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News Release

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Lafayette Earns National Parks and Recreation Accreditation

Mark of distinction recognizes commitment to highest level of service to the Lafayette community

LAFAYETTE, Colo - October 25, 2013 – The Lafayette Recreation and Facilities Management, and Parks, Open Space, and Golf Departments join the ranks of elite park and recreation agencies and departments across the country by earning accreditation through the Commission for Accreditation of Park and Recreation Agencies (CAPRA) and the National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA). This distinguished accomplishment has been awarded to a total of 118 agencies nation-wide since its inception in 1993. Only three other Colorado agencies have achieved this prestigious level of distinction.

CAPRA Accreditation is the only national accreditation for park and recreation agencies, and is a measure of Lafayette's overall quality of operation, management and service to the community. This mark of distinction indicates that the Lafayette Recreation and Facilities Management, and Parks, Open Space, and Golf Departments have met rigorous standards related to the management and administration of lands, facilities, resources, programs, safety and services. Accreditation is an ongoing process of evaluation and continual commitment to improvement. The Lafayette departments are required to be reviewed and recertified every 5 years.

"The CAPRA process was valuable to affirm what we currently do as an agency as well as help evaluate areas where improvements can be made," said Sean VonRoenn, Recreation Superintendent. "It was extremely worthwhile in bringing together staff from multiple departments and divisions to collaborate on how best to serve the community and provide the highest quality programs and services."

As part of the accreditation process, Lafayette was required to demonstrate compliance with 144 recognized standards and document all policies and procedures. The process helped to identify efficiencies and heighten areas of accountability, all of which translate into higher quality service and operation to benefit the community. Lafayette's 18 month process for accreditation involved lengthy and involved self-assessments, a formal application, a site visit by a team of trained visitors resulting in a written report, and a hearing with the commission to grant accreditation. Once accredited, agencies are expected to uphold the standards and are reviewed again in five years.

The City would like to celebrate this coveted achievement with the Lafayette community by offering a Free Afternoon Admission at the Bob L. Burger Recreation Center. Lafayette residents are invited to come and experience why the Recreation Center is touted as "Your Recreation Destination"!

Free Afternoon at the Bob L. Burger Recreation Center to celebrate CAPRA Accreditation

Sunday, November 3, 2013

Free admission to the facility from 1:00-5:00pm (pools close at 4:30pm, facility closes at 5:00pm)

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For more information about CAPRA accreditation, visit www.nrpa.org/CAPRA.

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