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JEFFERSON COUNTY PARKS We commit to:

Practice Responsible Management of our human, natural, historical, park and financial resources.

Provide Quality Experiences to our customers, visitors, participants, staff and volunteers.

Exchange Information and Foster Collaboration to produce the best possible results.

CAPRA Accreditation –Jefferson County Parks will be pursuing agency accreditation from the Commission for Accreditation of Park and Recreation Agencies (CAPRA). This process requires that an agency comply with all 36 Fundamental Standards and 85% of the remaining 108 standards within two years of its application. JCP appreciates the pledge that many county departments made to assist us as we pursue accreditation.



Boettcher Mansion in Winter



Hosted 79 Special Events and 33 Corporate Meetings this quarter.

Refinished oak floors in Fireside Room.

Planted trees donated by Home Depot on Mansion grounds.

Colorado State University
Extension

120 Master Gardeners attended the Annual Appreciation Breakfast.

Commissioner Faye Griffin presented awards, belt buckles and scholarships to Jefferson County youth at the 4-H Achievement Night event Nov 1.

Native Plant Masters Program, created in Jefferson County 10 years ago, received the CSU Extension Team Award at the annual Extension Forum Conference on campus in November.

Rusty Collins presented the Energy Efficiency project directed at low-income public housing complexes at the National Weatherization Conference in New Orleans in December.



4-H Clubs in action

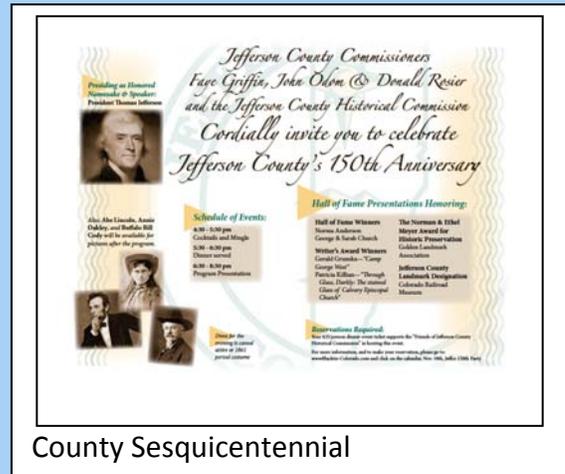
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Hosted 1,510 Event Days and 2,586 RV Reservation Days
 Hosted the County's 150th Birthday Party presented by the Board of County Commissioners and Jeffco Historical Society with over 500 guests in attendance.
 Event reservation management data was transferred to iPad devices to improve efficiency and customer service.
 Completed contract with Pepsi for annual sponsorship and rebate program.
 Pre-Application submitted to Planning for Electronic Sign project.



County Sesquicentennial

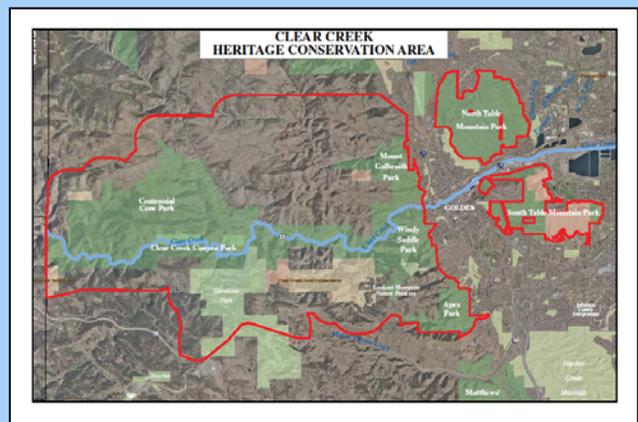


JEFFERSON COUNTY OPEN SPACE

Volunteers – In 2011, 950 Open Space volunteers provided 22,500 hours of service. These contributions are valued at \$480,600 or the equivalent of 10.8 full time employees.

Booth/Rodgers Acquisition – The County added 613 acres to Coal Creek Canyon Park in December. The property was purchased from The Booth Land and Cattle Company and the Rodgers family for \$3,995,586. The Brumm-Booth family owned and ranched the property for over 127 years. Acquisition of the properties will protect a large tract of unfragmented wildlife habitat and a portion of the undeveloped buffer area north of Ralston Creek and Ralston Buttes. The acquisition will also allow for possible future trail connections between Coal Creek Canyon Park, White Ranch Park and Golden Gate Canyon State Park.

Great Outdoor Colorado's River Corridors Initiative – A total of 63 concept papers identifying more than \$160 million in potential funding needs were received by GOCO. The GOCO Board approved Clear Creek Canyon as one of 17 projects invited to submit a full application. Jefferson County and Clear Creek County will partner on this opportunity to meet multiple conservation goals for both counties.



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Lookout Mountain Nature Center

Served 8,340 in the fourth quarter of the year. Halloween Tales and Trails was attended by nearly 600 people and Nature's Gifts was also successful with a total of 175 attending. In 2011, nearly 57,000 people were served, an all time high.



Hiwan Homestead Museum Quilt Festival

Hiwan's Quilt Festival on October 1 featured more than 100 handmade quilts and coverlets with a special tribute to the Busy Bee Quilters, Hiwan's own quilting artists active from 1975 to 2000. Evergreen Holiday Walk, December 2 offered revelers roasted chestnuts and hot cider and entertainment by the Colorado Children's Theatre.

Communications – The fourth edition of Outdoor Insights featured the Elk Meadow Park Dog Off-leash Area. This edition featured the history of the Dog Off-leash Area, planned and completed improvements.

Special Activities - One of the perennial special activity permittees is a non-profit youth organization, *Trips for Kids*. This year, *Trips for Kids* hosted 126 rides with eighteen groups returning from previous years, and six groups having their first ride with the organization. Of those participating, 80% of the youth were novice riders, and this was their first time mountain biking. "We continue to provide experiences to underserved youth, with 60% youth being persons of color, and 40% youth from residential homes," states their year-end report. In 2011 there were 707 approved Special Activity events held on the OS parks, an 8% increase.

Park Construction - stabilized the Reynolds Park Dance Hall outbuilding, replacing studs, flooring, floor joists and poured structural supports for the walls in preparation for the new metal roofing. Staff installed UV water treatment for the domestic water supply at the Elk Meadow Park ranger residence.

Hiwan Homestead Museum - Served 2,150 people including 21 School Field Trips and 1000 students. Halloween Celebration, October 28 entertained children with treats, decorations and crafts. The Winter Wonderland Christmas Tea on December 12 featured music by harpist Maria O'Bryan.

