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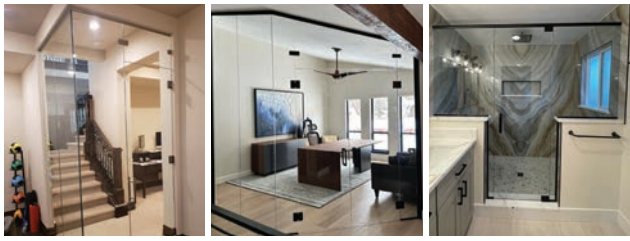


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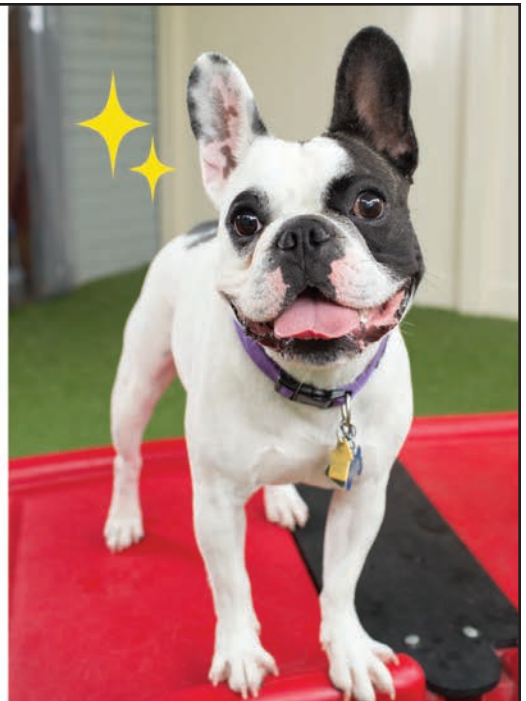
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The Perkins family on a hike.



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COMING EVENTS

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Summer Concert Series

Thursdays | 20115 Mainstreet | 6:30 - 8:00 pm

The lineup for this year's free concert series:

June 4 - The Elegant Plums

July 2 - 101st Army Band

June 11 - The Violet Pines

July 9 - Isaac Points Jakarta Band

June 18 - Lucky Catch

July 16 - Caltucky

June 25 - Boogie Machine

July 23 - El Paso Lasso



Parker Days

June 11-14 | Downtown

Gear up for the ultimate summer vibes at the 50th Annual Parker Days Festival. Dive into a weekend filled with vibrant music, delectable food, and endless fun. And there's a bonus - carnival rides kick off a day early on June 11th! Save the date and be part of the excitement.



Dash Across the Dam Father's Day 5K/10K

June 20 | Ruefer-Hess Reservoir | 8:00 am

Celebrate Dad (or anyone) by running or walking 3.1 miles and Dash Across the Dam in this fun-filled 5K the whole family can enjoy on Father's Day weekend! Registered 5K participants receive a commemorative item, pancake breakfast, and a souvenir bib number.



Bike To Work Day

June 24 | 17301 E. Lincoln Ave. | 6:00 - 9:00 am

Step back in time with displays featuring vintage bicycles, a historic train engine and maps showcasing Parker's evolution through the years. T-shirts for the first 250 cyclists. Flippin' Flapjacks will be serving pancakes. Nutrition bars, fresh bananas, and water refill stations will also be available.

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Touch-A-Truck

We had tons of fun at Touch-A-Truck on May 17 as Parker Public Works opened the doors to its biggest trucks, snowplows, excavators and more vehicles during this kick-off to National Public Works Week. This annual tradition is a favorite of our young (and not so young) locals.



We're #1

US News and World Report ranked Parker as the #1 place to live in Colorado and Top 100 in the nation on its "250 Best Places to Live in the U.S. in 2026-2027" list released this week.



Arbor Day Success

The weather cooperated for another tree-rific Arbor Day Celebration today at Discovery Park. There were tree seedling and flower giveaways, local vendors with great Earth-friendly info, fun kids' crafts, superstar youth dancers, and yummy food trucks!



Development Map

Visit ParkerCO.gov/Development to find the latest information about projects under review, active development under construction, annexations, site plans, subdivisions and zoning within the Town of Parker.

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Colorado offers some of the best hiking and outdoor fun to be found. Many of these amazing hikes are right in our own backyards. No matter your skill level, from taking a stroll on a paved trail to roughing it with lots of boulders and hangs, you can find some fun hikes. Pack up the family and head out to enjoy our wonderful environment. Here are some of our reader's favorite places to enjoy a fun family hike.

CASTLEWOOD CANYON

Conveniently located right here in Douglas County, Castlewood Canyon boasts some of the best nature watching around. A great number of critters and birds populate the area and can easily be seen on your family hike. In addition, Castlewood has a variety of trail types ranging from mild paved walking trails to moderately technical trails. If you are feeling adventurous, Castlewood also has rock climbing available with skills areas for beginners to advanced. cpw.state.co.us

CHATFIELD STATE PARK

Just up the road is Chatfield State Park. Known for its reservoir, Chatfield also has awesome hiking and paved trails that include biking, hiking, and even horseback riding. In addition, Chatfield also boasts a really cool RC Plane airport for those remote controlled plane enthusiasts. The trail system at Chatfield also connects to other systems so you can reach it completely on trails, if you are one of those super long runner or biker types. cpw.state.co.us

ROXBOROUGH STATE PARK

Tucked at the base of the foothills is a beautiful display of red rock formations and vast amounts of wildlife known as Roxborough State Park.

Definitely worth the drive, Roxborough has a wide variety of hiking trails for all skill levels. The family will have a great time wandering through the many picturesque areas and watching the wildlife. Be sure to bring your camera. cpw.state.co.us

WATERTON CANYON

If you are a dirt hiker or off road biker, then you won't want to miss Waterton Canyon. Located on the west side of Douglas County, Waterton has a great six-mile dirt road that goes up the canyon and is perfect for your hike or ride. If you want to get more technical, many more advanced trails connect that will offer great challenges while you take in the ample wildlife of the area. cpw.state.co.us

HIDDEN MESA OPEN SPACE AND TRAIL

Ride or hike this 1224-acre open space buffer between Castle Rock and Franktown. Embark on this soft-surface trail from the trailhead at the old homestead at Parker Road. Follow the farm lane as it crosses over Cherry Creek and then winds up to the top of the mesa where it loops around viewpoints, rock outcroppings, grass and shrublands, as well as pines and junipers. douglas.co.us



OUTDOORMAN

HUNTING, CAMPING, FISHING - OH MY



When thinking of men and their passions, outdoor activities are definitely at the top of the list. And what better place to enjoy the great outdoors than in the beauty of Colorado? We took a look around our community to highlight some of the favorite offerings.

Top Golf

With a unique take on a traditional sport, Top Golf is a great way to sharpen your golf skills outside while still in the comfort of a lounge setting. Its set up is conducive to be a social space where many can gather and golf at the same time.



Fishing

With dozens of fishing holes right in our own backyard, fishermen can enjoy their hobby or sport at a huge variety of places. Local catches range from bass to walleye. Hookandbullet.com is a great resource to search by county to find out detailed descriptions of fishing possibilities.



Hunting

According to thecoloradohunter.com, our state provides for hunting of ten large animal species. These include: elk, mule deer, black bear, mountain lion, antelope, bighorn sheep, moose, mountain goat, and whitetail deer. Colorado contains about 27.63 million acres of hunting grounds, or 42% of the whole state. It is a favorite for locals and travelers who come to hunt.

Camping

A close and convenient option to camp out is Cherry Creek State Park, which is open for camping year-round. A number of sites and variations are available. Camp overnight and wake up close to the lake to water play all day.



The FESTIVAL



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The Parker Days Festival seems to be woven into the fabric of our community. It is the most-attended event our town has and rewrites our weekend plans, as well as the traffic patterns, every June. Whether you attend the festival or not, you know each year when it's happening. And it's been that way for years. An event with this type of impact, turnout, and community involvement would surely have a rich and interesting history. And I'm sure it does; it's just not preserved anywhere. The signature event of our town is wrapped in mystery when it comes to its origin and historical development.

Most people guess the festival started sometime in the early 70's, a simple parade with a few booths selling local wares and goods to celebrate the town's growth. Through the years there have been stories of its evolution; the year the big tent blew over so several men picked it up and carried it to the other side of Parker Road (back when the festival was mainly centered in the field where Home Depot now stands), the tractor pulls and toilet bowl races that took place up Main Street (I am advocating we bring those back!), and the tornado that hit in '91 that flooded downtown right in the middle of the festival.

The history of the festival hasn't been compiled yet, but it's out there. It lives in the memories of our long-time citizens. We want to hear those stories; we want to compile those memories. So if you have lived here for long enough to remember its origin, or even just some stories from "back in the day," reach out to us and let us know. Email us at contribute@tuellers.com.





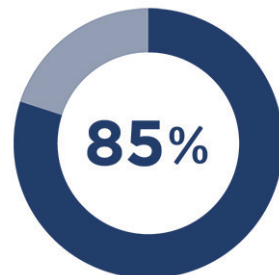
Tools and tinkering. Soup and superheroes. Dads and Doughnuts Day. Hard work, fun, and family. Whatever “father” brings to mind for each of us, June is the time to give back to the influential men in our lives. They run out into the storm to clear a path for us; leave early to save us seats; build or fix our variety of contraptions; coach us through sports, jobs, and school; cheer us through our best or worst days; know how to lighten a sour mood; and so much more! We appreciate husbands, fathers, and father figures, and everything they do for us. Be sure to throw some love their way this month on Father’s Day.

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Sunday, June 14

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