



CITY OF PAPIILLION

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Dear Papillion Resident:

On Monday morning, July 16, 2007, the City of Papillion was recognized by CNN and Money magazine as the 6th Best Place in America to live! Papillion was the only city in the Midwest to make the top 25. Money magazine sought out the City of Papillion; a city can not apply for this recognition. This is a very prestigious list and considered "the list" to make for cities. In 2005, we were ranked 23rd in the nation on this same list. This special recognition was based on many factors. The publication started off by reviewing thousands of communities with a population exceeding 7,500 people. An initial screening took place eliminating all but 974 communities.

The remaining 974 cities were then scored based on the following content areas: jobs, income and cost of living data, affordable housing, school quality, arts and leisure opportunities, ease of living, health care and racial diversity. Towns with low education scores, high crime rates, declines or sharp increases in population, projected job loss or lack of access to airports or teaching hospitals were eliminated.

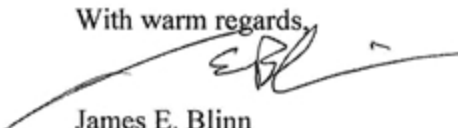
Additional information was gathered from the 70 communities that remained in contention for the ranking. It was during this phase that I was contacted and provided information regarding Papillion's job market, housing prices, schools and ambiance. After I provided the information, magazine reporters contacted the top 25 cities and requested a tour. In early June, I met with a reporter for an afternoon and was able to give him a tour of our fine city. Subsequent to the site visit, the magazine then selected Papillion as the 6th Best Community in America to live!

It was with a great sense of pride that I was able to showcase the community you have helped to build. As we drove through the community, it was obvious to the reporters just how much you really care about Papillion. The well manicured lawns, the curbside appeal of your homes, the general condition of all the homes and the new business openings all assisted in Papillion gaining this prestigious national recognition.

As Mayor of our community, I would like to express appreciation and gratitude to each of you. While it is not quantifiable with a number, the visiting reporters were looking for and able to detect our strong sense of community and quality of life—and that I believe may have been the single most important factor in putting Papillion on the national map. Further recognition goes to our great city employees and the Papillion City Council members who work every day to make Papillion a better place to live.

Thank you again for your efforts. With your help, we will continue to work hard every day to make sure our city continues to have the highest quality of life.

With warm regards,


James E. Blinn
Mayor