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## **WINTER PARK SELECTED AS FINALIST FOR 2008 CITY OF EXCELLENCE AWARD**

**WINTER PARK, Fla. an internationally recognized ICMA Excellence Award winner (October 2, 2008)** – The Florida League of Cities has recently announced that the City of Winter Park is one of six finalists for its *Florida City of Excellence Award* which recognizes overall excellence in city government. The award program is designed to highlight innovative services that cities provide to improve the quality of life in Florida and to honor dedicated city leaders for their excellence in public service. The five additional finalists include the cities of Clearwater, Dunedin, Hallandale Beach, Orlando and Sunny Isles Beach.

According to Winter Park City Manager, Randy Knight, “We are extremely proud to be chosen as a City of Excellence finalist. We thank the Florida League of Cities for this honor, and remain committed to working each day to provide a superior quality of life for the residents of Winter Park.”

The City of Winter Park was judged on a number of categories including: governance & administration, city leadership, intergovernmental cooperation, citizen outreach & involvement, technology, innovative programs & services, and fiscal management.

The Florida League of Cities, Inc., is the official organization of the municipal governments (cities, towns, villages and chartered counties) in Florida, designed and established to meet and serve the needs of Florida’s municipal officials.

“The cities in this category provide exemplary service for its citizens and truly embody the qualities of a superlative city. It is truly an honor and a privilege to salute such outstanding cities in this celebration of dedication, innovation and public service known as *Florida Cities of Excellence!*” says Carmine Priore, Florida League of Cities president.

Finalists have been invited to attend an awards luncheon on Friday, November 21, 2008, at the Hyatt Regency Orlando International Airport, where all winners will be announced. Winners will receive a “MUNI” award and be featured in the League’s award-winning publication, *Quality Cities*.

For more information about the Florida Cities of Excellence Awards, please visit the Florida League of Cities Web site at [www.flcities.com](http://www.flcities.com). For more information regarding the City of Winter Park, please visit the city’s official Web site at [www.cityofwinterpark.org](http://www.cityofwinterpark.org)

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