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25 Years of Excellence in Management and Service Plano Parks and Recreation reaccredited

Plano Parks and Recreation has received national accreditation for the 25th straight year. Accreditation is based on an agency's compliance with 151 rigorous standards related to the management and administration of lands, facilities, programs, resources, safety and services. Plano Parks and Recreation met all 151 standards.

Plano Parks and Recreation was officially reaccredited by the Commission for Accreditation of Park and Recreation Agencies (CAPRA) on September 27 at the National Recreation and Parks Association (NRPA) Congress in Baltimore.

Plano Parks and Recreation became a charter member of CAPRA in October 1994, one of only eight agencies accredited that first year. The Department received reaccreditation in 1999, 2004, 2009, 2014, and 2019, one of only 5 recreation agencies nationwide that have maintained their accreditation status for 25 years.

CAPRA recognizes park and recreation agencies for excellence in operation and service. To become reaccredited, the Department went through a year-long application process, followed by a three-day assessment by a CAPRA visitation team. The team reviewed and verified all documentation, observed operations, toured parks and facilities, and visited with staff and city administration. The CAPRA visitation team applauded the Department for its experienced and professional staff, their passion for what they do and for their vision and transparency. CAPRA also commended the Department for its effective communication methods, both internally and with the public, as well as for its thought out policies and plans, such as the Parks Master Plan that was approved by the Plano City Council in 2018.

Plano's parks and recreation system features include:

- Five recreation centers
- Nine pools
- 85 park sites
- 80 miles of paved walking and bike trails
- Two nature preserves that total over 1,000 acres
- World-class athletic facilities
- Tree City USA recognition since 1989

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About Plano

Plano, Texas, is the largest city in Collin County with a population of 284,070 as of January 2019. Incorporated in 1873, the city is located 20 miles north of Dallas. Niche and AreaVibes recently named Plano as one of the Best Cities to Live in America. Forbes designated Plano one of America's safest cities. The City offers a high quality of life that includes nationally recognized schools, award-winning parks, and sustainability initiatives and a wide variety of multi-cultural neighborhoods appealing to families, young singles and retirees. Plano is home to the headquarters or regional operations of major corporations such as Toyota, Liberty Mutual, JPMorgan Chase Boeing Global Services, Fannie Mae, FedEx Office, JC Penney, Rent-A-Center, Cinemark Holdings, Denbury Resources and Alliance Data Systems. Our dynamic community features excellent restaurants, vibrant shopping and entertainment venues, a lively historic downtown district and active local arts scene. Easy access to DART light rail and major highways makes Plano a convenient place to live, work and visit. To learn more about Plano, go to our website at plano.gov.