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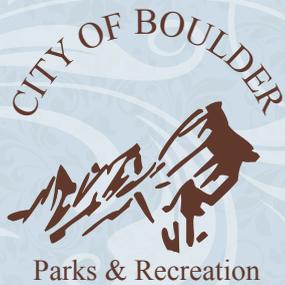


*Emma Gomez Martinez
Park Renaming*

Saturday, October 12, 2013

1:00-3:00 p.m.

*Emma Gomez Martinez Park
2035 Canyon Blvd.*





Schedule of Events

Honored Guest **Emma Gomez Martinez**



Emma Gomez Martinez, a member of one of the earliest Hispanic families to establish themselves in Boulder in the 1930s, advocated passionately for minority populations in Boulder in the 1950s and 60s.

For years, Emma lobbied for the two acres of land (today's Canyon Park) to be converted into a park. In 1965, Emma was named to the first board of directors for the Office of Economic Opportunity (OEO). Shortly after being named to the board of directors for the OEO, Emma was hired as the program coordinator, Boulder Center director and assistant Boulder County director for the OEO. Working in her position as liaison to the Boulder City Manager's Office, she proposed that the property at 2035 Canyon Blvd. be dedicated as a community park. Thus, Canyon Park, the dream and vision of many residents of Boulder, became a reality.

The decision was made by City Manager Jane Brautigam to rename Canyon Park to be called Emma Gomez Martinez Park. The Parks and Recreation Advisory Board (PRAB) supported her decision as a unanimous vote and the Boulder City Council supported the decision as well.

Emma Gomez Martinez is the proud mother of 5 children, 11 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren and currently resides in Arvada, Colorado.



Welcome

Kirk Kincannon
City of Boulder Parks & Recreation Director

Guest Speakers

Mayor Appelbaum
City of Boulder Mayor

Euvaldo Valdez
Retired BVSD employee and long time friend of Emma's family.

Lloyd Throne
Retired Director, Office of Economic Opportunities

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Ribbon Cutting

Mayor Appelbaum, Kirk Kincannon and Emma Gomez Martinez