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Press Release

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Lafayette residents now have locations to "charge up"

"Colorado Drives Electric Day" to be celebrated on May 17 at the new charging station

Lafayette, Colo May 14, 2012 – The City of Lafayette has installed their first electric vehicle charging station at the Lafayette Public Library. This station, serving eastern Boulder County electric vehicle (EV) owners and those traveling through the area, was made possible through efforts and funding from the Lafayette Energy Sustainability Advisory Committee (LESAC). The central location of the Library charging station, just off Highway 287 and Baseline Road, will allow EV drivers to charge their cars during a short stop in Lafayette while they run errands in town or visit the Library.

On Thursday, May 17 LESAC will host the official ribbon cutting for the charging station in conjunction with Colorado Drives Electric Day. Information will be presented about the station and Lafayette's support of the use of electric vehicles. A Nissan Leaf electric vehicle, courtesy of Boulder Nissan, will be on display.

"We are very excited to offer electric vehicle charging in Lafayette," says Curt Cheesman, Director of Recreation and Facility Management for the City of Lafayette. "Electric vehicles are just beginning to grow in popularity and the City wants to show our support of those who are on the forefront with this technology. Boulder County has seen an increase in ownership of electric vehicles such as the Chevy Volt and Nissan Leaf, and we want these car owners to frequent Lafayette."

The City of Lafayette has also recently installed electric bike charging stations at the Bob L. Burger Recreation Center, City Hall, and the Lafayette Library. All are currently being provided at no charge to users. "Since each of these three City facilities generates energy through solar power," explains Cheesman, "another benefit to the community is that all of the bike stations will be powered by the sun." Electric bikes offer the convenience of a motorized vehicle with the energy saving advantages of a bicycle. The typical range is 10-30 miles per charge depending on the amount of pedal power the rider provides.

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Colorado Drives Electric Day in Lafayette / Charging Station Ribbon Cutting

Thursday, May 17, 2012

5:30 pm

Lafayette Public Library

775 W. Baseline Road / Lafayette 80026

About LESAC: The Lafayette Energy Sustainability Advisory Committee (LESAC) was established to serve in an advisory capacity and to make recommendations to City Council. LESAC strives to make Lafayette more sustainable in its energy resources and usage, and therefore, a more prosperous community in the future. The committee has engaged in projects such as the Green Business Program, alternative transportation, alternative energy installations, and community education and outreach. Visit www.cityoflafayette.com/LESAC for more information.

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EV Charging Station - Library



Electric Bike Charging Station – Recreation Center

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