

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.*

Amendment 60, Amendment 61, and Proposition 101

Three citizen proposed initiatives, Amendment 60, Amendment 61, and Proposition 101 will be on the November 2, 2010 statewide ballot. Each of these three initiatives has the potential for severe consequences to a variety of governmental services. If all three are approved the impacts to State and local governments may be disastrous. The Prospect Recreation & Park District Board of Directors, at its regular July 14, 2010 Board meeting, passed a Resolution stating the Prospect Recreation & Park District opposition to the three initiatives. Prospect Recreation & Park District Resolution 007-2010 states:

(Resolution 007-2010)

Resolution of the Board of Directors Prospect Recreation & Park District

(Statement of Resolution Opposing Amendments 60 and 61, and Proposition 101)

Whereas, Three measures appearing on the November 2010 statewide ballot would significantly damage Colorado's special districts and state and local governments from funding their most basic level of services related to safety, water, sanitation, fire protection, recreation, education, hospitals, rural health care, and transportation, and;

Whereas, These measures drastically limit government's ability to construct new building and infrastructure, and;

Whereas, The ability to finance long-term capital improvements like water and wastewater treatment plants, fire stations, recreational projects and other public facilities are dramatically impaired by the restrictions on debt financing as proposed by Amendment 61; and

Whereas, Amendments 60 & 61 would slash at least \$1 billion annually in state taxes, cutting in half the property tax dollars schools currently receive and;

Whereas, One of the many components of Amendment 60 would overturn the election decisions made by voters over the last eighteen years, creating financial chaos for local communities, and;

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Amendment 60, Amendment 61, and Proposition 101

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Whereas, One of the many components of Amendment 61 eliminates any practical means for state and regional governments to make future road, highway and bridge improvements, or other capital improvements to their districts, such as DIA, FasTracks, the Anschutz Medical Center, colleges and universities, water conservation districts; or improvements to public schools, cities and counties, and;

Whereas, Proposition 101 reduces the vehicle registration fee (annual license plate fee) to a level which would devastate Colorado's ability to maintain safe roads and bridges, by lowering the fee to the assessment rate from the year 1919 and;

Whereas, These measures individually and collectively significantly reduce or otherwise restrict both state and local revenues in a number of different ways, including but not limited to: specific ownership taxes, telecommunication taxes, state income taxes, state-shared revenues to assist municipalities with local street and transit improvements, other state grants and loans to help local government, and property taxes; and

Whereas, The cumulative and destructive nature of the three measures ensures that Colorado will surrender its competitive standing to attract large and small employers alike, resulting in little to no economic growth for the state and a steady decline in property values and erosion of the state and local tax base;

Whereas, The following services and programs in Prospect Recreation & Park District will be limited or curtailed because of the numerous restrictions and revenue reductions proposed by these three measures, including special events, park maintenance, and infrastructure improvements; and

Whereas, Prospect Recreation & Park District is concerned about the impact these three measures will have on our ability to work effectively with other local governments in the form of intergovernmental agreements such as the IGAs that the District currently has in place with the Apex Park and Recreation District, and with the City of Wheat Ridge, Longs Peak Metropolitan District, and Cabela's Retail, Inc.; and

Whereas, State voters will have the opportunity on November 2, 2010 to protect the fiscal health of Colorado by defeating Proposition 101, Amendment 60 and Amendment 61;

Now Therefore, The Prospect Recreation & Park District Board of Directors has taken an official position opposing Amendments 60, 61 and Proposition 101.

Approved: Flora A. Andrus 07-14-2010
Flora A. Andrus, Chairman Date
Prospect Recreation & Park
District Board of Directors

New Board Member

Prospect Recreation & Park District would like to welcome Lisa Padgett as our newest Board member. Lisa was elected (the election was canceled as there were not more candidates than available seats on the Board) to the Board in May of this year. Lisa brings a strong background in engineering to the Board of Directors, and also has valuable experience as a former Right-of-Way coordinator for Jefferson County Traffic and Engineering Division.

Jefferson County Community Plans

Jefferson County is in the process of updating the various Community Plans that guide land use in the unincorporated areas of the County. The information below was copied, with permission, from the Jefferson County website.

On January 27, 2010, the Jefferson County Planning Commission adopted the Jefferson County Comprehensive Master Plan. This adoption was the first step in a process that will eventually combine all of the separate Community Plans into one document. Currently, the Master Plan is a consolidation of the general policies in the existing Community Plans, and includes a statement that ties each of the separate Community Plans in as a part of the Master Plan umbrella. The Master Plan also includes information on local and regional demographics, and devotes an entirely new chapter to sustainability. The next step in the process of achieving a single guiding plan is to update the Community Plans and fold them into the Master Plan. The end result will be a Master Plan that will have consistent general policies that apply throughout County, as well as policies and land use recommendations for specific sub-areas.

To achieve the goal of incorporating the Community Plans into the Comprehensive Master Plan, the Planning & Zoning Division has started the process of updating the Community Plans that cover the plains areas of the County. Plans that will be a part of this update process will primarily be the **North Plains Community Plan**, the **Central Plains Community Plan**, and the **South Jefferson County Community Plan**. Other plans that overlap these three primary plans will also be evaluated, such as the **General Land Use Plan** and the **C470 Corridor Plan**.

Although each of the three primary plains Community Plans will be updated separately, the updates will be done simultaneously to insure consistency within the plains areas. Each of the three Community Plan projects will have its own web page that will be updated periodically by the project manager.

We want your participation: The Community Plan update process is an opportunity for you to have input on how your community develops in the coming years. Each of the following plan pages will provide information about how you can get involved in the update process. A timeline for each process is also included within each plan's web page. Please check each Community Plan's website for the Public Meeting Schedules.

The North Plains Community Plan Update

http://www.co.jefferson.co.us/planning/planning_T59_R163.htm

The Central Plains Community Plan Update

http://www.co.jefferson.co.us/planning/planning_T59_R154.htm

The South Jefferson County Community Plan Update

http://www.co.jefferson.co.us/planning/planning_T59_R165.htm



Tree Grant

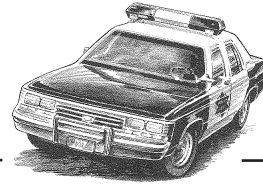
Prospect Foundation Awarded Tree Grant

The Prospect Foundation, in cooperation with Prospect Recreation & Park District, applied for and was awarded a Tree Grant from the Colorado Parks and Recreation Association Foundation earlier this year. Partially funded by a grant from the Colorado Parks and Recreation Association Foundation which is sponsored by Leanin' Tree, Inc., three trees were planted at Prospect Recreation & Park District's Arapahoe Park. The Prospect Foundation, a 501(c)(3) tax exempt organization organized to support Prospect Recreation & Park District, supplied the matching funds for this project.

In mid-June, two Autumn Purple Ash trees and one Autumn Blaze Maple tree were planted in the southwest corner of Arapahoe Park, 4450 Indiana Street. The three new trees will address part of the need for replacement trees on the west side of Arapahoe Park, providing shade and a visual barrier from heavily traveled Indiana Street.

Thanks to the Prospect Foundation and the Colorado Parks and Recreation Association Foundation for their continued support of Prospect Recreation & Park District.

Coffee With a Cop



The Jefferson County Sheriff's Office is holding a series of walk-in community meetings. Command Staff will be available if you have an issue to discuss and to answer your questions.

The North Jefferson County area meetings are scheduled for Thursday August 5 and Thursday September 2 at the Arbor House at Maple Grove Park, 14600 W. 32nd Avenue, from 8:00am to 10:00 am.

Please see the Jeffco Sheriff's website for information on other meetings and locations.

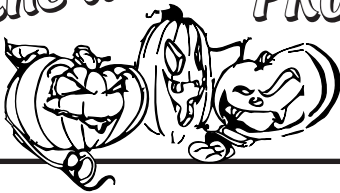
<http://www.co.jefferson.co.us/sheriff/index.htm>

Jeffco Bicycle/Pedestrian Plan

The Transportation Planning Section of Jefferson County's Transportation and Engineering Division is developing a Bicycle/Pedestrian Plan. For information about the Plan and to view a map with an online comment form, please go to

http://jeffco.us/highways/highways_T48_R57.htm

Save the date!



PROSPECT'S ANNUAL PUMPKIN FEST

Saturday, Oct. 2nd 2010 at 10:00 am SHARP

Fairmount Park, 5222 Quaker St.

South of 54th Avenue on Quaker St.

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