



Media Contact:

DeAnna Whittemore
Communications & Events
Coordinator
DeAnna@cityofgretna.com

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Gretna Crossing Park Sponsored by United Republic Bank Wins Great Places in Nebraska Award

Gretna, Nebraska, March 21, 2024 – The City of Gretna opened Gretna Crossing Park (GXP), sponsored by United Republic Bank, in September 2023. GXP is Gretna’s outdoor entertainment, recreation and sports venue offering activities for everyone. The 157- acre park includes a wide variety of amenities and is also the home to the Gretna Crossing YMCA.

This March, city officials attended the Nebraska Planning Conference in Kearney to receive the “Great Places in Nebraska” award. This award recognizes and celebrates great urban and rural places of exemplary character, quality, and planning while meeting criteria of originality, innovation, meaningful engagement, implementation, and effectiveness.

With the change from small, rural town to a diverse community attracting more and more households and businesses, the city knew that big steps were needed. Without that, they lose an opportunity to carve out a place for generations to engage. “Gretna Crossing Park captures not only the values and what is important to our residents, it reflects our heritage through wayfinding, preserves its natural landscape and creates a space where community happens” said Mike Evans, Mayor of Gretna.

The Mayor and City Council are proud that residents had the courage to look past the uncertainty of the pandemic and understand how important it is for the community to have a space that preserves some of the past, offers a place to come together, and provides a quality lifestyle for generations to come.

To learn more about GXP and all it offers, please visit <https://www.gretnacrossingpark.com/>.

For media inquiries or further information, please contact DeAnna Whittemore, Communications & Events Coordinator, City of Gretna, NE, DeAnna@cityofgretna.com.

###

The City of Gretna is a vibrant community located in Nebraska, known for its rich history, exceptional quality of life, and commitment to progress. With a thriving economy, excellent schools, and a strong sense of community, Gretna offers residents and visitors alike a welcoming environment to live, work, and play.