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Blue Springs is one of the 'Best Places to Raise Your Kids' *BusinessWeek Magazine releases annual "Best Places" list*

Blue Springs, Mo. – The City of Blue Springs has earned a place on *BusinessWeek Magazine's* "America's Best Places to Raise Your Kids" list, which ranked America's top cities for raising a family in 2010.

Blue Springs, which was the only city in Missouri to make the list this year, was ranked 26th out of a total of 51 cities recognized. Runners up for Missouri included Lee's Summit (2nd) and Joplin (3rd). Each year, BusinessWeek partners with OnBoard Informatics, a New York-based provider of real estate analysis, to select one town and two runners-up for each of the 50 states. The selections were limited to towns that have at least 45,000 residents and a median income of between \$40,000 and \$125,000.

In the report, Blue Springs was praised for its low cost of living, nationally-recognized schools, low crime rates, parks, hiking trails, and a central location among other things.

"I am extremely proud that our city is recognized by BusinessWeek Magazine as one of the Best Places to Raise a Family in the country," said Mayor Carson Ross. "Our residents recognize the high quality of life that is offered through our affordable homes, beautiful neighborhoods, vibrant parks systems and an actively engaged police force that strives to keep our residents and community safe."

Mayor Ross continued, "Our business community leaders and economic investors recognize the value of a productive work force, well-planned development opportunities and the importance of establishing Blue Springs as a destination location within the state of Missouri. And our award-winning Blue Springs School District has always been a significant contributor to our community, being one of only eight Districts in the State of Missouri to have nine consecutive years of perfect scores on the U.S. Department of Elementary and Secondary Education's Annual Performance Report".

Blue Springs City Administrator Eric Johnson also said, “recognition by BusinessWeek Magazine places a national spotlight on Blue Springs and validates the efforts of our citizens, businesses, elected officials and many other community partners to make Blue Springs an attractive place for families, patrons and visitors.”

Find more information about [BusinessWeek’s “Best Places to Raise Kids” list](http://www.businessweek.com/) at <http://www.businessweek.com/>.

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