

Apex Ranks #9 Best Place to Live in America!

There are many good reasons that Apex is known as the Peak of Good Living. And they all add up to the #9 spot on the annual *Money Magazine* "100 Best Places in America to Live" list.

The list ranked 50 communities with 10,000 - 50,000 in population that offered the best combination of strong job opportunities, great schools, low crime, quality health care, plenty to do, and a true sense of community.

"The *Money Magazine* ranking for Apex as one of the elite communities in the country brings credit to our citizens who exhibit daily the spirit and engagement that it takes to make a community great," commented Mayor Keith Weatherly. "The Town Council and staff work hard with our residents to maintain the quality of life for which Apex is famous."

This designation gives Apex the distinction of being the best in North Carolina, as no other NC municipality made the national list.

"This accolade afforded by CNN/Money is a tribute to the fine citizens, elected officials and employees of the Town of Apex," said Town Manager Bruce Radford. "Stay tuned for details about an Apex style community wide event to celebrate this recognition. Food, ice cream and music, anyone?"

Apex is no stranger to this type of accolade. The town was ranked #14 in 2007 by Money, and #3 Best Place to Move To by Forbes.com in 2009.

"I meet people every day that truly care about our community," Mayor Pro-Tem Gene Schulze added. "Whether it's our churches, civic groups, school groups or neighborhoods, so many people contribute beyond themselves to make Apex a unique place and a hometown we can all be proud of."

Money started with 1,326 towns nationwide in the small town category, then screened out communities based on financial, demographic, crime, employment, real estate, education, health care, and quality of life. Highest weight was given to economic and housing factors.

Thirty-six towns were visited, interviewing residents, assessing traffic, parks, gathering places, and considering intangibles like community spirit.

Mayor Weatherly added, "Top ten is nice, but anyone who knows Apex would agree no place really compares with our quality of life and unique small town, family oriented environment."