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City of El Paso Celebrates International Lifeguard Appreciation Day Community Encouraged to Share Experiences

EL PASO, Texas— The City of El Paso encourages residents and visitors to show their appreciation for lifeguards from the Parks and Recreation Department Aquatics Division as part of International Lifeguard Appreciation Day, TODAY, Wednesday, July 31.

“We extend our sincere appreciation to our City lifeguards,” said Parks and Recreation Director Pablo Caballero. “Our lifeguards ensure the safety of visitors at City pools. We ask the community to please take a moment to share your appreciation and recognize the role lifeguards play to keep us safe.”

Residents and visitors who meet with a City lifeguard are encouraged to say thank you. As part of the celebration, guests can write thank you messages on white bulletin boards placed at all City pools and aquatic centers. The City and Parks and Recreation Department is also recognizing lifeguards its social media platforms with pictures and videos.

The Parks and Recreation Aquatics Division has more than 180 lifeguards who safeguard 12 City pools and aquatic facilities throughout the year. City lifeguards undergo extensive training, including hours of initial aquatic courses and testing, and possess the necessary certifications to respond to emergencies.

International Lifeguard Appreciation Day takes place annually on July 31 and is designed to celebrate and thank the hundreds of thousands of professional lifeguards who make it their mission to work while others play. The day recognizes the important role lifeguards play in keeping our communities safe and furthering education related to water safety.

To learn more about the Aquatics Division of the Parks and Recreation Department, including swimming programs, activities, or becoming a lifeguard, www.elpasotexas.gov/parks/

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