

# PARKER JORDAN METROPOLITAN DISTRICT



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Dear Property Owner,

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This is an update on recent activities in the District. It is being sent to the property owners within the District boundaries (North – Arapahoe Road, East – Parker Road, South – Arapahoe /Douglas County Line, and West–Jordan Road). The District is a quasi-municipal entity providing limited street, storm drainage, traffic control, park, recreation, and open space services.

## Red Hawk Ridge Elementary School (RHRES) Playground Improvement Project

Last summer PJMD identified the RHRES playground as a public improvement priority for the District. PJMD agreed to hire an architect to meet with Cherry Creek School District (CCSD) officials and develop preliminary plans for playground improvements. In 2013, the Board approved the design concept. PJMD is funding the construction and CCSD is maintaining it after completion. The playground will be open to the public after school hours. PJMD is excited to be able to contribute this lasting improvement for current and future RHRES children as well as other residents of PJMD and the general public. PJMD and CCSD are presently working on the construction schedule. Future updates will be available on the website.

## Take Advantage of the Kiosk in PJCOS

As most of you know the District completed the Parker Jordan Centennial Open Space (PJCOS) in 2012. The interactive kiosk at the north end of the open space is really a great tool to learn about PJCOS. The features include a history of the area, flood plain information, information on Cherry Creek, animals, landscape, and general information about upcoming board meetings of PJMD, minutes, project summaries, and current events. Its equipped with sound as well so you can hear narration of each button on the Kiosk. **The Board would like your input on how the Kiosk can be improved to be more useful and fun for residents, visitors, and families.**

## Trail Connections

The Ladera connection is a concrete trail connecting the Ladera project to the existing concrete trail at the northwest corner of PJCOS. Construction was completed in May 2014. The District is also contributing \$15,000 towards the missing link of Happy Canyon Creek Trail behind the ACWWA water facility. Dove Valley MD is constructing the trail connection and pedestrian bridge.

## 27 Acre Open Space Parcel

In 2010, the Parker Jordan Metropolitan District acquired 27 acres of property east of the South Creek Subdivision and on the west side of Cherry Creek within the PJCOS. Currently, the 27-acre parcel is non-vegetated disturbed soil. A restoration plan has been initiated which will allow the District to focus on highly impacted areas. The restoration is a multi-year process so please remember to stay on the established trails.

## Creekside Quest Children's Garden

This project is an educational experiential playground located in the Cherry Creek Valley Ecological Park (CCVEP) originally constructed by the District in 2001. The District and Arapahoe County contributed \$21,000 each to this project which opened in June. Arapahoe County will own and operate the Garden along with the rest of the CCVEP 75 acre tract.

**District Communication: The District will be initiating a new digital newsletter format. Please send your email address to [info@pjmd.org](mailto:info@pjmd.org) so you can receive these electronic newsletters beginning in the fall of 2014.**

Thank you,

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Please remember to obey the dog leash laws in PJCOS for the safety and enjoyment of the open space by all!