



News Release

For Immediate Release – July 21, 2017

Contact: Derek Hudson, Public Information Officer
Main: (352) 728-9786 ext. 1121
Cell: (321) 287-6591
Email: derek.hudson@leesburgflorida.gov

Leesburg Receives Budget Award For Nineteenth Consecutive Year

LEESBURG, Fla – The City of Leesburg has received the Government Finance Officer Association’s (GFOA) Distinguished Budget Presentation Award for its Annual Budget for the nineteenth consecutive year.

The award represents a significant achievement and reflects the commitment of the governing body and staff to meeting the highest principles of governmental budgeting. In order to receive the budget award, an agency must satisfy nationally recognized guidelines for effective budget presentation. Leesburg was assessed on how well its budget serves as:

- a policy document
- a financial plan
- an operations guide
- a communications device

For a city to receive the award, its budget documents must to be rated “proficient” in all four categories, while also meeting the 14 mandatory criteria within these categories. A Distinguished Budget Presentation Award is accompanied by a Certificate of Recognition for Budget Presentation and is presented to the organization.

“Ongoing focus and commitment to a spirit of excellence in planning and managing our budget is the foundation for the City’s success,” said City Manager, Al Minner. “The City is honored to receive this recognition and even more proud of our team that annually develops and prepares the budget.”

The GFOA established the Distinguished Budget Presentation Awards in 1984 to encourage and assist state and local governments to prepare budget documents of the very highest quality that reflect both the guidelines established by the National Advisory Council on State and Local Budgeting and the GFOA’s best practices on budgeting. The Government Finance Officers Association is a nonprofit professional organization servicing more than 19,000 government officials and finance practitioners.

Leesburg’s budget documents are available online at www.leesburgflorida.gov on the Leesburg Finance Department web page. For more information, call (352) 728-9786.

Leesburg is a progressive city of more than 21,000 residents in northwest Lake County. The city government serves twice as many people with its electric, gas, water, wastewater and fiber-optic public utilities. Leesburg also is a central hub for commerce, attracting 50,000 people to work each weekday. For more information, visit www.leesburgflorida.gov.

###