



MESSAGE FROM THE DISTRICT MANAGER

BY ADAM BLACKMORE, DISTRICT MANAGER

If you are following our District Facebook page (@Prospectrec-andparkdistrict) you likely noticed that we are now publishing 1 or 2 page Winter and Summer digital newsletters, in addition to our longer Spring and Fall printed and mailed newsletters. The new digital-only newsletters can also be found under the About Us tab on our website. Both the printed and digital newsletters contain project updates, upcoming events, and general District information.

2021 was a successful year for our District. Our staff performed admirably to meet the needs of our residents in the face of Covid-19 pandemic adversities, an unseasonably wet spring followed by a dry and extremely warm summer, and the shrinking labor market. Reservations for the Arbor House, Kendrick Cottage, picnic shelters, and sports fields were through the roof. We were able to get many long-needed projects completed and started. Completed projects included:

- **Applewood Park:** new basketball goal
- **Arapahoe Park:** new playground surfacing, fencing and backflow repairs
- **Crestview Park:** Kendrick Cottage landscape and masonry upgrades
- **Fairmount Park:** new playground and safety surfacing
- **Maple Grove Park:** parking lot surface replacement, new playground features, and tree servicing
- **Prospect Arena:** future park improvement design approval
- **Tanglewood Park:** restroom renovations and backflow repairs
- **District Maintenance Yard:** new 300-gallon diesel fuel tank installation

Some exciting developments as we head into 2022 include:

- **Throughout the District:** turf (grass) rehabilitation in distressed and overused areas, parking lot maintenance,



new trash cans, and improved way-finding and informational signage

- **Applewood Park:** parking lot seal coating, trail resurfacing, new trail markers and seating, and sand volleyball court rehabilitation
- **Crestview Park:** Kendrick Cottage new exterior doors
- **Fairmount Park:** parking lot, including seal coating
- **Maple Grove Park:** sand volleyball court rehabilitation, and Arbor House backflow and plumbing upgrades
- **Prospect Arena:** first phase of upgrades will begin
- **Tanglewood Park:** parking lot, including seal coating
- **32nd Avenue to Peaks to Plains (formerly Clear Creek) Trail Connection:** progress continues
- **Applewood Golf Course:** capital improvements continue
- **Serene Conservancy:** conservation-focused development continues

All of these large endeavors are happening while our small but mighty staff simultaneously provides detail-oriented park maintenance and high levels of customer service to our valued facility renters and sports leagues. We couldn't do it all without the continued support of our tremendous Board of Directors.

Keep an eye out on our Facebook page and website for updates on the **upcoming events listed on page 3**—and more. I'm looking forward to seeing everyone out in the parks and at our events, enjoying all we have to offer!

-Adam

APPLEWOOD GOLF COURSE NEWS

Looking Forward to Another Award-Winning Year

BY BAILEY GADD, GENERAL MANAGER
APPLEWOOD GOLF COURSE

With a very successful 2021 behind us, we are excited to welcome the 2022 golf season! In 2021, we again saw record-setting months for number of golf rounds and we are so thankful for our amazing community and golfers. Applewood is proud to announce that this year, we received twelve CAGGY awards for Best of Colorado Golf!

- Best Course to Hold a Tournament
- Best Service
- Best Pace of Play
- Best Wedding or Party Venue
- Best Annual Membership
- Best Ego Booster
- Best Course for Women
- Best Course for Seniors
- Overall Best Value
- Best Course to Walk
- Most Underrated Course
- Best Course for Families



In the summer of 2021, we celebrated the grand opening of Bunker's Taproom which has already proven to be gathering place for not only golfers but friends, neighbors and more. We are hopeful to complete the final stage of the remodel which includes the bar and addition of more beer taps in the near future.

Along with Bunker's Taproom, we will be focusing on some much-needed tee box maintenance on the golf course.

This will include leveling, irrigation work, expansion and some new sod. We are excited to improve many of the tee boxes on the course as they are experiencing increased play!

In September of 2021, we were fortunate to have celebrated our 60th year here in Golden with hundreds of our most loyal golfers and neighbors. We look forward to continuing to be a part of our amazing community and help to grow the game of golf. Applewood is excited to share that we will be participating in the Welcome2Golf program again this year. Through this program, we welcomed over 300 new golfers to the golf course last year. If you are looking to enjoy the game with us, be sure to check out what lessons we have that best fit your needs and ability. Applewood also has one of the top junior programs in the country and we welcome golfers of all abilities and ages to join us at the course.

Whether you want to improve your game, make new friends or create lasting memories with the best of them, your second family awaits you!

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Weddings • Celebrations of Life • Banquets
Community Events • Special Memories



MEET OUR STAFF

Brad Sassolino, Parks & Facilities Maintenance I

Q: How long have you worked for the Prospect Recreation & Park District?

A: I've been with the District for 3 years.

Q: What's your favorite thing about working for PRPD?

A: What I like most about working for PRPD is being able to work outside in the elements to serve our residents.

Q: Which PRPD park holds a special place for you and why?

A: Applewood Park holds a special place to me because as a kid I grew up going there and have been able to see the park expand and grow through the years to what it is today.



Q: Where is one place you'd like to travel that you haven't been to?

A: I'd love to travel to Italy someday.

Q: What is your favorite sports team?

A: My favorite sport to watch is football and my favorite team is the Chicago Bears.

Q: What's a fun fact about you?

A: I love the outdoors. Any chance I get I'm in the outdoors camping, fishing, hiking or any other outdoor activity. It's how I enjoy spending my free time.

WE'RE HIRING!

Seasonal Groundskeeper (Mower)

Prospect Recreation & Park District is looking for a dynamic and motivated individual to fill a Seasonal Parks Mower position for Spring into Fall of 2022. The position is part-time and includes working weekends and some evenings. The position will ideally start in late April and will end around mid October. The pay range is \$12.32–\$16.00/hour.

Essential duties and responsibilities: This position primarily entails park cleanup, turf mowing and maintenance. This includes restroom and rental building cleaning and upkeep, trash removal, and other general assignments. Employee is also responsible for the safe operation of vehicles and equipment and the ability to bring a smile and a positive attitude to the workplace is a must!

Applicants must have a valid Colorado Driver License. A background check and Motor Vehicle Record review will be performed prior to beginning employment.

Applications are available for download at: www.prospectdistrict.org/application-for-employment/

Applications can also be picked up and dropped off at the Prospect Recreation & Park District office located at: 4198 Xenon Street Wheat Ridge, CO 80033



SAVE THE DATE!

Easter Egg Hunt: April 16th



This always-popular event will be at Maple Grove Park on Saturday, April 16th at 10am.

Pumpkin Fest: October 1st

Join us on Saturday, October 1st at Fairmount Park for our annual Pumpkin Fest event. Over 2,000 people attended last year's event to enjoy our bouncy house village, face painting, live entertainment and pumpkin giveaway.

Holiday Tea: December 4th

We're also excited to announce that our Holiday Tea event will once again be held at the Applewood Golf Course. This year it will be on Sunday, December 4th. Mark your calendars for both of these popular occasions and keep an eye out for more details in the Summer e-newsletter.

If you would like to participate as a vendor and purchase a spot, please contact us at info@prospectdistrict.org



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**PRPD BOARD OF
DIRECTORS UPDATE**

Congratulations to Jim Zimmerman, Jim Kullhem and Lavonne Wise on their re-election to 3-year terms.

We appreciate their time, expertise and continued service to District residents!

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**SPORTS SEASON &
RESERVATION UPDATES**

We are excited to announce, with the support of the Prospect Board of Directors and in consideration of local, state and federal public health directives, the ability to take reservations for our facilities and park shelters with minimal Covid-19 protocol restrictions. Please note that these public health orders or recommendations are always subject to change and the District will update our residents and renters with any changes as they arise.

Summer and Fall sport field reservations are also now being accepted. Please note that with turf rehabilitation projects at Applewood, Maple Grove and Fairmount Parks, we will have limited or sporadic availability of specific areas of the parks throughout the year. For updates, questions or reservations, contact the district offices at (303) 424-2346 or info@prospectdistrict.org.

We appreciate your patience and flexibility as your safety and the health and conditions of our beautiful parks remain top priority.

**VISIT OUR WEBSITE
FOR PROJECT UPDATES:**

www.prospectdistrict.org/news/

- **GENERAL SPRING PARK MAINTENANCE**
- **PARKING LOT** maintenance
- **32ND AVENUE TO PEAKS TO PLAINS** (formerly Clear Creek) **TRAIL CONNECTION**
- **APPLEWOOD PARK** trail improvements
- **CRESTVIEW PARK** Kendrick Cottage improvements
- **PROSPECT ARENA** redesign process
- **SERENE CONSERVANCY** development updates

