

# Prospect Newsletter

Fall 2017



## 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 7 • 10 am - 2 pm

**FREE!**

## Fairmount Park

5222 Quaker Street (South of 54th on Quaker)

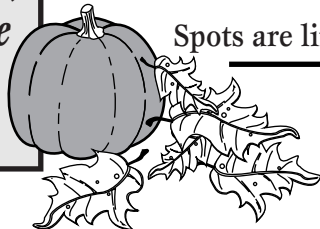
Pumpkins    Pancakes    Music    Pumpkin Decorating  
Hay Rides    Face Painting    Kids Corner    Balloon Artist  
Prospect Foundation Silent Auction

We are now reserving spots for vendors who would like to be a part of our annual Pumpkin Fest happening on Saturday October 7 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  
& Park District: 303.424.2346



# 2017 SDA Board Member of the Year Award



## **Jim Zimmerman Prospect Recreation and Park District**

At its annual conference in September, the Special District Association of Colorado (SDA) named Jim Zimmerman as one of its 2017 Board Members of the Year. The Special District Association of Colorado (SDA) is a statewide membership organization created in 1975 to serve the interests of the special district form of local government in Colorado. Special districts fill a vital role in providing many of the basic services and public needs of the people of Colorado, including fire and rescue services, water and wastewater treatment and delivery, parks and recreation amenities, hospitals, libraries and cemeteries. SDA has over 1,500 special district members and 230 associate members.

James (Jim) Zimmerman was appointed to the Board of Directors of Prospect Recreation & Park District in July 2007. His appointment at that time filled a vacancy on the Board. Jim became Chair of the Prospect Board in 2013, and has continued to serve as Chair since that time. Prospect has 8 parks that comprise over 84 acres of land and improvements under management. In 1999, Prospect was converted from a Title 30 District to a Title 32 Special District with nearly 70% voter approval.

Jim graduated from the University of Colorado, and obtained his law degree from the University of Denver. He is a passionate fan of CU football. Most importantly, Jim is a long time Denver Broncos fan. His father purchased season tickets for the very first Broncos season, and the family has held those tickets ever since. It is fair to say that Jim bleeds Broncos orange.

Jim is a retired District Court judge, having served as a judge for the First Judicial District, which includes Jefferson and Gilpin Counties. Jim is a long time Board member of Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) of Jefferson and Gilpin Counties. CASA is a Colorado non-profit corporation that serves at risk youth. Since 2008, Jim has served on the Board of Directors of the Northwest Lakewood Sanitation District, which provides sanitary sewer service to both residential and commercial properties. NW Lakewood Sanitation District contains approximately 4,000 homes and 500 commercial or multi-dwelling properties. Jim also works part time at the Jefferson County District Attorney's office, assisting the full time staff with case intake.

Jim has been an integral part of numerous capital improvements that have been made at Prospect since he came on to the Board. During his tenure, Prospect has built Crestview Park and Kendrick Cottage, constructed a major addition to Tanglewood Park, and implemented numerous improvements at many of Prospect's other parks. Jim and Prospect also negotiated an Intergovernmental Agreement with Jefferson County Open Space that will allow Prospect and Jeffco Open Space to construct a shared use parking lot on a property owned and managed by Prospect. This project will benefit both users of Jeffco Open Space's Van Bibber Park and Prospect residents.

On December 20, 2016 Prospect closed the \$15 million acquisition of the Applewood Golf Course (AGC) from Coors Brewing Co. The AGC is a 141 acre parcel located in the heart of the Applewood and Fairmount communities. The AGC has been operated as a golf course since 1956 and currently serves 4 high school and 2 university golf teams and provides discounted rates for senior and youth golfer programs. The property is also a natural attraction for wildlife, and has expansive open space views of the northern Front Range. In early 2015, a developer had originally announced plans to acquire the property and build 400 homes on the property. Needless to say, the redevelopment proposal was extremely controversial, and the local community looked to Prospect to take the lead in trying to find a way to protect the Applewood GC from being developed.

Jim led a 2015 Prospect ballot initiative that requested voter approval of a \$9 million bond issue to purchase the AGC; the bond issue was overwhelmingly approved with 69% approval. Two days after Election Day in November 2015, the rezoning submittal that the developers had in front of Jefferson County Planning and Zoning Division was withdrawn; Coors then reached out to Prospect to begin discussion of sale of the AGC to Prospect.

Jim spent hundreds of hours during 2016 meeting with the seller and with District constituents, gathering appraisals, negotiating for water to irrigate the property, and raising the remainder of the monies needed to complete the purchase. These additional funds came from a \$3 million GOCO "Protect Initiative" Grant and a \$1.1 million Jefferson County Local Park and Recreation Grant.

The importance of preservation of the Applewood GC to the Prospect community cannot be overstated. Under Jim's leadership, this beautiful and important piece of property has been acquired by Prospect, and now and forever will be a protected recreational amenity/open space.

# Eagle Scout Projects

Prospect Recreation & Park District has received the benefit of work by two Scouts aspiring to gain their Eagle Scout rank. We are very grateful to the Scouts, their parents, Troop 130, and everyone who assisted each Scout with their project. Achievement of Eagle Scout rank is something that a Scout is very proud of and that requires a tremendous amount of work. A project that benefits a community organization such as Prospect is just one part of the process of becoming an Eagle Scout.

Charlie Steele, a senior at Golden High School, replaced and renovated horseshoe pits at four of Prospect's parks. Applewood, Arapahoe, Fairmount, and Maple Grove Parks all have totally new and updated horseshoe pits. This project involved removal of the material at each of the existing pits and then installing all new material (lumber and crusher fines). Charlie and Troop 130 put in extensive hours to perform all the work necessary to replace the pits. Shortly after the completion of the horseshoe pit project, Charlie was awarded his Eagle Scout rank. Congratulations to Charlie on this achievement.

Mitchell Kelley, also a senior at Golden High School, renovated a bridge at the Applewood Golf Course. Mitchell's bridge project consisted of removing the material on the top part of the bridge, widening the bridge by approx. two feet, and then installing all new material on the top. Edging was added to both sides of the bridge that acts as a barrier to prevent golf carts from driving off the edge. The increased width of the bridge will aid in maintenance operations at Applewood. Later this year, Mitchell will also be installing fencing along a golf cart path.

Prospect provided guidance as well as materials to Charlie and Mitchell, but the planning, organization, fund raising, and all other parts of each project were the responsibility of each Scout to complete. Big thanks to Charlie and Mitchell on jobs well done!



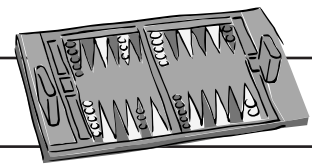
Charlie Steele



Mitchell Kelley



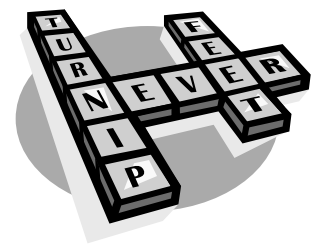
## Active Senior Activities



Prospect Recreation & Park District, Mary Leonard and Ann Dailey, local volunteers, are working together to present opportunities for active seniors to get together. Come join your neighbors for an afternoon of card games, dominoes, and board games. Meet your neighbors, exercise your mind, and come ready to enjoy yourself. If you have a game that you enjoy please bring it, or just come meet your neighbors and learn a new game. Space is limited to 30 people.

When: Wednesday afternoons from 1:00 – 4:00

- September 27
- October 11 & 25
- November 8 & 22
- December 6 & 20



Where: Kendrick Cottage, 5414 Kendrick Court, Golden 80403

Who: Please call to reserve a spot- Mary Leonard 303-748-6652 or Ann Dailey 303-279-1724

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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 2, 2:00 - 4:00 pm  
Sunday December 3, 2:00 - 4:00 pm*

*\$10 per person*

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