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GRAND JUNCTION HOSTS MAKE A SPLASH GET TO KNOW YOUR CITY EVENT AT THE BUTTERFLY POND AT LAS COLONIAS

GRAND JUNCTION, Colo. May 30, 2024 – The City of Grand Junction will host a free “Make a Splash Get to Know Your City” event for the whole family on Thursday, June 13, 2024, from 4 – 6 p.m. at the Butterfly Pond at Las Colonias. A very special announcement will also occur at 4 p.m. to kick off the event.

The event, focused on water safety, recreation and conservation, will feature games, a Stand Up Paddle Board demonstration, free popsicles, an interactive art project using bottlecaps led by artist TJ Smith tjsmith.art, drawings for counter top compost bins, and a Touch-A-Truck event. Riverfront Zip Adventures will also be open from 4-7 p.m. that day with 15 percent discount coupons available for up to 10 guests per hour.

City staff will present information about projects, plans, and new initiatives focused on how this vital natural resource is used and current efforts by the city that are underway related to conservation. In addition, displays will include information about how to safely recreate on local waterways. Organizations including the Urban Trail Committee, the city’s Forestry Board volunteers, Save-A-Life Life Jacket program, U.S. Fish and Wildlife, and others have been invited to join Interim City Manager Andrea Phillips and city staff who will be on hand to answer questions and provide information on city programs and services.

“We are hosting this water-themed version of Get to Know Your City to include aspects that are fun and informative, kicking off the summer season with a splash at our River Park and the Butterfly Pond at Las Colonias,” said Andrea Phillips, interim city manager. “In addition to displays with information about city projects, the event showcases safe water recreation and ways we can all conserve this vital natural resource.”

“Kids can also enjoy some of the vehicles we use in our work to keep the city safe and our trails free of debris for biking, walking and rolling,” continued Phillips. “The River Park just opened for the season and we thought it made sense to move our event to this area of our riverfront in order to share information about safe use of the river and water sports in general.”

Get to Know Your City events are planned throughout the year to provide community members with an opportunity to learn more about current and upcoming city projects and initiatives. City staff are on hand at these events to answer questions and displays to provide detail regarding projects and plans currently underway or in the planning stages. Staff also offer ways for the public to provide input and learn more about current projects. In addition to information about plans involving public safety, transportation, utilities, and development, the summer event includes partners from outdoor recreation. These events are free and open to all community members. For information or questions about the event email communications@gjcity.org.

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