

Harris Park Timeline

(The following information was found among old documentation. Complete accuracy is unknown).

- 1954** - Lakeshore Inc. purchased the 480 acres of Harris Park, divided the land into lots and sold them. Lakeshore defaulted and went bankrupt.
- 1955** - Harris Park property owners formed an Association of 5 directors and petitioned for incorporation as "Harris Park Estates." *Well #1 was drilled for the community center and residents. *Community Center began construction, finished in 1958.
- 1960** - Harris Park Metropolitan District (a Special District) and Water & Sanitation District was formed with 5 directors.
- 1962** - Lake #1 completed by Water & Sanitation District.
- 1964** - Three lots purchased for Fire Department Building.
- 1965** - Lake #2 completed.
- 1966** - Firehouse built.
- 1968** - School bus comes to #43/#47, rather than #285. *Harris Park Association filed with the state.
- 1969** - Church services started at the Community Center.
- 1971** - First mail delivery, first newsletter, first Huck Finn Day.
- 1972** - Bartimous Well drilled.
- 1973** - Five families living full time. *Recreation events began for teenagers and school age children. *School bus comes to the Community Center.
- 1974** - Hosted fishing for the handicap on Memorial Day weekend.
- 1978** - Fire department Ladies Auxiliary formed. Cookbooks compiled and sold as fundraiser for fire equipment.
- 1979** - Shelton Drive paved. *Harris Park Memorial Garden started.
- 1984** - Harris Lake breached due to seepage in several septic systems.
- 1986** - Neal Road paved. *Lake #1 new dam built.
- 1989** - New church building started. *US Post Office reported mail delivery to 210 families.
*Harris Park Estates name changed to Harris Park Property and Homeowners Association.
- 1990** - New garage for Water Board (2 bay). *Harris Park Fire District merged with the Platte Canyon Fire Protection District.
- 1998** - Large picture of Lake #2, donated by Edith Johnson.
- 2000** - New street signs throughout Harris Park. *New playground equipment. * 3-bay shop built.
- 2001** - Flora Pond dam built.
- 2002** - Original HP Firehouse torn down.
- 2003** - New firehouse built by Platte Canyon Fire Protection District.
- 2004** - Deck built on the back of the Community Center by volunteers in memory of Paul Truitt.
- 2005** - Park County assumes responsibility of Harris Park Roads. * New "Rules" signs installed at the lakes.
- 2006** - 1st annual community BBQ held on Huck Finn Day. * HOA sold the recreation activities to HP Water & Sanitation District.
- 2007** - Water Board petitioned and was to change its name to Harris Park Metropolitan District. * Approximately 500 full-time residents in Harris Park. * New Entrance Sign installed with logo. In less than 242 hours, sign was stolen.
- 2008** - Entrance Sign reappeared on Mother's Day with very little damage. * HPMD added an increase in the mill levy on the ballot to maintain roads in Harris Park. It failed by 3 votes.

- 2010** - Oil put down on Community Center building floor. * New grille purchased for community barbeque. * Purchased laptop computer and Peachtree Accounting software.
- 2011** - Outside cameras purchased for the exterior of the Community Center building.
* HP Printer purchased. * Eagle Scout project to repair and maintenance of Horse Corral. * Bartimous well shut down due to high nitrate content. * HPMD website created.
- 2012** - Locking community boards installed. * New bathroom fixtures installed in men's room.
- 2013** - Flora Pond dredged. * Changed accounting program from Peachtree to Quickbooks.
- 2014** - Gutters installed at community center.
- 2015** - Harris Park Facebook created. * Lake #2 dredged.
- 2016** - New Flag installed at Community Center. * HP email account created. * HPMD major cleanup day. * Ice Fishing tournament. * Purchased 3 5-gallon metal fuel tanks. * Fish Rescue at Lake #2, fish transferred to Lake #1. * Emergency repair on slide gate at Lake #1.
- 2017** - Lakes #1 excavated and stream cleaned out. * New thermostats at Community Center. * First Pancake Breakfast to be held the last Saturday of March. * Road Grader sold for \$300.
* Personnel Policy established. * Community wooden bulletin boards repaired and repainted by volunteers. * Flagpole repair and light installed at the top. * Completion of Lake #2 rehabilitation.
- 2018** - Firewise Committee started. * Green emergency address signs sold to residents. * Trees at community center trimmed and cut down for fire mitigation. * Harris Lake (dry lake) cleared for fire mitigation, and emergency vehicles. * Emergency landing zone created for emergency vehicles, helicopters. * Windsock installed. * Current attorney resigned and new attorney hired. * Cork material donated and installed on wooden cork boards by volunteers. * "Keeper of the Flag" program. * First "A Taste of Harris Park" event. * Septic System pumped. * "Big Fish Fund" donation category added. * Wetland signs purchased for the lakes.
- 2019** - Applied for grant for Lake #1 to Park County Land and Water Trust Fund, and was approved \$205,500. * Weatherization of community center. * Swing sets repair, seats replaced at both playgrounds. * Fire extinguishers updated and smoke alarms installed at community center, and two shops. * Recreation shop cleaned out. Weeds cleaned out at Lake #1. * Drains cleaned at shop. * Contracted with Bailey Towing. * Flora Pond sediment pond cleaned out. Letter written to State asking not to include Tate Pond from abandonment list to protect our water rights. "Children at Play" signs purchased.
- 2020** - Rehabilitation of Lake #1 completed. * By order of the Colorado Department of Public Health, Community Center water supply disconnected from the well and a water tank installed in the Community Center. A water spigot installed on the back side of the Community Center for access to water in the holding tank by application & key by seasonal property owners of Harris Park. The well hydrant is locked for access to water by application & key for full time for full time residents who do not have their own water system.