2020 CALENDAR
2019 ANNUAL REPORT
We are grateful for another successful year in Parker, Colorado! Despite a changing financial picture, we’ve accomplished a lot in 2019. Town Council and staff have worked diligently to provide the amenities, programs and service delivery that our community has come to expect. In 2019, our team continued to enhance the quality of life in Parker by completing new trails, roads and other important projects that benefit our community, which you can read more about in the upcoming pages.

Now, more than ever, our citizens are looking for opportunities to be involved, which Parker has embraced with open arms. In addition to Let’s Talk Parker, our popular community engagement website, Town Council and staff spent several mornings at the Parker Farmer’s Market chatting with and answering questions from our residents and visitors. Our Public Works and Engineering Department also debuted its first “Touch a Truck” event as part of National Public Works Week. Look for more opportunities to engage with us in 2020!

A big thanks to all of our involved Parker citizens who took the time to vote in the November 2019 election! Voters passed nine of 10 local ballot measures, including an increase in excise tax on new residential development, which will help growth pay its way in Parker by contributing additional funding for roads, sidewalks, parks and other infrastructure needs. Other measures that passed included term limits for the Mayor and Town Council and a variety of Town Charter clean-up items.

As in past years, Parker received some great community awards and recognitions in 2019, including WalletHub’s “Best Place to Raise a Family in Colorado” and 64th “Best Small City in America” awards, as well as Home Security Advisor’s “8th Safest City in Colorado” award. Douglas County was also recognized as the “Healthiest Community in America” by U.S. News & World Report.

These are just a few highlights of the things that made Parker “Your Kind of Place” in 2019! Read on to learn more about what was accomplished. We wish you all a safe and happy New Year!

– Your Parker Town Council

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* 2019 projected figures calculated with data through Nov. 21, 2019
Town Council Election Results
The Town held a regular election on Nov. 5 in conjunction with the Douglas County general election, featuring 10 Town-related questions on the ballot. Nine of the 10 measures were approved by voters, including:
• An increase in excise tax on new residential development that will help grow pay its way in Parker by contributing additional funding for roads, sidewalks, parks and other infrastructure needs
• Changes to term limits for the Mayor and Town Council
• A measure to allow the Town to provide free public Wi-Fi in public facilities
• A variety of Town Charter clean-up items

Town Awards and Honors
Parker and the surrounding community continue to be highly regarded for several areas related to overall quality of life, including safety, health and wellness. Among the accolades received by our community in 2019 were:
• No. 1 – Best Places to Raise a Family in Colorado (WalletHub)
• No. 1 – Healthiest Communities in America – Douglas County (U.S. News & World Report)
• No. 8 – Safest Cities to Live in Colorado (Home Security Advisor)
• No. 64 – Best Small Cities in America (WalletHub)

Made in Parker Sponsorship
The Town launched a new “Made in Parker” sponsorship in 2019 that helps support locally owned, non-franchised businesses. The sponsorship helps these Parker businesses to have a presence at each of the Town’s major special events, while also receiving business recognition on the Town’s popular social media platforms, for an affordable price.

Let’s Talk Parker!
The Town’s online community engagement platform, Let’s Talk Parker, saw continued growth in 2019, highlighted by nearly 19,000 visits by individuals interested in getting involved in Town projects and initiatives. Among the 14 new projects added to the site was My Mainstreet Implementation, the project with the most participation for 2019. To help promote this resource, Let’s Talk Parker booths appeared at three Parker Farmer’s Market dates in the summer, with Town Council members and staff engaging with residents and visitors about our community.

Free RTD FlexRide Summer Service
The Town partnered with RTD to provide free rides for residents on the RTD Parker FlexRide (formerly known as Call-n-Ride) from June through August. This unique partnership provided free bus rides to individuals of all ages within the Parker service area.

New Development in Parker
The Town’s Community Development Department and Economic Development Division were busy again in 2019 with requests for investment in our community. Among the new projects of note were:
• Annexation of KOA property (north of McCabe Meadows)
• EDGE 470 (industrial/flex space development)
• Paragon 28 headquarters (medical device manufacturer)
• Pine Bluffs Plaza (commercial development)
• Springhill Suites by Marriott (hotel)
• The Laszlo (hotel and restaurants)
• Trails at Crowfoot (planned community with 884 homes)

Construction Activity in Parker
Statistics as of Nov. 21, 2019
• Single-Family Home Permits: 372
• Multi-Family Residential Permits: 2 Condominiums (58 units), 19 Townhomes
• Commercial Permits (All Types): 192
• Other Permits: 3,739
• Total Permits: 4,324
• Total Building Construction Valuation: $322,715,725
• Total Inspections: 33,680

Economic Development Division Highlights
The Town’s Economic Development Division continued to support Parker’s local business community in 2019:
• Small Business Revolving Loan Program: This new program supports small business recruitment, expansion and retention in the Town through a partnership with the Colorado Enterprise Fund (CEF). The program provides loans and technical assistance to small businesses in Parker, including start-up enterprises that may not be able to access the standard commercial lending market.
• Business Retention and Expansion Program: This program involves coordinated and directed outreach to the Town’s business community to gather information about the local economy, identify issues of concern and work collaboratively to strengthen the local economy. The Town surpassed its goal of 70 visits with local businesses in 2019.
• Economic Indicators: The Town continued to outperform the Denver metro region in 2019 according to several key economic indicators, including office vacancy rate (5.9% vs. 9.2%), retail vacancy rate (3.3% vs. 4.3%) and unemployment rate (2.7% vs. 2.9%).

Did you know that Parker is a Tree City USA community? Parks and Recreation’s Forestry Division maintains more than 5,000 trees on public properties in Town.

Downtown Parker is a beautiful place to visit during the holidays! About 90,000 individual light bulbs are used in the Town’s annual holiday lighting display in O’Brien Park and downtown Parker.
Planning for Parker’s Future
The Town’s Community Development Department helps provide a vision for the future of our community with the help of feedback from residents. Long-range plans that were worked on in 2019 include:

• Parker Road Corridor Plan: This project is a corridor-specific vision for Parker Road and relates to land use, economics, urban form and multi-modal transportation. The plan will guide future development and infrastructure investment in our community.

• Development Design Standards Update: This update to the Town’s Commercial, Industrial and Multi-Family Residential Design Standards will help promote high-quality architectural, site plan and urban design with private development approved by the Town.

• Parks Dedication Standards Study: This collaborative project between the Community Development and Parks and Recreation Departments updated the Town’s parks dedication standards that govern the amount, type and design of parks and open space that must be provided with new residential development.

• Parker Wayfinding Sign Project: The Town completed Phase 2 of this project that provides a comprehensive system of informational signage throughout the Town to direct visitors, residents and businesses to major destinations and public facilities.

• Land Development Ordinance Modernization: This comprehensive update to the Town’s Land Development Ordinance governs all development and, when completed, will align zoning with the Parker 2035 Master Plan, incorporate best practices and modern zoning techniques, and be more transparent and usable for applicants, residents and Town staff.

• Chambers and Hess Sub-Area Plan: This targeted master plan will assess economic and transportation influences at the intersection of Hess Road and Chambers Road, site of future commercial development that is currently allowed by zoning. It will also establish a land use and transportation framework to support future development in this area.

Parker Arts Highlights
Highlights in 2019 for Parker Arts included:

• Presented 235 diverse performances by national performing artists and local arts organizations, serving more than 57,000 audience members

• Received six Henry Awards nominations for the musical “Newsies”

• Provided theater rental opportunities for 23 community groups at the Schoolhouse Theater and 36 community groups at the PACE Center, for a total of 104 rental performances serving more than 16,000 audience members

• Hosted the 3rd Annual Shakespeare Festival, serving 170 students and 15 schools (as compared to 161 students and 10 schools in 2018)

• Offered 63 cultural enrichment camps serving 1,107 youth, an increase of 10% over 2018

• Benefited from 224 volunteers who donated over 9,000 hours of time at shows, classes, festivals and more

• Provided community event rental opportunities serving 25,756 individuals and organizations, a 3% increase over 2018

• Provided over 50 free community outreach events serving over 11,000 citizens and visitors

Family Free Days
The PACE Center hosted a Family Free Day celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month on Oct. 6. Almost 200 kids and adults enjoyed traditional food, crafts and entertainment, including bilingual story time and the animated film “The Book of Life.” In 2020, Parker Arts will host Family Free Days celebrating Black History Month on Feb. 23 and Asian Pacific Heritage Month on May 3.

Community Response Team
The Parker Police Department launched a new Community Response Team (CRT) in 2019 focusing on residents and calls with mental health issues. The CRT is comprised of a specially trained police officer and mental health clinician with the goal of getting individuals the help they need without being forced to go to the emergency room. This team is part of the Douglas County Health Initiative’s Community Response Team, and Parker PD joined the Douglas County Sheriff’s Office and Castle Rock Police Department in the program.

School Resource Officers Added
The Parker Police Department doubled the number of school resource officers in Parker schools in 2019 from two to four. Legend High School and Cimarron and Sierra Middle Schools now each have a school resource officer assigned to them. The two American Academy campuses have one school resource officer assigned who splits time between the schools.
Police Classes and Community Programs

The Parker Police Department continued to offer new public classes and outreach opportunities in 2019:

- **Parent Safety Academy:** These classes focused on how to keep children safe in a constantly evolving world. Topics included keeping your kids safe online, resiliency and teen safety.

- **Teen Police Citizen's Academy:** This weeklong academy for teens featured police staff teaching what they do and why. SWAT team, K-9 demonstrations, driving track and Tasers were a few student favorites.

- **Pop with a Cop/Cookies with Rookies:** These programs, similar to the popular Coffee with a Cop, work to enhance the bond between officers and community youth, as well as to help introduce new officers to the community.

Police Training

The Parker Police Department hosted several important law enforcement training opportunities in 2019:

- **Active Shooter Training:** This large-scale, multi-agency exercise at Cimarron Middle School was critical for our police to train with their partners in Douglas County who will respond in the event of a large-scale incident.

- **FBI Classes:** Parker hosted an FBI leadership training series for police supervisors, commanders and executives, as well as the FBI Master Public Information Officer class. These classes allow our staff to train here in Parker while saving the Town thousands of dollars.

Police Accreditation

CALEA (Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies) awarded the Parker Police "Accreditation with Excellence" in 2019, CALEA's most prestigious award. Parker was recognized for excellence in policies, procedures, organizational improvement, analysis, strategy and organizational culture.

Police Volunteers

As budgets get tighter for municipalities across the country, it requires courage to continue to provide a high level of service to an increasing number of residents without increasing costs. In 2019, the Parker Police Department added five volunteer positions to help maintain exceptional service for Town residents. Volunteers help out in Crime Scene and Evidence, the Office of Professional Standards and Records.

Court Supervision Program

The Parker Municipal Court created a Supervision Program for juveniles and adult defendants in 2019. The program is intended for individuals who may pose a risk to the community or, in the case of juveniles, may be at higher risk to re-offend or fail to thrive, and thus become a greater burden to the community. Supervision furthers the goals of rehabilitation and community safety. The Court accepted 24 cases in the first 11 months of 2019.

Parks and Recreation Capital Project Highlights

The Parks and Recreation Department worked on several major projects in 2019:

- **Trails at Crowfoot Community Park:** This 17-acre community park, to be funded by the developer of this new residential community and dedicated to the Town, will include a multi-use sports field, baseball field, tennis courts, pickle ball courts, picnic/shade shelters, playground, nine-hole disc golf course and soft-surface trails when it is completed in 2020.

- **Auburn Hills Community Park:** Plans were completed for a renovation of this Town-owned community park featuring improvements to existing sports fields, a new playground and additional trail connections, all of which were funded by Public Service Company (PSCo).

- **East/West Regional Trail:** This regional trail connection from the Cherry Creek Trail to Chambers Road was completed and includes an enhanced at-grade crossing of Motsenbocker Road and Todd Drive.

- **High Plains Trail:** The Town is among a group of partners that received a $2 million grant from Great Outdoors Colorado (GOCO) to help fund this regional trail that will include a grade-separated crossing of Parker Road near the Douglas/Arapahoe county line.

- **Park Dedication Standards Update:** This completed report identified and addressed a number of issues and deficiencies with the Town’s existing park dedication standards.

- **H2O'Brien Pool Renovation:** Construction began on improvements to this Town facility that will include new aquatic play features, pool deck improvements and a remodeled lobby and changing area.

- **O'Brien Park Playground Renovation:** Staff initiated a public engagement process seeking input and ideas for the 2020 renovation of this downtown playground.

Parks Division Highlights

Among the Parks Division’s major accomplishments in 2019 were:

- Completed the final phase of the East-West Regional Trail within Town boundaries
- Partnered with the Douglas Land Conservancy to provide citizens with guided hikes of the future Harvie Open Space property for the first time
- Continued the division’s Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) transition plan by making all dog stations along the Town’s trails system and at Salisbury Park ADA accessible
- Began forming a new e-bicycle policy for use on the Town’s trails system
- Collaborated with community members and donors to build Danny’s Rock, a memorial garden along the Cherry Creek Trail that serves as a place of healing for those who have lost loved ones to addiction

Keep our Town’s infrastructure in good shape is an important duty of the Town’s Engineering and Public Works Department. In 2019, Town crews repaired 720 potholes on Parker roadways, a 27% increase over 2018 figures.

While Parker Arts may be best known for the performances it hosts at the PACE Center, education is another of its important missions. In 2019, Parker Arts offered 63 cultural enrichment camps while serving 1,107 youth, an increase of 10% over 2018.

The Parker Police Department collaborated with the Lone Tree and Castle Rock Police Departments to collect 565 cell phones in 2019 for victims of domestic violence to ensure they have a way to call for help if needed.

Our Town takes parks, recreation and open space seriously. Parker now has more than 70 miles of public trails, 250 acres of Town-owned parkland and 1,900 acres of open space.
Recreation Division Highlights
The Town’s Recreation Division had another successful year in 2019 featuring the following accomplishments:
• Increased Aquatics program participation by 33% from 2018
• Accommodated over 4,000 participants in group swim lessons, private lessons, clinics, Masters swim team and CARA swim team
• The Division General Security Plan was updated and reviewed by Risk Management, South Metro Fire Rescue and Parker Police; plan implementation and emergency drills have begun
• Increased Kids’ Zone Summer Camp offerings, resulting in wait lists
• Increased offerings in STEAM-based enrichment programs
• Implemented popular enrichment programs, including retirement planning and ADHD management
• Successfully acquired Douglas County mill levy funds once again for the Therapeutic Recreation/Adaptive Swim Program
• Increased CancerFit program membership by more than 62%
• Increased participation in Youth Sports by 583 registrants
• Utilized new technology to streamlined patron check-in process and provide online membership sales for the first time
• Upgraded all four ballfield scoreboards at Salisbury Park with more professional and efficient scoreboards
• Performed a fee analysis across the Sports Division to ensure an appropriate pricing structure for fees and services
• Increased participation for the Birthday Party Program by 20%

Capital Improvement Projects
The Town’s Engineering and Public Works Department focused on numerous capital projects in 2019:
• Motsenbocker Road Widening: This completed project included the widening of the arterial roadway between the Clarke Farms subdivision and the Todd Drive intersection and the addition of center turn lanes, bike lanes and sidewalks.
• Kings Point Way: Construction began for this new collector roadway planned for the east side of Parker Road between Cottonwood Drive and the future extension of Aurora Parkway.
• Dransfeldt Road Extension: Preliminary design began for this roadway extension that will eventually connect Dransfeldt Road to Motsenbocker Road.
• Cottonwood Road Widening: Design work began for this proposed project located between Jordan Road and Cottonwood Way.
• Lincoln Avenue Median Improvements: Median and safety improvements were completed to Lincoln Avenue between Keystone Boulevard and Jordan Road.
• Stroh Road Reconstruction: The Town’s 2019 Roadway Reconstruction Project featured the replacement of the 30-plus-year-old westbound concrete lanes of Stroh Road between Parker Road and J Morgan Boulevard with new asphalt pavement.
• Parker Road Sidewalk Project: Design began for the addition of new sidewalk along the west side of Parker Road between Twenty Mile Road and Hess Road, along with a spur to the Cherry Creek Trail.
• Lincoln Avenue Auxiliary Turn Lane: A dedicated right-hand turn lane was added to a section of eastbound Lincoln Avenue between Parker Road and Village Creek Parkway.
• Schoolhouse Plaza and Parking Lot: This project featured safety and accessibility improvements to two parking lot areas that serve the historic downtown Schoolhouse facility, as well as the addition of a public plaza area that will be used as a special event space for public and private events.

Roadway Maintenance
The Town places great emphasis on keeping Parker’s roadway system in great shape. Among the annual maintenance projects conducted were:
• Mill and asphalt overlay (114,600 square yards) on Mainstreet/Pine Drive, Lincoln Avenue (east of Parker Road) and Jordan Road ($2.25 million)
• Slurry/chip seal preventative maintenance on several local, collector and arterial roadways, plus parking lots ($1.8 million)
• Concrete repair/replacement on several local, collector and arterial roadways ($1 million)

Stormwater Improvements
The Stormwater Utility Division was busy in 2019 completing several important projects:
• Cherry Creek at KOA: Channel and bank stabilization was performed to Cherry Creek between the McCabe Meadows trailhead parking lot and Twenty Mile Road.
• Lemon Gulch at Meadowlark: Channel and bank stabilization was performed to Lemon Gulch between Crowfoot Valley Road and the Meadowlark property, a new residential subdivision under construction in southwest Parker.
• Stormwater Needs Assessment: A needs assessment study update was completed that incorporated all stormwater infrastructure growth from the past 10 years, while projecting growth and needs for the next decade.

Household Chemical Roundup: This annual event co-sponsored with Tri-County Health saw 849 households drop off more than 80 tons of materials, including approximately 55,000 pounds of paint materials, 249 tires and 3,600 pounds of batteries.

Traffic Division Highlights
The Traffic Division continues to make improvements to Parker’s traffic system to keep up with our growing community:
• The first phase of the Town’s anticipated Responsive Signal Timing System began with the installation of equipment along Parker Road and crossing arterial roads that can adjust signals to different traffic patterns throughout the day based on real-time traffic rather than historical data.
• New Flashing Yellow Arrow (FYA) operations were installed at three intersections (Chambers/Mainstreet, Lincoln/Jordan and Chambers/ Cottonwood). FYA has the ability to operate in different modes by time of day, which can enhance safety and allow efficiency.
• Staff completed new Town standards for pedestrian crossing treatments. These guidelines help identify which type of signage or enhanced equipment, such as flashers, are appropriate for all road crossings.
• Deployment of devices to keep traffic signals clear of snow continued in 2019. These devices provide noticeably better visibility under conditions when snow can stick to traffic signal faces.

Parker Teen Court Statistics
• Volunteers dedicated 1,060 hours of service to Parker Teen Court in 2019.
• Parker Teen Court sanctioned 553 community service hours and 95 jury duty appointments in 32 cases in 2019.
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**2021 Calendar Photo Contest**

Do you want to see your photos featured in the Town of Parker’s 2021 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.
Matilda, The Musical
Make sure to ring in the New Year by taking in a performance of Matilda, The Musical, during its run at the PACE Center from Jan. 17 to Feb. 9.

Inspired by the twisted genius of Roald Dahl, this Tony Award-winning musical tells the story of an extraordinary girl who, armed with astonishing wit, intelligence and psychokinetic powers, takes a stand.

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

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Below: Ian Nye
Get Active with the 2020 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. 8 at Bar CCC Park.

Also returning this year are the Cattle Crossing 5K and Family Fun Trek on June 20 at Tallman Meadow Park, the So Long to Summer 5K/10K and Family Fun Trek on Sept. 19 at Salisbury Park and the Turkey Day 5K FUN Run/Walk on Thanksgiving day, Nov. 26, starting at the Parker Recreation Center.

For more information on the Run Series, visit www.ParkerRec.com/RunSeries.

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Below: Courtney Manitz
Join the Parker Arts Family Circle
Becoming a Parker Arts Family Circle member is not only a great way to contribute to Parker’s flourishing arts community, but it also has some outstanding benefits!

Members enjoy exclusive special events like meet and greets with performers, fun social gatherings with other members, discounts on tickets and more! Join us for the members-only Season Announcement Party and learn about all the new shows coming to the PACE Center and The Schoolhouse before anyone else. You can even purchase tickets before they go on sale to the general public!

For more information and to sign up, visit www.ParkerArts.org/FamilyCircle.

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Town Council Meeting
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Daylight Saving Time Begins
Planning Commission Meeting
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St. Patrick’s Day
Spring Begins

Town of Parker Blood Drive
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February 2020

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Spring Begins

MARCH 2020
Parker Celebrates Arbor Day

Parker’s Arbor Day Celebration is a fun, free 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 25. 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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### Active Older 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 27 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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**Bike to Work Day**
The Town of Parker will again hold its annual Bike to Work Day breakfast station June 24 on the Cherry Creek Trail just south of 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.

Hundreds of 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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- **June 7**: Town Council Meeting
  www.ParkerOnline.org

- **June 8**: Flag Day
  Parker Days
  www.ParkerChamber.com

- **June 15**: Town Council Meeting
  www.ParkerOnline.org

- **June 16**: Planning Commission Meeting
  www.ParkerOnline.org

- **June 21**: Bike to Work Day
  www.ParkerOnline.org

- **June 24**: Free Discovery Park Concert
  www.ParkerArts.org

- **June 25**: Planning Commission Meeting
  www.ParkerOnline.org

- **June 28**: Kids’ Zone Princess Ball
  www.ParkerRec.com
**Parker Stars and Stripes Celebration**
Celebrate the anniversary of 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 spectacular fireworks display, weather permitting. In addition, kids and parents alike can enjoy 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 2020 festivities!

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**July 2020 Calendar**
- 1: Independence Day
- 3: Independence Day Stars and Stripes Celebration
- 4: Recreation Facilities Closed (H2O'Brien Pool Open)
- 5: Town Council Meeting
- 6: Planning Commission Meeting
- 7: Free Discovery Park Concert
- 8: Planning Commission Meeting
- 9: Free Discovery Park Concert
- 10: Independence Day Observed
- 11: Town Offices Closed
- 12: Town Council Meeting
- 13: Coffee with a Cop
- 14: Planning Commission Meeting
- 15: Free Discovery Park Concert
- 16: Planning Commission Meeting
- 17: Free Discovery Park Concert
- 18: Kids' TRY-athlon
- 19: Free Discovery Park Concert
- 20: Downtown Wine Walk
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Help Keep Our Town Beautiful; Join the Adopt-a-Street Program

Are you looking for a great way to give back to your community? Consider joining the Town of Parker’s Adopt-a-Street Program!

Through the Adopt-a-Street Program, groups or individual volunteers can “adopt” a street to help keep our Town free of trash. Through this program, a volunteer group agrees to pick up trash on an adopted section of street at least once per month April through September and once every two months October through March.

If you feel the Adopt-a-Street Program may be a fit for you or your organization, visit www.ParkerOnline.org/AdoptAStreet for more details, including a map featuring streets that are currently available to adopt!

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Parker Arts 2020-21 Season Tickets on Sale to the General Public www.ParkerArts.org
Parker Quest Scavenger Hunt www.ParkerArts.org
Parker Brewfest www.CCVRotary.org
Art in the Park www.ParkerArts.org
Art in the Park www.ParkerArtistsGuild.com
Planning Commission Meeting www.ParkerOnline.org
Downtown Wine Walk www.ParkerChamber.com
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? Then 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. Visit our website at 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 great tool and let us know what you think!

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- **So Long to Summer 5K/10K**
  - www.ParkerRec.com
- **Rosh Hashana Begins**
  - Parker Oktoberfest www.ColoradoCASC.com
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- **Downtown Wine Walk**
  - www.ParkerChamber.com
- **Yom Kippur Begins**

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Celebrate Halloween in Parker
Get your family in the fall spirit with fun Halloween events in Parker!

Parker Parks and Recreation has several events planned to help you celebrate this spooky season, including the Pumpkin Patch Splash on Oct. 17 and the always-popular Fieldhouse Fright Night on Oct. 24. For details, visit www.ParkerRec.com.

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.TrickOrTreatOnMainstreet.com.

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**Experience the Holidays in Parker**

To celebrate the start of the holiday season, the Town hosts the Mayor’s Holiday Lighting every year on the Friday after Thanksgiving in O’Brien Park. Residents gather to enjoy performances from local groups, festive concessions and, of course, the grand park lighting! For more information about all of Parker’s holiday events, visit [www.ParkerOnline.org/HolidayEvents](http://www.ParkerOnline.org/HolidayEvents).

Thanksgiving weekend also marks the start of a new winter tradition in Parker—the season’s official opening of the Parker Ice Trail at Discovery Park. This year’s opening date is scheduled for Friday, Nov. 27. For more information about this fun downtown amenity, including hours, admission prices and skate rentals, visit [www.ParkerRec.com/IceTrail](http://www.ParkerRec.com/IceTrail).

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Celebrate the Holidays with Parker Arts

Ready to get in the holiday spirit? Be sure to get your tickets early for Parker Arts’ annual holiday show offerings, which include A Classic Parker Holiday, The Nutcracker and more! Visit www.ParkerArts.org/Shows for information and tickets.

Parker Arts also has several venues that are perfect for hosting your holiday party, including meeting rooms and theater areas at the PACE Center and The Schoolhouse, as well as Ruth Memorial Chapel. For more information, visit www.ParkerArts.org/Rent-Our-Space.

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