in the metro area each year to plan Bike to Work Day as a way of raising awareness of bicycle commuting.

Each year, more than 400 riders stop by the Town’s popular breakfast station on their way to work to fuel up with refreshments and giveaways from local sponsors. The Parker station consistently ranks among the top stops in the Denver metro area each year. To sign up for this year’s event, visit www.ParkerOnline.org/BikeToWorkDay.

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Above: Shannon Esper
Below: Tricia Ebersole
**Parker Stars and Stripes Celebration**

Help honor the birth of our nation right here in the Town of Parker with the annual Parker Stars and Stripes Celebration at Salisbury Park.

Nearly 12,000 residents and visitors attend this event each year to witness a world-class fireworks display, weather permitting. In addition, kids and parents alike can enjoy complimentary musical performances, bounce houses, slides, games and more. And what’s a celebration without great food? Indulge in fare from several fantastic vendors. Admission to the Parker Stars and Stripes Celebration is free; parking is $10 per vehicle.

Check www.ParkerOnline.org/StarsandStripes for updates on 2019 festivities!

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Above: Michelle Parker
Below: John Ott
Parker Quest
Parker Arts and the Parker Area Historical Society invite you to discover the history of downtown Parker in a scavenger-hunt-style event on Aug. 17 with Parker Quest!

The journey begins at The Schoolhouse on Mainstreet, where you will receive a passport with clues to guide you on your quest to places of interest around town. Volunteers are stationed at each stop to share the history of Parker (feel free to ask questions and learn more)! At the end of the Quest, receive your goodie bag and enjoy festivities including music and lawn games!

Visit www.ParkerArts.org/ParkerQuest for more information!

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Below: Anna Hylton

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Experience the Dog Days of Summer
Parker Parks and Recreation presents Barker Days 2019 on Sept. 7.

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 socialize with pups their own size.


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Above: Deb Schaffer
Below: Alexis Dymek
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. 26 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/FHFrightNight.

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.

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Below: Amber Sloan

October 2019

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Coffee with a Cop
www.ParkerPolice.org

Town Council Meeting
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Yom Kippur Begins

Planning Commission Meeting
www.ParkerOnline.org

Columbus Day

Planning Commission Meeting
www.ParkerOnline.org

Fieldhouse Fright Night
www.ParkerRec.com
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 and, of course, the grand park lighting! For more details, visit www.ParkerOnline.org/MayorsHolidayLighting.

Another Parker Thanksgiving tradition is the official opening of the Parker Ice Trail for the season, also scheduled this year for Friday, Nov. 29. For more information, including hours, admission prices and skate rentals, visit www.ParkerRec.com/IceTrail.

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- Election Day
- Homeowner Building Class www.ParkerOnline.org
- Veterans Day
- Town Offices Closed
- Planning Commission Meeting www.ParkerOnline.org
- Town Council Meeting www.ParkerOnline.org
- Thanksgiving Turkey Day 5K FUN Run/Walk www.ParkerRec.com
- Town Offices and Recreation Facilities Closed
- Mayor’s Holiday Lighting www.ParkerOnline.org
- Parker Ice Trail Opens www.ParkerRec.com
- Town Offices Closed
### Christmas Carriage Parade
The second Saturday of December is a festive day in downtown Parker thanks to the Christmas Carriage Parade!

Horses, some with carriages, some with riders and some of the miniature variety, march the parade route, decked out with festive decorations. 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.

Paradegoers 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.

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  - Milk and Cookies with Santa
    - www.ParkerRec.com
  - Christmas Carriage Parade
    - www.ParkerOnline.org
  - Hanukkah Begins
  - Christmas Eve
    - Town Offices and Recreation Facilities Closed
  - Christmas Day
    - Town Offices and Recreation Facilities Closed
  - New Year’s Eve
  - Winter Begins
  - Coffee with a Cop
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2018 Annual Report

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