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Glenview Park District Selected as Finalist for 2009 National Gold Medal Award

June 8, 2009 –The Glenview Park District has been selected as one of four finalists in its population class for the National Recreation and Park Association's 2009 National Gold Medal Awards for Excellence in Park and Recreation Management. Other finalists Glenview will compete against in its class (Class III, population 50,001-100,000) are the Arlington Heights Park District, Illinois, Hoffman Estates Park District, Illinois and Temple Parks & Leisure Services, Texas.

The Gold Medal Award honors communities throughout the United States that demonstrate excellence in long-range planning, resource management, volunteerism, environmental stewardship, program development, professional development, and agency recognition. Each agency is judged on its ability to address the needs of those it serves through the collective energies of citizens, staff and elected officials.

Park districts from around the country submitted written applications earlier this year. Finalists are required to submit a 12-minute video by July for the second and final round of judging.

A panel of five parks and recreation professionals reviews and judges all application materials. Judges are chosen for their considerable experience and knowledge in parks and recreation on both local and national levels.

The Gold Medal Award program is operated by the American Academy for Park and Recreation Administration (AAPRA), in partnership with the National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA). The Gold Medal Award Program is sponsored by Musco Lighting LLC.

This year's finalists will compete for Grand Award honors this summer, and all winners will be announced live during NRPA's Annual Congress & Exposition in Salt Lake City, Utah, October 13-16, 2009.