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### **Town of Lyons honors Lyons local and former Trustee, Mrs. LaVern M. Johnson**

**LYONS, CO** – In honor of former Trustee Mrs. LaVern Johnson's lengthy and dedicated service to the Town of Lyons, the Board of Trustees (BOT) unanimously passed a resolution to change the name of Meadow Park to LaVern M. Johnson Park, at the May 2, 2016 BOT Meeting. Born in Denver in 1928, Mrs. LaVern moved to Lyons when she was six months old. She graduated from Lyons High School, and has since been actively involved in numerous civic endeavors, centered on maintaining and enhancing the quality of life for the residents of Lyons. Mrs. LaVern's civic endeavors have included membership and leadership in various school committees, formation of the Lyons Historical Society dba the Lyons Redstone Museum (1977), the Lyons Historic District (1978), the Red Rock Ramblers Square Dance Club (1958), as well as involvement with numerous efforts to support and establish parks and recreation facilities in the Town – Mrs. LaVern was a major contributor toward helping create and support the Town's Parks and Recreation Department.

With over 50 years of service in support of Town's parks and recreation functions, more than 13 years served as a Trustee, and an active member and leader of countless community events and celebration committees, Mrs. LaVern has played a significant role in shaping Lyons to the community it is today.

At the meeting, Mrs. LaVern was presented a custom chair created by local artists, exclusively for the former Trustee to sit comfortably at BOT meetings and other events at Town Hall. New signage for the park is being prepared.

The Town is overwhelmingly grateful for Mrs. LaVern's countless contributions, and is proud to be home of the LaVern M. Johnson Park.

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