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The Great Lawn Opening at Lowry September 12
Lowry's Crown Jewel Park, The Great Lawn, to Open with Ceremony

Denver, Colo. - Aug. 28, 2009 – Denver Parks and Recreation's newest park, The Great Lawn, opens to the public Saturday, September 12, at 11 a.m. The Great Lawn, located at Yosemite Street and Lowry Boulevard, represents the 'crown jewel' of Lowry's park system, adding 50 acres to the community's nearly 800 acres of open and recreational space.

"The Great Lawn opening is truly a great opportunity to celebrate Lowry," said Stacie Loucks, executive director, Lowry Community Master Association (LCMA). "Lowry is pleased to now offer recreational space equal in size to nearly 20 percent of all park space in Denver. This park is a wonderful asset to add to our growing community, and one that we hope will increase both home value and experience for residents."

The event signifies the official opening of the core park area allowing citizens to start utilizing this long anticipated asset of the community. Although The Great Lawn is officially open there are areas within the park, mainly to the north, that will remain under construction into 2010. Once all remaining details are finalized, the Lowry Redevelopment Authority (LRA) will officially transition responsibility of the Park to Denver Parks and Recreation.

"Opening a new park is always an exciting event for us, but we're especially thrilled to open one this large and at such a central location, said Kevin Patterson, manager of Denver Parks and Recreation. "At 50 acres, The Great Lawn park is one of the City's largest, and we hope the surrounding community is as thrilled as we are to open it officially to the public."

Presented by the LRA and the Lowry Community Master Association (LCMA), The Great Lawn Opening kicks off with a formal ceremony with Denver Parks and Recreation at 11 a.m., followed by a free concert with local musicians, Opie Gone Bad, from 11:30 a.m. - 2 p.m. In addition to the tours, The Great Lawn celebration will include fun activities for all ages, including a Kids' Zone with a bungee trampoline, bounce house and games.

Community exhibitors and sponsors such as the LRA hosted booth for home builders and Greenprint Denver will be on hand to provide information on housing, energy efficiency, recreations and more. Additional sponsors for the event include Albertsons, Royal Crest Dairy, Kentwood Cherry Creek realtors, Amy Frankmore and Adrienne Cutilletta. Picnic lunches will be available from Big Papa's BBQ for \$3, along with games and memorabilia for attendees.

In celebration of The Great Lawn Opening, Lowry invites the community to tour Lowry model homes on Saturday, September 12, between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m., enjoy a free dessert bar and pick up a Lowry golf coupon for a free bucket of balls at CommonGround, while supplies last.

"Though Lowry is more than 90 percent built out, we're excited to still offer several housing options from the \$100s to the \$800s and beyond," said Tom Markham, executive director, LRA. "Eight builders will celebrate The Great Lawn Opening with us on September 12, holding model home tours throughout the day. We're thrilled to showcase the variety of options still available."

The Great Lawn represents another installment, of late that adds to Lowry's allure. Lowry's public golf course, CommonGround, owned and operated by the Colorado Golf Association and the Colorado Women's Golf Association, opened to the public May 23 following a major two-year construction of a completely new 18-hole championship course and a 9-hole junior course. The course is the latest amenity for the Lowry community in the heart of metro Denver and the only course slated to open in Colorado in 2009.

Once a working Air Force base, Lowry has transformed into a forward-thinking, mixed-use community. Today more than 35,000 people live, work, play and learn at Lowry. There are 12 quality homebuilders all placing the final touches on the Lowry community and The Great Lawn Opening will complement those efforts. Lowry has 22 diverse housing models including single-family homes, upscale lofts, townhomes, luxury condos and patio homes.

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About the Lowry Redevelopment Authority:

The Lowry Redevelopment Authority (LRA) is a non-profit, quasi-governmental organization established by the Cities of Denver and Aurora to take on all responsibilities for the redevelopment of the former Lowry Air Force Base. The LRA serves as master planner and developer of most of the 1,866-acre site for detailed planning, zoning, infrastructure improvements and real estate sales. It will disband when redevelopment is complete. Located in east Denver and west Aurora, Lowry is the nationally recognized model for military base redevelopment. Lowry now consists of 3,500 homes and apartments, more than 140 businesses, 13 schools and a pedestrian-friendly retail center. For more information, visit www.lowry.org.

About Denver Parks + Recreation (DPR)

DPR facilities are unrivaled in the Rocky Mountain West. The DPR system spans over a 138-year history from the first park created in 1868 to nearly 15,000 acres of urban parks and mountain parkland today. It embraces nearly 3,000 acres of “traditional” parks and parkways, 2,500 urban natural acres and close to 8,000 acres of urban forest within the city alone. The system has evolved from the early years of jungle gyms and swings to 29 recreation centers and 17 outdoor pools offering high-quality programs.