



## **City of McKinney News Release**

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### **McKinney named Top Ten Place to Move by Forbes.com**

McKINNEY, TEXAS (July 13, 2009) – McKinney, Texas, has made an appearance in many rankings lately: safest cities in the state and country, fastest growing cities in the country, best places to raise a family. Most recently, McKinney was named one of the 25 Best Places to Move in the country by Forbes.com. Out of the list of 25, four cities are in Collin County and eight are in Texas.

The factors most important to the title were the number of residents born out of state, residents who relocated to take a job and those who moved from long distances in the last few years. Editors also considered factors like number of professional jobs, population growth, income averages, home price and age and proximity to large companies. The largest employers in McKinney include Raytheon, Encore Wire and Lattimore Materials.

“The city’s explosive growth is evidence thousands of people agree that McKinney is one of the best places to live in the country. Our community provides a wonderful quality of life with the first-class amenities of a large city in the safe and charming environment of a smaller town,” said City Manager Frank Ragan.

McKinney has more than doubled in population since 2000. Despite the rapid growth, the city holds onto its roots through the Historic District with restored homes from the city’s founding days. The downtown square offers more than 100 unique shops and more than a dozen unique restaurants. The McKinney Performing Arts Center (MPAC), housed in the historic Collin County Courthouse in the middle of the square, is a performance venue that also offers meeting space, an artist gallery and reception hall.

With rolling hills, expansive open spaces and plenty of parks, outdoor and sports enthusiasts will find much to love in McKinney. The city boasts more than 42 miles of hike and bike trails and 2000 acres of parkland, like the 212-acre Erwin Park that features wooded areas, trails, fishing, picnic pavilions, restrooms and camping grounds.

Add that to several master-planned communities, housing for every income level and in every style, a general aviation airport and a growing reputation for sustainability, and McKinney’s growth and national recognition is evident.

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**About McKinney**

McKinney, Texas, is unique by nature. As one of the fastest-growing cities in the U.S., McKinney has a current population of 122,000. Incorporated in 1848, the city is located 30 miles north of Dallas and is the county seat of Collin County. McKinney offers rolling hills, lush trees, a historic downtown square and unique neighborhoods and developments. Visit the city's Web site at [www.mckinneytexas.org](http://www.mckinneytexas.org).

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