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Community & Media Invite: Ribbon Cutting for EV Chargers at Hiawatha Gardens

MANITOU SPRINGS CO – We are delighted to announce the completion of an innovative and forward-thinking project that aims to revolutionize electric vehicle (EV) charging accessibility in Manitou Springs. The City of Manitou Springs invites the media and community members to join us for a momentous ribbon-cutting event, celebrating the installation of EV Chargers at Hiawatha Gardens.

The \$156,000 project, made possible through a collaboration of funding from an \$88,000 Charge Ahead Colorado Grant and \$68,000 in Pikes Peak Rural Transportation Authority funds, has resulted in the installation of four Type 2 dual-port chargers and one Type 3 DC fast charger. A Type 3 DC faster charger can charge a vehicle in 25-30 minutes.

A significant achievement of this project is the introduction of the Type 3 DC Fast Charger, the only one of its kind in the area. The nearest fast charger to Manitou Springs is currently located at the Colorado Springs Parking Garage, making this installation at Hiawatha Gardens a groundbreaking advancement for the region's EV infrastructure.

The benefits of this installation are multifold. Not only will it encourage more residents, employees, and frequent visitors to adopt electric vehicles, but it will also promote sustainable transportation choices and contribute to reducing the overall carbon footprint of the Manitou Springs area.

We cordially invite members of the media, community leaders, and EV enthusiasts to join us for the ribbon-cutting ceremony at Hiawatha Gardens, where you will hear from Mayor John Graham from Manitou Springs City Council, Nancy Wilson as a resident advocate who was critical for this project, Jim Godfrey from the Pikes Peak Rural Transportation Authority's Citizens Advisory Committee, and Matt Mines with the Colorado Energy Office.

Date: August 8

Time: 10a.m.

Location: 10 Old Mans Trail

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