

Prospect Newsletter

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PROSPECT RECREATION & PARK DISTRICT

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Mission Statement of Prospect Recreation & Park District

As steward of public lands and recreational development, Prospect Recreation & Park District is dedicated to protect, manage, and expand its parkland, and promote opportunities for citizens to pursue sports, historic, cultural, and leisure-time activities.

Prospect Recreation & Park District's

Pumpkin Fest



Saturday, October 5th • 10 am - 2 pm

FREE!

Fairmount Park

5222 Quaker Street (South of 54th on Quaker)

Pumpkins Pancakes Petting Zoo Music
Hay rides Face Painting Kids Corner Balloon Artist
Prospect Foundation Silent Auction

We are now reserving spots for vendors who would like to be a part of our annual Pumpkin Fest happening on Saturday October 5th at Fairmount Park.

The fee to join is \$25.00.

Spots are limited so give us a call and reserve today at 303.424.2346.

For more info call Prospect Recreation
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Maple Grove Park Tennis Courts

Prospect Recreation & Park District (PRPD) has been awarded a Local Park and Recreation Grant in the amount of \$80,000 from Jefferson County for the construction of two tennis courts at Maple Grove Park, 14600 West 32nd Avenue. PRPD's Maple Grove Park Tennis Court Project consists of the construction of two post-tensioned tennis courts and associated infrastructure on a parcel of land that PRPD leases from Jefferson County, located in the northwest part of Maple Grove Park. This parcel has remained undeveloped since it was acquired by Jefferson County in 1994. PRPD, formed as a Title 32 Special District in November 1999, has long been desirous of developing an outdoor recreation amenity on this parcel.

Post tensioning is far and away the preferred method of tennis court construction. The following description of post tensioning is taken from the website www.concretenetwork.com:

Post-tensioned concrete is reinforced with a grid of high-strength sheathed steel tendons, or cables. While the concrete is curing, the cables are tensioned in both directions and held permanently under stress by anchoring them in a perimeter beam. This squeezing action keeps the concrete in compression, improving its tensile (or bending) strength. The more the concrete is squeezed together, the less likely it is that shrinkage cracks will develop or open.

The post-tensioning system allows for a much larger single monolithic pour. It also eliminates the need for expansion/control joints (extremely undesirable on a tennis court). Another benefit of post-tensioning is that concrete under tension is very durable and is resistant to cracking and ground movement. The long term maintenance costs for post-tensioned tennis courts are so much lower than are those for typical concrete slab or asphalt construction that the two types of construction should not even be compared from a maintenance aspect.

PRPD greatly appreciates the grant award from Jefferson County for this project. The Local Park and Recreation Grant program, administered by Jefferson County Open Space, provides supplemental funding to assist local government partners with their priority land acquisitions and/or capital projects. PRPD will be bringing at least \$100,000 to this project.

Prospect Foundation Awarded Tree Grant

The Prospect Foundation was once again awarded a Colorado Parks and Recreation Association Foundation Tree Grant in 2013. Partially funded by a grant from the Colorado Parks and Recreation Association Foundation which is sponsored by Leanin' Tree Inc., four trees were planted at Prospect Recreation & Park District's Crestview Park, 5401 Juniper Court. The newly planted trees include a Russian Hawthorne, an Eastern Clump Redbud, and two June Snow Dogwoods.

The Prospect Foundation, a 501(c)(3) tax exempt entity organized to support Prospect Recreation & Park District, supplied the matching funds for this project. Thanks to the Prospect Foundation and the Colorado Parks and Recreation Association Foundation for their continued support of Prospect Recreation & Park District!



PRPD Board President Flora Andrus



It is with profound regret that the Prospect Recreation & Park District Board of Directors announces the resignation of Flora Andrus. Flora has served as our Board Chair for the entire 13 years since our formation. She was a member of the PROMPT Committee that organized the business plan of Prospect Recreation & Park District to become a Title 32 Special District and led the effort for approval by the County Commissioners and subsequent voter approval in the November 1999 ballot initiative.

During Flora's 13 years of leadership, over \$6 million of capital improvements and infrastructure upgrades have been made. The list of accomplishments includes the acquisition of the Strippgen Property, land acquisition and development of the Kendrick Cottage and Crestview Park, Tanglewood Sports Park land acquisition and playground, ball field and pavilion improvements, remodel of the District headquarters building, construction of a new shop and maintenance facility and extensive irrigation upgrades at all of our seven parks.

Flora has been active in the community for many years in matters that involve preserving the semi – urban character of the surrounding communities. Her leadership includes serving as the President of the Fairmount Improvement Association and membership in the Jefferson County Communities Coalition. Flora led the formation of the Prospect Foundation and continues to serve as Chair. In 2002 Flora was awarded the Special District Association's "Distinguished Board Member of the Year" and in 2009 she was named as one of "Jefferson County's 150 Most Contributing Citizens".

Flora leaves the District in excellent financial condition and our staff and equipment capabilities are both top notch. The Board and Staff cannot fully put into words our appreciation and gratitude for her astute leadership of Prospect Recreation & Park District. During Flora's tenure Prospect has become an industry respected provider of park and recreation amenities to the Applewood and Fairmount communities. Flora will be greatly missed!

Tanglewood Park Phase III Grand Opening

Prospect Recreation & Park District is proud to announce that we will be holding a Grand Opening celebration for Tanglewood Park Phase III (13900 West 20th Avenue) on Monday, September 30, from 4:00 to 6:00. Come join us for a look at the latest addition to PRPD's park system. Bring your putter and some golf balls and practice your putting on the new putting green. Check out the two bocce courts, the playground, the picnic shelter, and the gazebo. We will have an ice cream truck, so come get a free ice cream.



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Holiday Tea

Don your holiday attire and join Santa and friends for an afternoon of entertainment, tea, hot chocolate, and treats.

*Hosted by Prospect Recreation & Park District
at the Arbor House, 14600 W. 32nd Avenue*

*Saturday December 7, 2:00 - 4:30 pm
Sunday December 8, 2:00 - 4:30 pm*

\$10 per person

*Reservations required, please call 303.424.2346 today to reserve a spot.
(Children must be accompanied by an adult)*