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Shawnee Named One of the Best Affordable Suburbs in U.S.

For the second year in a row, a national magazine has included Shawnee as one of the best. This week BusinessWeek selected Shawnee as one of the Best Affordable Suburbs in the United States. In 2008, Shawnee was selected by Money Magazine as one of the top 100 places to live.

BusinessWeek used data from Manhattan-based OnBoard Informatics to select one suburb within 25 miles of the most populated city in each state. The recession has flattened home prices across the country. The idea behind the list is to help readers find the most for their money within some of America's largest metro areas according to the magazine.

A variety of factors including short commutes, low pollution, green space, education, low personal and property crime, high job growth, low unemployment rate, high family income, and affordability were considered. Affordability was most heavily weighted in their calculations.

"I'm proud to be the one city selected in Kansas as the best affordable suburb. To be named the top when there are so many other quality cities in this area is especially gratifying," stated Mayor Meyers. "This is just another example how in Shawnee, Good Starts Here."

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