

## News Release – For Immediate Release

### **MONEY Magazine Names Gahanna One of America's Best Places to Live**

GAHANNA, Ohio (July 16, 2007) – The City of Gahanna was named as one of the “Best Places to Live” by MONEY magazine today as part of the nation’s largest personal finance magazine’s annual listing. The complete listing will appear in the August issue of MONEY, which hits newsstands on July 23 and has a readership of 7.4 million.

[Gahanna was rated number 96](#) on a list of 100 communities with a population between 7,500 and 50,000. According to a [news release issued by MONEY](#), the process started with an initial list of 2,876 cities. Data provider OnBoard of New York City and consultant Bert Sperling of Bestplaces.net, helped MONEY’s editors narrow the list to a select group of promising towns.

“There’s a big difference between a gated McMansion subdivision and a town where you can put down roots and participate in a community that has a broader list of concerns than the height of the hedges,” said Craig Matters, MONEY executive editor, in a news release. “The latter are the kinds of places MONEY looks for in naming America’s Best Places to Live.”

Rankings were based on economic vitality, job availability, safety, resident’s health, ethnic and racial diversity, cultural amenities, green space and other economic and quality-of-life measures. Acknowledging what’s on readers’ minds right now, this year’s rankings gave extra consideration to home pricing and property taxes. Once it was clear which towns looked best on paper, MONEY reporters personally visited each, interviewing residents and community leaders to assess the town’s pride of place and sense of community.

Gahanna Mayor Becky Stinchcomb said, “All Gahanna citizens can be proud of our vibrant and diverse community that truly is one of the best places to live in America. We’ve been able to create an environment that facilitates innovative new projects and ideas while preserving the services and quality of life that our residents and business community value. It’s an honor for Gahanna to be recognized by MONEY magazine and to be in the company of such great cities in America.”

MONEY magazine cited Gahanna as a “diverse town with affordable homes” and that “this Columbus suburb is revitalizing its main street with the Creekside redevelopment project.” Creekside Gahanna, which is the highly anticipated mixed-use community development that is expected to open this fall, features 100,000 square feet of retail and office space along with 140,000 square feet of residential lofts and condominiums, and a park, plaza and streetscape.

Gahanna also won national acclaim earlier this year when it earned the National Showcase Award from the Council of Development Finance Agencies (CDFA). The award recognizes the nation’s finest and most successful tax-increment financing (TIF) project, which in this instance was Creekside Gahanna.

Last month, the city was selected to host of the 2008 Parade of Homes next summer.

Gahanna was one of six cities from Ohio (Westerville (46), Highland Heights (75), Mason (81), Beavercreek (84) and Twinsburg (93)) on the list. Middleton, Wisc., was ranked number one.

For more information the MONEY “Best Places to Live 2007,” visit <http://money.cnn.com/bestplaces>. For more information on the City of Gahanna, please contact [www.gahanna.gov](http://www.gahanna.gov).

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