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City of Sun Prairie Recognized for Excellence in Financial Reporting

SUN PRAIRIE, WISCONSIN – The Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting has been awarded to the City of Sun Prairie by the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA) for its comprehensive annual financial report (CAFR). The Certificate of Achievement is the highest form of recognition in the area of governmental accounting and financial reporting and its attainment represents a significant accomplishment by a government and its management.

An Award of Financial Reporting Achievement has been awarded to the Finance Department as primarily responsible for preparing the award-winning CAFR.

The CAFR has been judged by an impartial panel to meet the high standards of the program including demonstrating a constructive “spirit of full disclosure” to clearly communicate its financial story and motivate potential users and user groups to read the CAFR.

According to Connie DeKemper, Director of Administrative Services, this is the first time the City has received this honor, and released the following statement:

“The City of Sun Prairie is extremely pleased to receive this honor from the Government Finance Officers Association. It is an acknowledgement of the City of Sun Prairie’s efforts to promote transparency in financial reporting to our citizens and our community, and we look forward to continuously improving our efforts in the future and striving to maintain the standards set by the GFOA and this award.”

About the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA)

The Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA), founded in 1906, represents public finance officials throughout the United States and Canada. The association's more than 18,000 members are federal, state/provincial, and local finance officials deeply involved in planning, financing, and

implementing thousands of governmental operations in each of their jurisdictions. GFOA's mission is to promote excellence in state and local government financial management. The provide best practice guidance, consulting, networking opportunities, publications including books, e-books, and periodicals, recognition programs, research, and training opportunities for those in the profession. For more information on the GFOA, go to: <http://www.gfoa.org/>

About Sun Prairie, Wisconsin

- The City of Sun Prairie is one of the fastest growing communities in all of Wisconsin. Estimated at 32,613 in population in 2016, it is the second largest community in Dane County.
- Sun Prairie is conveniently located immediately northeast of Madison, Wisconsin, having excellent access to the region's transportation infrastructure including U.S. 151, Interstates 39, 90, and 94, State Highway 19 and the Wisconsin Southern Railroad. It is also located within 15 minutes of the Dane County Regional Airport.
- The Sun Prairie Area School District is consistently one of the top performing school districts in Wisconsin while being one of the fastest growing districts in the State.
- Sun Prairie is also home to one of the fastest growing retail areas in the State, as well as one of the most successful Downtown redevelopment projects in Wisconsin.
- The Sun Prairie Business Park is 345 acres with over 40 businesses and 1,600 employees and is one of the oldest business parks in Dane County.
- The City of Sun Prairie features 348.6 acres of city-owned parks, including 32 neighborhood parks, seven community parks, and one citywide park. Angell Park, which is a private park, provides additional recreation space for use by residents of the City. Other public amenities include a 7.5-acre Family Aquatic Center, an 11-acre pet exercise area, and a 35,000 square-foot public library.
- Located on the northeast side of the City, Patrick Marsh is a protected 145-acre natural area of restored wildlife habitat and trails that is open to the public for hiking, nature study, and other activities.
- The City operates its own electric utility and is a member of WPPI Energy.
- Sun Prairie is home to the Sun Prairie Ice Arena, a new, state-of-the-art, 91,000 square foot facility that includes two (2) NHL-sized rinks and seating capacity for 1,700 spectators.
- Angell Park is home to Angell Park Speedway, a one-third mile clay oval track for open wheel auto racing. The surrounding park hosts a variety of outdoor events and festivals every year, including the Sun Prairie's annual Sweet Corn Festival.
- Sun Prairie is the birthplace of Georgia O'Keeffe, one of the major American artists of the 20th century, most widely known for her unique approach to abstract painting that reflected the landscapes around her.

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