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## Plano Parks & Recreation Achieves National Reaccreditation *First Achieved Accreditation in 1994*

Congratulations to the Plano Parks and Recreation Department for achieving reaccreditation from the Commission for Accreditation of Parks and Recreation Agencies (CAPRA) making them one of only 88 such agencies in the country, and just five in the state of Texas, to currently hold national accreditation. This distinguished accomplishment was announced in Salt Lake City, Utah at the National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA) 2009 Congress and Exposition last month.

*“Accreditation is a voluntary process that places our policies, procedures and methods of working under the microscope of excellence,”* said Plano City Manager Tom Muehlenbeck. *“It is a highly complex and intensive process and not only does it confirm the quality of our programming and staff, but it also provides us a benchmark for future improvement. Our reaccreditation designation solidifies our commitment to our citizenry to continuing the provision of unrivaled Parks and Recreation programming and facilities.”*

The reaccreditation process takes several years to accomplish. After the application process, Plano developed a detailed self-assessment report followed by an on-site visit from a team of parks and recreation professionals. In the process, an agency must respond to 144 national standards, fully meeting 36 Fundamental Standards, and meeting at least 85 percent of the remaining 108 standards (92). Plano Parks and Recreation first achieved accreditation in October 1994, and re-accreditations in 1999 and 2004.

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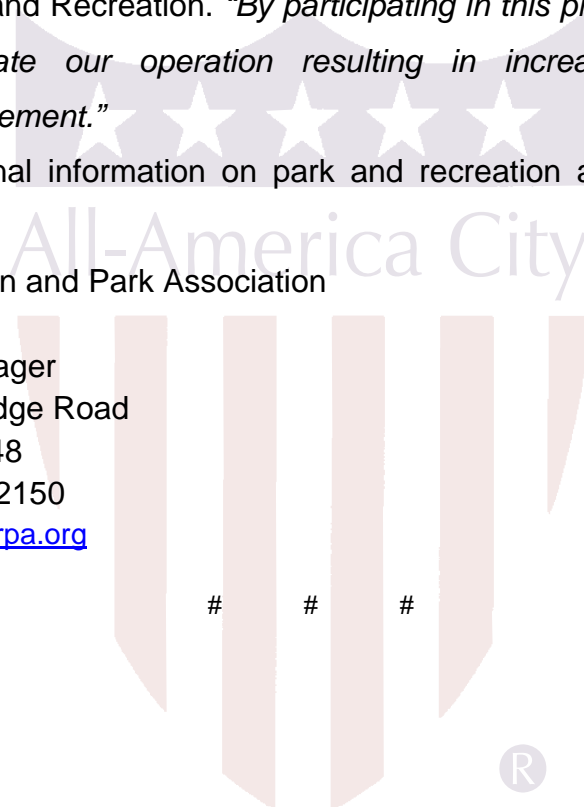
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*“This accomplishment is a testament to the outstanding work provided by the employees of the parks and recreation department,” says Amy Fortenberry, Director of Parks and Recreation. “By participating in this process we are able to thoroughly evaluate our operation resulting in increased efficiency and continuous improvement.”*

For additional information on park and recreation agency accreditation, contact:

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