



JEFFERSON COUNTY PARKS

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Quarterly Report

January – March 2012

Parks

Following some work group reorganization within Open Space, a Communications Team for all of Jefferson County Parks was created. The team will provide easy to understand information about our services, programs, facilities and initiatives to citizens, visitors and staff.

Boettcher Mansion

Hosted eight special events including a Winter Bridal Show, two vendor previews, the 2012 Winter Symposium of the Colorado Arts and Crafts Society and led tours to heritage tourism students from University of Colorado-Denver.

Staff attended training on fund development, grant writing and non-profit board management.



Wedding Celebration at the Boettcher Mansion

CSU Extension



*Colorado Native:
Indian Paintbrush
Courtesy: USDA, NRCS 2012*

Staff held the first Master Gardener Symposium attended by 115 people and generated \$5,581.

Native Plant Master Program published results from the 2011 participant survey. 81% of respondents used native plants in sustainable landscapes resulting in reduced costs for water, pesticides and maintenance. Controlling alien invasive plants increased productivity of grasses for cattle grazing and crops. For every dollar spent on program costs, Native Plant Masters reported \$4.06 in savings from sustainable landscaping and weed control methods.

Jeffco 4-H Agent Barbie Garnett and Front Range Science Technology Engineering Math (STEM) specialist Claire Dixon conducted hands-on sessions for 93 after-school educators using the Food, Culture and Reading curriculum. The curriculum explores six different cultures including Russia, Japan and the United States.



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Fairgrounds

Booked 9 new events and hosted 7 new events held in this quarter.

Pepsi is now the official soft drink beverage provider at the Fairgrounds! The agreement includes an annual sponsorship payment of \$3,000 plus rebates and vending machine revenue sharing.

Open Space



Windy Saddle Park views

A donation of 2.3 acres was received from the Clear Creek Land Conservancy. The property is adjacent to Windy Saddle Park and ¼ mile west of the Lookout Mountain Nature Center.

Three interior chimneys at Hiwan Homestead Museum were restored.

A Volunteer Open House in February resulted in applications from 60 new people interested in giving time and talent to our program.

40 members of the Evergreen Newcomers Club enjoyed a program presented by Hiwan Homestead Museum on ghost towns of Jefferson County.



Volunteer-led programs



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A new logo for Open Space was rolled out with an emphasis on our legacy of land conservation. The logo will be applied to uniforms and business cards with letterhead, nametags and vehicle markings to follow. Changes to existing signs will be made as they need to be replaced.



Jefferson County and Clear Creek County completed a joint application for Great Outdoors Colorado grant funding through the River Corridors Initiative. The grant application is to fund construction of approximately 6 miles of hard surface trail from about one-half mile east of Mayhem Gulch Trailhead (at mile marker 262.5) west to Tunnel 6 in Clear Creek County. This effort is a portion of a regional trail concept named Peaks to Plains Trail linking Loveland Pass to the South Platte confluence in Adams County.

Peaks to Plains Trail: Clear Creek Canyon Phase

