

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.*

Important Information

Due to the COVID-19/Coronavirus pandemic, Prospect Recreation & Park District (PRPD) has closed the parks to any organized activities. This means that we are not allowing use of the Arbor House, Kendrick Cottage, picnic shelters, tennis courts, basketball courts, and athletic fields for any sort of organized group activity. The youth sports groups that use PRPD's athletic fields were very proactive and shut down their activities very early on. All playgrounds are closed as well. At this point an ending period for this closure has not been determined. Please continue to do your part by complying with these closures.

The parks are still open for walking, running, and bike riding where appropriate. Please observe at least six feet social distancing. We want everyone to be safe during this very turbulent time.

The Applewood Golf Course is open. Touchstone Golf, operator of Applewood under the terms of a Lease that Prospect assumed from Coors when Prospect acquired the course in late 2016, has implemented numerous safety measures. Touchstone is following a directive issued by the Jefferson County Health Dept. that specifies measures that all golf courses are to follow.

Sad News



Flora Andrus

It is with profound regret that Prospect Recreation & Park District announces the passing of Flora Andrus. Flora was one of the organizers of the PROMPT Citizens Committee responsible for placing the formation of Prospect as a Colorado Title 32 Special District on the ballot in November 1999; the Prospect voters overwhelmingly approved that formation. Flora served as a Board member of Prospect from the District's inception in 1999 as a Title 32 Special District until her resignation in 2013. She was Chair of the Board for that entire time.

During Flora's thirteen years of leadership, over \$6 million of capital improvements and infrastructure were made throughout the Prospect District. That list of accomplishments includes the acquisition of the Serene Conservancy (formerly known as the Strippgen property), land acquisition and development of 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 maintenance shop facility, and extensive irrigation improvements at all of our seven parks.

In tribute to Flora, the Prospect Board approved the renaming of Prospect Arena to Flora Andrus Park. This park, located on W. 52nd Avenue, will be the focus of planning and design work later this year and into 2021. It was long a dream of Flora's to improve this park and bring it up to the standards of PRPD's other parks. We look forward to working with the public to make Flora's dream a reality.

Project Updates

PRPD is currently working on three separate planning and design projects. These projects have a total budgeted cost of \$160,000 for planning and design.

1. Serene Conservancy

The first of these is the Serene Conservancy (formerly called the Strippgen property) at 5550 Indiana Street. Articles have been included in past newsletters reporting on the construction of the shared use parking lot on the site. The shared use parking lot project was a partnership between PRPD and Jeffco Open Space, and was constructed by Jeffco Road & Bridge. The parking lot opened in late 2018.

In 2019, PRPD undertook to plan and design this wonderful open space/passive recreation site.

Confluent Design was engaged to provide professional consulting services for the plan of the property. The public provided input to the design elements, and that input was incorporated into the Master Plan. In January 2020, the Master Plan was approved by Jefferson County Planning Commission through the County's Location and Extent process. Since that time Confluent Design has been working on the creation of construction documents. The intention is to finalize the construction documents later this year and then put the project out to bid. The Master Plan includes a trail system, a Nature Play Area, a small pavilion, establishment of native plantings, and installation of an irrigation system. The irrigation system will utilize water rights controlled by PRPD. Passive recreation, preservation and restoration of habitat, and environmental education are some of the concepts guiding the project.

Project Updates Continued

2. Trail Connection Plan

In late 2019, PRPD released a Request for Proposals (RFP) for development of a Trail Connection Plan to the Clear Creek/Peaks to Plains Trail. The RFP directed respondents to submit proposals for the purpose of providing direction to PRPD and the community for future connections to the Clear Creek/Peaks to Plains Trail from both the southern part of the Prospect District (Applewood) and the northern part (Fairmount). PRPD selected Felsburg Holt & Ullevig (FHU) as the consultant to assist with further development of the Trail Connection Plan. FHU is a nationally recognized planning firm, with experience in a variety of fields.

A connection from the Applewood area was discussed during Community Meetings held as part of the District's 2018 Master Planning project. The recommendation in the Master Plan was that further evaluation of that connection was necessary. FHU has begun their planning effort and, once social distancing is no longer necessary, will be working with PRPD to hold Community Meetings to gather public input.

The connection from the Fairmount area is intended to be more of a feasibility study, as connections from Fairmount to the Clear Creek/Peaks to Plains Trail will be much more difficult to establish. Trail location and routing from Fairmount to Clear Creek will be difficult; FHU will analyze this issue, work with PRPD to hold Community Meetings to gather public input and develop recommendations for potential connection points.

The Clear Creek/Peaks to Plains Trail is a wonderful recreational amenity that traverses the Prospect District from west to east in the center of the District, yet Prospect residents have always had difficulty accessing it. It is Prospect's stated desire to provide usable connections for Prospect's residents to the Clear Creek/Peaks to Plains Trail.

3. Applewood Golf Course Tribute Area

PRPD is collaborating with a number of stake holders to plan/design a Tribute Area at the Applewood Golf Course. These stakeholders include Touchstone Golf (operator of the Applewood Golf Course), the Applewood Golf Course Men's Club, the Applewood Business Association, the Prospect Foundation, the Prospect District, and the Applewood community. This effort is intended to fulfill a long-standing desire on the part of PRPD. The intention is to provide a location by which tribute can be paid to those who have made significant contributions to the Prospect District, the entire Prospect community, and the Applewood Golf Course.

After a great deal of research, a location at the Applewood Golf Course was selected as the appropriate site for the Tribute Area. A planning consultant has been engaged to assist with this effort. A kickoff meeting was held with the design consultant and a number of the stakeholders. This meeting provided direction to the consultant in regard to design elements. The design consultant is developing a preliminary concept plan that will be presented to the stakeholders once we are able to safely gather together. The PRPD Board of Directors has the final approval of the design for the Tribute Area.

Arbor House Job Opportunity

PRPD is currently looking for individuals who would like to work as our facility coordinators to unlock and lock the Arbor House when events are taking place. This would include weekday evenings and weekends. Ideally this is the perfect position for someone in close proximity to the facility and can be flexible with a schedule. This does include some late night closings. This is a part time position and does not qualify for benefits. Please contact Shay or Mike for pay details or more information at 303.424.2346 or email us at info@prospectdistrict.org.

This is of course once we are able to resume normal operations. There is currently not a timeline for resumption of those operations.

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Please remember... alcoholic beverages are not permitted in City of Arvada Parks. In case of inclement weather, performances move to the Community Recreation Center, 6842 Wadsworth Blvd.

Questions? 303.425.9583.

SUMMER CONCERT SERIES • McIlvoy Park, 5750 Upham St.

Family Thursday Night Series, 7:00-8:30 pm

Thursday, June 18 - Cowboy Dave Band - Hard Swingin' Honky-Tonk and Classic Country

Thursday, June 25 - Stone Beat Invasion - Tribute to The Rolling Stones and The Beatles

Thursday, July 2 - William and the Romantics - Big Band Swing, Jazz

Thursday, July 9 - Velvet Compass - High Energy Blues, Rock, Soul, Funk

Thursday, July 16 - The Corporation - Rock, Funk, Dance Band

Children's Friday Morning Series, 9:30 -10:15 am

Friday, June 26 - Ann Lincoln - Comedy, Magic, Juggling

Friday, July 10 - Farmer Dave - Stories and Songs

We will be collecting canned goods for the Community Table at all concerts.