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Council President Jeanne Robb Announces 2009 Cheesman “First Sunday in the Park” Auto-Free Days and “One Book, One Sunday” Children’s Literacy Program

Various Cheesman Park Community Events Teamed with First Sunday of May- September Closures to Auto Traffic

Denver, CO (March 24, 2009) – Councilwoman Jeanne Robb, in partnership with Cheesman Park Advocacy Group (CPAG) and Denver Parks and Recreation, is pleased to announce the five selected Cheesman auto-free dates for summer 2009. To provide greater predictability and increase public use, Cheesman Park roads will be closed to automobile traffic the first Sunday of each month May through September. On May 3, June 7, July 5, August 2, and September 6, Cheesman Park roads will be closed from 5:00 am to 6:00 pm to enhance the pedestrian and biking experience in the park.

During the “First Sunday in the Park” auto-free days, children ages 2- 8 are invited to attend “One Book, One Sunday” at 11:30 at the Pavilion. Come and join educators as they explore nature through stories and a children’s activity based on the book. This event is sponsored by Councilwoman Jeanne Robb, Cheesman Park Advocacy Group, and the Children’s Museum of Denver. The first book is *Planting a Rainbow* and the children will be planting their own “rainbow” as an activity at 11:30 am Sunday, May 3 at the Pavilion.

“I encourage you, your family, and friends to come and enjoy a safe, peaceful day in the park.” said Councilwoman Jeanne Robb. “I look forward to the many activities, such as ‘One Book, One Sunday,’ that are planned to coincide with this closure.”

The park trails and roads will be available to walkers, joggers, cyclists, rollerbladers and picnickers. Occasional auto-free days were recommended in the Cheesman Park Master Plan. To view the plan, go to www.denvergov.org and enter Cheesman Park in the search box. If possible, please walk or bike to the park, but if you can’t, Sunday parking is available on 8th Avenue.

Other summer activities include:

- Denver Parks and Recreation “Movie in the Park” Friday, June 19
- 3rd Annual Independence Day Cheesman Park Kids Parade, Saturday, July 4
- Colorado Symphony Orchestra Thursday, July 23
- Denver Municipal Band date TBD
- Colorado Honors Band date TBD

For more information, please contact Councilwoman Jeanne Robb’s office at 303-377-1807 or online at www.denvergov.org/CouncilDistrict10.

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