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WINTER PARK WATER SYSTEM RECOGNIZED FOR WATER FLUORIDATION QUALITY

WINTER PARK, Fla. a nationally recognized Silver Circle and National Merit Award winner (July 26, 2007) – In recognition of the outstanding performance of Winter Park’s water systems, the Florida Department of Health presented the City of Winter Park the Water Fluoridation Quality Award from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). The fluoride concentration in the City of Winter Park’s drinking water met the monthly optimal range for 12 consecutive months. Only 32 out of 134 systems in the state have received this award for 2006. Winter Park has been a regular recipient of this award in past years.

The CDC considers fluoridation of drinking water to be one of the most outstanding achievements of the 20th century. By adding fluoride to the city’s drinking water, residents of all ages and economic status are able to benefit without any effort exerted on their part. This has become the most effective and cost-efficient means of preventing oral health problems.

In addition to water fluoridation, the city also has completed the transformation of all its water treatment plants into ozone treatment plants. Before this ozone treatment was in place, the city would treat its water by adding chlorine and using an aeration system that only took 50 to 60 percent of the naturally occurring hydrogen sulfide, which is that “rotten-egg” smell and taste, out of the water. Now, all city water is treated with ozone that removes 100 percent of the hydrogen sulfide, therefore producing “bottled-quality” water for its customers. The City of Winter Park takes pride in its water quality and this award recognizes its high quality service and conscientious efforts.

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