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Sun Prairie Named as One of the Best Places to Live In America by Money Magazine

SUN PRAIRIE, WISCONSIN – The City of Sun Prairie has been recognized as one of Money Magazine’s “Best Places to Live in America” for 2020. Sun Prairie was listed at #40 in part due to the relative home price to other Dane County communities, the health of the local job market, and the new Sun Prairie West High School opening in fall of 2022.

This annual ranking is based upon a thorough evaluation of a host of factors including the local economy, housing market, cost of living, diversity, public education, health & safety, weather, lifestyle and amenities.

Mayor Paul Esser had this to say:

“On behalf of the City Council, I want to express our appreciation for the City of Sun Prairie being recognized by Money Magazine as one of the Best Places to Live in America. This recognition is more meaningful for me due to its emphasis on cultural diversity and housing affordability in their rankings. While we work every day to ensure that Sun Prairie is an inclusive welcoming place for all people that choose to live in, work in, and explore our city, we are committed to the work that remains in our efforts to honor our diverse identity, and foster a truly equitable and inclusive culture. We’re also committed to working in partnership across the region to better address the need for affordable housing so that people can live and work here, keeping our economy and sense of community Sun Prairie Strong. This ranking is a wonderful reminder of the accomplishments of this great community, but also motivates us to continually heighten Sun Prairie to be all that it can be, for everyone who chooses to call it home.”

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City Administrator Aaron Oppenheimer also shared:

“The Sun Prairie City Council has made it clear that access to affordable housing, quality employment opportunities, and an environment that welcomes diversity are priorities for our City. We will continue to advance and maintain these priorities to ensure our local economy and our labor force stay strong, and that we stay one of the Best Places to Live in America for a long, long time.”

Sun Prairie is always on the lookout for more voices to guide us as we create a community where everyone can thrive. Community members are encouraged to consider help setting the course for Sun Prairie’s bright future by serving on a committee with the city.

For more information on how to serve on a committee, please go to the City’s website at:

<https://cityofsunprairie.com/418/Boards-Commissions-Committees>

Additional Information

For more information on why Money Magazine ranked Sun Prairie at #40, go to:

<https://money.com/money/collection/best-places-to-live-2020/5699639/sun-prairie-wisconsin/>

For a complete list of the top 50 communities on Money Magazine’s list of Best Places to Live in America, go to:

<https://money.com/collection/best-places-to-live-2020/>

For more information on Money Magazine’s methodology for these rankings, go to:

<https://money.com/best-places-to-live-methodology-2020/>

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About Sun Prairie, Wisconsin

Sun Prairie is a vibrant and thriving community located in Dane County, Wisconsin, just northeast of the City of Madison. The City has experienced strong population growth since its incorporation from a village to a city in 1958, undergoing a transformation from a relatively small community of less than 4,000 to an estimated 34,926 today. It is one of the fastest growing cities in the State of Wisconsin in terms of population growth, increasing diversity, net new construction value, and expansion of new business growth.

The City has excellent access to major regional transportation infrastructure and facilities (e.g. U.S. 151, I-39.90/94, Dane County Regional Airport, etc.), as well as the City of Madison and the University of Wisconsin.

Sun Prairie has been historically known for being the birthplace of artist Georgia O'Keeffe, its celebration of Groundhog Day, and for its annual Sweet Corn Festival. Sun Prairie has become known in the region for its high quality of life, its excellent parks and recreation programs, historic downtown, its exceptional public school system, one of the top libraries in the region, and a progressive approach to the development and redevelopment of the Community.

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