

2006 Florida Cities of Excellence Awards Program ▶ Nomination Form

Category (Please check one) See Award Criteria for more information. Please print or type. One nomination per page.

FLORIDA CITY OF EXCELLENCE AWARD

Name of Municipality Nominated _____

Nominated by _____
(Name of City/Town/Village)

CITY SPIRIT AWARD

Name of Municipality Nominated _____

Nominated Project _____

Nominated by _____
(Name of City/Town/Village)

MAYOR OF THE YEAR

Name of Individual Nominated _____

Nominated by _____
(Name of City/Town/Village)

COUNCIL MEMBER OF THE YEAR

Name of Individual Nominated _____

Nominated by _____
(Name of City/Town/Village)

CITY EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR

Name of Individual Nominated _____

Title _____ Department _____

Nominated by _____
(Name of City/Town/Village)

CITY MANAGER OF THE YEAR

Name of Individual Nominated _____

Nominated by _____
(Name of City/Town/Village)

CITY CLERK OF THE YEAR

Name of Individual Nominated _____

Nominated by _____
(Name of City/Town/Village)

CITY ATTORNEY OF THE YEAR

Name of Individual Nominated _____

Nominated by _____
(Name of City/Town/Village)

CITY FINANCE OFFICIAL (DIRECTOR OR OFFICER) OF THE YEAR

Name of Individual Nominated _____

Nominated by _____
(Name of City/Town/Village)

CITY CITIZEN OF THE YEAR

Name of Individual Nominated Friley Knight

Nominated by City of Cocoa
(Name of City/Town/Village)

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Person Completing Nomination Form

Please print or type.

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Nomination Certification

This nomination has been voted on and approved by a majority of the city council/commission.

Signed: Joan Clark
City Clerk

The judges will use the narrative and supportive information to select the award winners. Nominators/nominees are asked not to contact the judges directly.

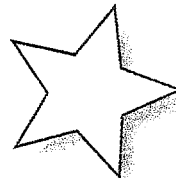
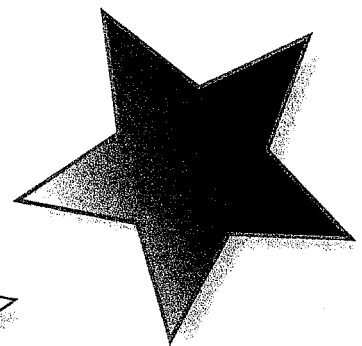
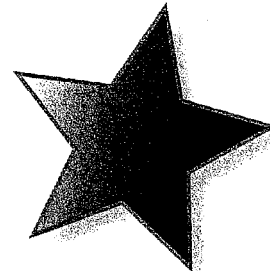
Narrative

In the narrative, please be clear and concise, using the Award Criteria to support the selection of your nominee. Please type (or print in black ink), up to 1,200 words, double-spaced on white 8-1/2" x 11" paper.

Supportive Information

Up to 10 pages of supportive information (newspaper clippings, photographs, letters from constituents, etc.), on 8-1/2" x 11" paper (single-sided) may be provided. Please do not include videotapes, DVDs, CDs or Power-Point presentations.

Submit nominations by **August 18, 2006:**
Florida League of Cities, Inc.
Attn: Florida Cities of Excellence
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P.O. Box 1757
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FLORIDA CITIES OF EXCELLENCE AWARD PROGRAM

CITY CITIZEN OF THE YEAR NOMINEE

Once again, when asked for a "City Citizen of the Year" nomination, Mr. Friley Knight was nominated and unanimously supported by the Cocoa City Council. Among the hundreds of volunteers that serve our City, Mr. Knight stands out above the rest. There are several reasons why Mr. Knight was selected, but the primary reason is his willingness to get involved in the community and volunteer endless hours of his time. In addition to volunteering his time, Mr. Knight attends all City Council meetings as well as various Cocoa Board and Committee meetings to keep abreast of all the issues.

- **Commitment:** Mr. Knight has been involved in the City of Cocoa since his retirement in 1989. He currently serves as a member of the U.S. 1 Redevelopment Agency, as Cocoa's citizen representative to the Citizens Advisory Committee of the Metropolitan Planning Organization, a member of the Cocoa Transportation Volunteer Group, a member of Cocoa Main Street, and a member of the Cocoa Police Department's V-Cop Program.
- **Support:** Mr. Knight, as V-COP #175, has volunteered 95 hours to the Cocoa Police Department to serve as a customer service representative in the lobby of the main Police building. He provides this service every Monday from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon to relieve the continuous interruption of administrative activities. His support frees up records division personnel to concentrate on other much needed tasks. The Chief

of Police has estimated Mr. Knight's contribution to the Police Department at \$1713.80, based upon the national volunteer service conversion rate.

- **Skills:** In addition to his administrative activities at the Cocoa Police Department, Mr. Knight is also a certified parking enforcement officer and issues citations as necessary. Retired from the Kennedy Space Center, Mr. Knight continues to use his engineering and configuration skills as a member of the U.S.1 Redevelopment Agency and the Citizens Advisory Committee of the Brevard County Metropolitan Planning Organization. He succeeded in convincing the Florida Department of Transportation to include plans for a north turn lane for westbound traffic at the east side of the intersection of U.S.1 and Dixon Boulevard, which will be undertaken at the time U.S. 1 is six-laned.
- **Leadership:** Mr. Knight, as an active participant in local government, keeps abreast of the issues and needs of the community. He is always willing to take a stand for the good of the community and promotes the issues – popular or not – he believes in. When the City of Cocoa proposed much needed changes to its Charter, Mr. Knight actively promoted those changes. He also worked with the Brevard County Property Appraiser, Jim Ford, to successfully get the "Save Our Homes Amendment" passed, which saves our Cocoa Homestead owners a considerable amount of property taxes on their homes.
- **Outreach to Other Citizens:** Mr. Knight cares about the citizens of Cocoa and Brevard County. As a Planning Member of the Brevard

Commission on Aging, Mr. Knight requested that the Commission be prepared to help the elderly after the City of Cocoa passed an ordinance to help clean up the community. As a member of "Team Cocoa," he helped paint the homes of two residents of our City that needed assistance, and he also helped paint buildings in Cocoa's Provost Park that sorely needed improvement.

- **Desire to Make a Positive Impact in the City:** Mr. Knight's influence and persistence has caused "Bicycle Sharing" signs and speed humps on certain roads in the community. He successfully initiated efforts to have "Brevard Museum" directional signs located on U.S. 1 and Michigan Avenue. He was asked by "Florida Today" newspaper to join a committee to advise on issues concerning the newspaper that would prove beneficial to the City of Cocoa. Mr. Knight not only has the desire to make a positive impact in our City, he has succeeded in doing so.

Mr. Knight is a recipient of "The President's Volunteer Service Award" and was selected as the City of Cocoa's "Volunteer of the Year" in 2002. His service to the community includes:

- Charter member of Cocoa Main Street
- Member of the Peachtree Street Improvement Committee
- Member of the Cocoa Police Department V-COP Program
- Chairman of the Cocoa Transportation Volunteer Group
- Member of the U.S. 1 Corridor Redevelopment Agency

- Cocoa's representative on the Citizens Advisory Committee supporting the Brevard County Metropolitan Planning Organization since 1997
- Past Chairman of Cocoa's Beautification Advisory Board
- Member of the Cocoa Centennial Committee
- Member of Keep Brevard Beautiful (KBB)
- Planning Member of the Brevard Commission on Aging and supporter of "Communities of a Lifetime"
- Vice President of the Indian River Drive Homeowners Association
- Member of the Central Brevard Museum of History and Science in Cocoa

Mr. Knight is deserving of the "City Citizen of the Year Award," not only for his outstanding contributions during the past year, but for his continued commitment and service to the citizens of Cocoa as well as Brevard County. As stated by our Police Chief in his letter, the City of Cocoa wishes "we had ten more like him."