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## Park District earns Distinguished Budget Award again

AURORA – The Fox Valley Park District has received the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award from the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) of the United States and Canada for its annual budget for the 2009-10 fiscal year.

It's the second consecutive year Fox Valley has achieved such distinction.

According to the GFOA, the award "reflects the commitment of (Fox Valley Park District) to meeting the highest principles of governmental budgeting ... and satisfying nationally recognized guidelines for effective budget presentation."

The guidelines were used to assess how well the District's budget serves as a policy document, a financial plan, an operating guide and a communications device. The District's budget was rated "proficient" or "outstanding" in all four categories.

"On behalf of the Fox Valley Park District, we are proud to be honored with this prestigious award," said Nancy McCaul, director of finance and administration. "This was truly a team effort from all departments and is a reflection of our commitment to continually include best practices in all our efforts."

The GFOA serves more than 17,500 government finance professionals throughout North America.

"We are one of just five park districts in Illinois to achieve this distinction," said Executive Director Steve Messerli. "In addition, only one half of one percent of all governmental agencies receives an unqualified opinion on the audit and the GFOA Certificate of Achievement in Excellence in Financial Reporting Award, and we are very proud to earn such recognition."

*The Fox Valley Park District is a dynamic and growing park district that serves a diverse population of more than 200,000 people. Recognized as an Illinois Distinguished Agency, Fox Valley holds the nation's highest honor as the 2009 National Gold Medal Award winner for excellence in park and recreation management. Serving the communities of Aurora, Montgomery and North Aurora, the District maintains 151 parks and 40 miles of inter-connected regional trails amid 2,300 acres of parkland. Connected by the Fox River, our communities are tied together by the District's commitment to promote vibrant, healthy lifestyles through fun and safe recreation opportunities that are environmentally and fiscally responsible. The Fox Valley Park District ... Where Fun Begins!*

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