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The History of Parker

The town of Parker is located within the northern border of the Colorado Indian Reservation, at an elevation of about 450 feet. Although the town was originally laid out in 1871, there was approval by Congress and the president in 1865, giving the Indians the land for their reservation.

A railroad was laid to Parker in 1905, and the town gravitated to that site. The site was meant as a railroad stopover, watering and shipping station, so it was logical that this be a centerpiece. Between 1914 and 1937 Parker existed as a small community, providing supplies and services to the agricultural and mining operations of the area. In the late 1930's it provided community facilities to the construction and administrative people working on federal projects along the Colorado River. After World War II, tourists, sportsmen, and winter residents also became attracted to the smooth waters behind Headgate Rock Dam.

In 1937, a highway bridge was completed across the Colorado River, connecting Arizona to California. In 1928, Parker Dam was completed, thus ensuring better water control of the river. This changed the character of the town of Parker from a service center for agricultural and mining workers to one of providing supplies and services to tourists, fishermen, hunters, and boat enthusiasts, especially off road and speedboat enthusiasts. It's a good place for a day trip, or to take a few days, to see what the area offers.



What We've Been up To....

Tempe Arts Festival

The Tempe Arts Festival, a twice a year event, is one of the most popular and oldest of all Arizona Arts fests. I personally have worked the event since 1987, but it has been around in one form or another for over 45 years. Even though the event has gone through many transitions and evolutions, it once again is rapidly becoming one of the highest acclaimed arts exhibits in the southwest. A quarter million people over the 3 day weekend enjoy the art, atmosphere, food and drink and the local flavor of Mill Avenue. This family event has a little something for everybody and is a must see for everyone who calls Arizona home, and for all visitors too. Make sure you set some time aside the first weekend in December too, for the Fall Festival, and say hi to one of the security folks from T.E.A.M.

<http://www.tempefestivalofthearts.com/>



Salt River Fields BBQ Festival

Who does not love a good barbeque? There are tastes and smells to convert the most committed vegetarian at the now annual Salt River Fields BBQ Festival. With dozens of food vendors, great bands and the inaugural Redneck games, there is no one that can resist leaving with a big grin. If you have never flung a toilet seat at a plunger, you don't know what fun is! From Montana to Texas, From Louisiana to St. Louis, much of the best in barbeque and western fun is represented for a finger licking good experience!

<http://azbbqfestival.com/>

<http://www.saltriverfields.com/events.aspx>



7th Annual Music on the Promenade

If you are a jazz and wine lover, then Music on the Promenade is the event you want to attend in the spring. Sponsored by Earnhardt Hyundai of North Scottsdale, the event usually runs from April to May. Admission is free, but the weekly event will accept donations to support the March of Dimes, the nation's leading non-profit organization devoted to improving the health of babies by preventing birth defects, premature birth and infant mortality. Evie Norins is the main orchestrator for the event, and she has been amazing to work with.

In addition to enjoying the outstanding array of musical talent, attendees will also be treated to food and wine tastings from some of the center's wide variety of restaurants, including Maggiano's Little Italy, Someburro's, and Uncorked, a wine bar. The seventh annual event will also include weekly raffles with prizes from Stein Mart, E & J Designer Shoes, Maggiano's Little Italy, The Capital Grille, Miracle Mile Delicatessen, Cantina Laredo, Elements Therapeutic Massage, The Diamond Source, Rustic Stuff, Someburros, Picasso's Organic Italian Kitchen, Nordstrom Rack, Carolyn's Salon, and other Scottsdale Promenade merchants.

This event started last month and will continue to run through the 24th of May. We hope to see you out there enjoying yourselves!

<http://scottsdalepromenade.com/events-promotions/>



Event Calendar

DATE

VENUE

EVENT

May 11

Comerica Theatre

[Brit Floyd](#)

May 11

WestWorld

[Scottsdale Beer Festival](#)

May 14

Comerica Theatre

[Scooby Doo Live](#)

May 16

Desert Sky Pavilion

[Miranda Lambert](#)

May 28 & 29

Jobing.com Arena

[Taylor Swift](#)

May 27th

Holiday

[Memorial Day](#)

May 30

US Airways Center

[Fleetwood Mac](#)

Help Yourself

Happiness in Unexpected Places

I found [this really interesting article](#) regarding happiness and positivity, that goes into detail about the science of what causes us to think in such a negative way. The story starts off with a pig and how it's simple happy-go-lucky mannerisms made the author smile. I can say the same thing for the chickens we just started raising. They certainly have more personality than I ever would have thought, and they give me a reason to smile every day. Towards the end of the article is also gives you advice on way to stay calm. It's longer, but worth the read.

OIL FIRE!

Since we are always concerned with safety, I have a safety tip for the kitchen. NEVER let a pan heat up for too long. I had the experience of doing that recently and once I poured in the oil, the smoke started, followed by a fire! I was completely surprised and it was at that point I realized we don't have a fire extinguisher in our house. And of course you NEVER put water on an oil fire—you have to smother it to deprive it of oxygen, otherwise it will spread. My husband smothered it with a bowl, luckily. Lesson learned!



"Flowers are the Earth Laughing" - Ralph Waldo Emerson

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