



MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD

BY JIM ZIMMERMAN, BOARD CHAIR

It has been my honor and privilege to serve the residents of Prospect Recreation & Park District as a Board of Directors member since 2007 and as chair of that board since 2014. I am proud of all we've accomplished during my time on the board and wanted to review some of the District's accomplishments over the past 14 years. All of this has been done on a "pay as you go" basis except for acquisition of the Applewood Golf Course which required a bond for approximately 2/3 of the purchase.

The north area of Tanglewood Park (13900 W. 20th Avenue) was completely developed. The improvements include a picnic shelter, a bocce court, a putting green, and walking paths. A ten-foot concrete pedestrian and bicycle trail was constructed from 20th Avenue along the west side of the Litz Child Care Center to the parking lot on the south side of Tanglewood (this improvement was constructed in conjunction with Denver West Metro District).

Fitness stations have been added at Applewood Park (1840 Alkire Court).

A new playground and new basketball courts were installed at Arapahoe Park (4450 Indiana Street).

Applewood Golf Course (14001 W. 32nd Avenue) and its related meeting facility, the Vista, was acquired. Since its acquisition, the Course has added another facility (Bunker's Taproom) on the ground floor of the clubhouse and the tee boxes have been substantially improved.

A new playground has been installed at Maple Grove Park (14600 W. 32nd Avenue). This playground was recently recognized as one of the top ten playgrounds in the Denver metro area by *The Denver Post*.



A design for improvements to Serene Conservancy (previously known as Strippgen Park, 5550 Indiana Street) has been concluded and the permitting process has begun. The park abuts Van Bibber Open Space on Indiana Street and a common parking lot for Van Bibber and Serene has been built and is open for use. Serene Conservancy will have nature trails, wildlife outlooks, a picnic shelter, and a nature play area.

A new playground has been installed and fitness stations added to Fairmount Park (5222 Quaker Street).

A complete redesign of Prospect Arena (13805 W. 52nd Avenue) has been completed and this park will be rebuilt in phases when the budget permits.

The acreage now owned by the District for recreation and park activities is approximately 335 acres as compared to approximately 84.6 acres that were owned and leased ten years ago.

These accomplishments are due to the hard work and dedication of the past and present Board of Directors, past and present District staff, including our two District Managers, Mike Hanson (2006–2020) and Adam Blackmore (2020–current), and the involvement and dedication of the community as a whole.



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APPLEWOOD GOLF COURSE NEWS

Bunker's Taproom is Open!

BY BAILEY GADD, GENERAL MANAGER, APPLEWOOD GOLF COURSE

As we move into another gorgeous fall season at Applewood Golf Course, we can't help but look back on a momentous summer marked with many special events.

In July, we officially opened Bunker's Taproom, our newly renovated restaurant and go-to gathering place. With the help of the Applewood Business Association and the Golden Chamber of Commerce, we had our first ribbon-cutting ceremony with just some of our loyal supporters and local partners. Then, we even held a second ceremony with the Wheat Ridge Business Association and Mayor Bud. If that isn't proof of how supported we feel by the community, we don't know what is!

Since then, our welcoming taproom has been abuzz with laughing families, full-bellied golfers and happy hour-goers, while our extended, outdoor patio has been popping till dark. It has even been the perfect setting for many special events and grand celebrations—one of which was our 60th Anniversary Party. Whether you were in our golf tournament, won a contest on the range, danced to the DJ's beats, enjoyed the live band, or simply enjoyed some fried Twinkies with your little one, we thank you for helping us ring in six incredible decades.

If you're on the hunt for a new place to host a networking event, reception, presentation, dance party or the like, we've got you covered. Contact Macey Hirsch for rental details at mhirsch@applewoodgc.com or 303-278-6637.

We look forward to seeing you all this fall!



Bunker's Taproom ribbon-cutting ceremony and celebration in July. The taproom was named in honor of "Bunker," an elk who used to roam the course.

Photos courtesy of Applewood Golf Course & Touchstone Golf.



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MEET OUR STAFF

Shay Lucero, Administrative Assistant

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

A: This August marks my 15-year work anniversary with the District.

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

A: Being able to talk and work with repeat customers that I have established a relationship with over these past 15 years.

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

A: Fairmount has always been my favorite because of the beautiful surroundings and its quiet atmosphere.



Q: What is your favorite sports team?

A: Colorado Avalanche.

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

A: Iceland hopefully someday!

Q: What's a fun fact about you?

A: I held a high school swimming record in the 500 yard freestyle when I was a freshman.

PUMPKIN FEST & HOLIDAY TEA ARE BACK!



Pumpkin Fest Saturday, October 2

- 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM
- Fairmount Park
5222 Quaker Street, Golden
- Pancake breakfast, games, prizes, live music and much more.
- **Free!** No reservations needed

If you would like to participate as a vendor or sponsor please email us at info@prospectdistrict.org.



Holiday Tea Sunday, December 5

- 12:00 NOON – 2:00 PM
- The Vista at Applewood Golf Course
14001 W. 32nd Avenue, Golden
- Enjoy tea, hot cocoa and treats, prizes, a visit with Santa Claus, and much more!
- **\$20/per person**

Seats are limited so please email Shay at info@prospectdistrict.org or call (303)-424-2346 to make your reservation.



After taking a pause from events last year, we are excited to announce that they are back on for 2021.

For event updates, please visit our website www.prospectdistrict.org or our Facebook page.

We are looking forward to seeing everyone at these “extra” special fall and winter events!



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GREETINGS FROM THE RESERVATIONS DESK

Despite having to shut down during 2020, we were able to resume taking reservations for the Arbor House, Kendrick Cottage and picnic shelters for the summer of 2021. Reservations for our parks, indoor rental facilities and sports fields have stayed busy all through the summer, and the fall season continues to be just as eventful.

PRPD staff and the Board of Directors want to take a moment to thank everyone for their patience and continuing support as we adjust to the changing tides of the pandemic response. We are looking forward to our ongoing service to the community and hoping to have an even greater year in 2022.

Keep an eye out on our Facebook page, website and winter e-newsletter (posted on our Facebook page and website) for information on 2022 reservation availability.

VISIT OUR WEBSITE FOR PROJECT UPDATES:

www.prospectdistrict.org/news/

- **FALL & WINTER PARK MAINTENANCE**
- **32ND AVENUE TO CLEAR CREEK TRAIL CONNECTION PROJECT**
- **PROSPECT ARENA REDESIGN CONCEPTS**
- **SERENE CONSERVANCY DEVELOPMENT**
- **FLORA ANDRUS PARK DEVELOPMENT**

