

E-Newsletter



PROSPECT RECREATION & PARK DISTRICT



Snowpack Matters to Parks

While winter snowstorms may mean extra work for park crews, the snow that falls in Colorado's mountains plays a vital role in keeping all parks, including those within Prospect Recreation & Park District (PRPD), healthy throughout the year.

The amount of winter snow that accumulates in the mountains directly affects the water supply the district uses to irrigate parks, shares PRPD District Manager Kyle Parker.

"When we have a low snowpack, it can create drought conditions later in the year," Parker explains. "The snow in the mountains feeds the streams that supply water for irrigation systems."

According to Denver Water, the snowpack as of March 9, 2026, is at a near-record low. The Colorado River Basin within Denver Water's collection system is at 71% of normal; the South Platte River is at 55% of normal. Those low levels are concerning, especially for the three PRPD parks that rely on open ditch water that originates in the mountains: Applewood Park, Maple Grove Park, and Serene Conservancy. If the winter snowpack is low, the untreated raw water in those ditches runs at much lower levels than usual, thus reducing the amount of water available for park irrigation.

Other PRPD parks rely on municipal water, but their irrigation can be affected if the city imposes conservation measures.

"In drought years, communities sometimes limit watering to certain days or times," Parker says. "If that happens, it affects everyone—including parks that use city water."

Water availability directly impacts turf health, landscaping, and the ability to maintain green, welcoming park spaces. The fact is that snow is essential for parks to thrive and people to enjoy using them throughout the warmer months.

AN EYE ON PARKING

As part of PRPD's annual April through June maintenance, crews assess the parking lots at each of the facilities and make repairs, such as crack sealing, overlay, and restriping. The work usually takes a couple of days, forcing full or partial closure of the parking lot. This upkeep is one of the ways PRPD ensures the good condition of its recreation and park holdings.

NEW ONLINE RESERVATION SYSTEM LAUNCHING SOON

Behind-the-scenes tweaks and tests are ongoing, as PRPD staff work out the kinks before launching the recreation and parks district's new online reservation system. Once live, residents will be able to view a calendar to determine the dates available at a particular field or facility. Check PRPD's Facebook for updates about RecDesk's rollout by the end of April.

PROSPECT ARENA

Broomfield-based Taylor Kohrs won the contract for Phase 1 of Prospect Arena. The playground and other elements are expected to be completed by the end of May. To see this project's progress, check PRPD's Facebook page. Phase 2 is likely to begin in the fall.



Golfers, Rejoice!

Applewood Golf Course is looking forward to a great season (but did the last one ever really end during this surprisingly warm winter?), thanks particularly to a new irrigation system. Installation is expected to be completed by May.

“ Thank you for the investment in the new irrigation system at Applewood Golf Course. It was badly needed, and the fact that your leadership expended limited resources to accomplish this project is a testimony to sound leadership and forward thinking for our community. Completion of the connector from 32nd to the Clear Creek Trail is also appreciated. Thanks so much! ~Applewood resident



Greener Spaces

Reseeding efforts are taking root in the fields at Maple Grove Park. With the recent moisture, the seeds are popping and the grass is greening. Please encourage these little sprouts to grow by not walking on the fields.

PRPD Now Hiring for Seasonal Jobs

Love to be outdoors? Care about being part of the community and caring for community resources? Seeking a way to build your Recreation and Parks resume? Then Prospect Recreation & Park District has a job for you. As winter gives way to spring, two seasonal positions open up. Our roster of workers grows from seven to nine during the warmer months. Inquire about the opportunities at info@prospectdistrict.org or apply online at prospectdistrict.org/application-for-employment.

SAVE THE DATES!

SATURDAY, APRIL 4 Easter Egg Hunt

Plan to attend the annual Easter egg hunt at Maple Grove Park. The fun starts at 10 a.m. sharp!

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22 Earth Day

Take some time to appreciate our amazing natural world from one of our parks.

SATURDAY, APRIL 18 Jeffco Earth Day Volunteer Event

In recognition of Earth Day, join other Jeffco volunteers to lend a hand at Van Bibber Park. This park connects to The Serene Conservancy, a 2025 Starburst Award recipient for excellence in use of Colorado Lottery funds. Meet at the park, 5575 Ward Rd, Arvada, at 8 a.m. Breakfast and lunch are provided. Registration is required. jeffco.us/Calendar.aspx?EID=15391

FRIDAY, APRIL 24 National Arbor Day

This is a great day to plant trees, either in your yard or in your community. PRPD will plant 30 trees throughout the district, including 10 to 12 at Applewood Golf Course.

SATURDAY, APRIL 25 Neighborhood Slash Drop-Off

Neighbors within Prospect Recreation & Park District can drop off tree branches from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. at our office headquarters: 4198 Xenon Street, Wheat Ridge.

Places to Gather Are Filling Up

As the temperatures rise, so does interest in PRPD's fields, pavilions, courts, and other rental spaces. Dates are being reserved regularly, notably for Kendrick Cottage and Arbor House, so if you think you might be hosting an event, now is the time to put in your request. Until the online reservation system is live, please check availability by emailing info@prospectdistrict.org.