

Belmont Named as One of America's Best, Affordable Places to Raise Kids



Belmont Kid's Town

Bloomberg Businessweek has named Belmont runner up to Senatobia in the 2010 ratings of the “Best, Affordable Places to Raise Kids”. Belmont is the smallest community in population named to the rating.

Businessweek ranks communities based on low cost of living, good schools, a low crime rate, and median family income within 20% of the state median. Other important factors include low taxes, job growth, air quality, ethnic diversity, and access to cultural and recreational resources. 5,418 communities were evaluated.

Belmont Mayor Buddy Wiltshire reported that “we are pleased and humbled that Belmont is receiving national recognition as a great place to raise children. We have known this all along but now our secret is out. Although this is great news for us, we must not slack in our efforts to improve community appearance and community facilities and services, as well as creating more and better paying jobs for our citizens. We appreciate the hard work of our school leaders and teachers, aldermen, city staff, county supervisors, and local churches and businesses. We appreciate the support and encouragement of our citizens. Working together, we can make Belmont even better.”

Tishomingo County Board of Supervisors President James McDowell stated that “Belmont has always been a great place to raise a family. What makes Belmont so special are the people and families themselves. We pledge to continue to work closely with Belmont’s leadership to make it even better. Jobs are our number one priority. We want citizens to understand the challenge of creating new and better jobs in the context of the new global economy. Although it has been most difficult, we feel that our efforts over the past two years will begin to pay off in 2011.”

The Bloomberg Businessweek article can be found at http://images.businessweek.com/ss/09/11/1117_best_places_to_raise_kids/1.htm.