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## **Wylie Named #2 Best Small City in Nation for Families**

**Wylie, TX, Jan. 22, 2015** – Wylie has been named the second-best small city, among those with populations of 25,000 to 100,000, in the country for families. The list of top 10 cities was compiled by NerdWallet.com, a personal finance website, utilizing criteria including income and affordability, prosperity and growth, and family friendliness. Only Sammamish, Wash., was ranked higher.

“It is exciting to see that others have recognized what we in Wylie already know: that this is a wonderful place to raise a family,” said Mayor Eric Hogue. “People come to our community and stay for many reasons including the small-town feeling we’ve been blessed to maintain, while at the same time growing our community with retail options and move-up home opportunities for our citizens.”

NerdWallet ranked Wylie high in housing affordability, with median home value of \$155,900. It noted the median household income as \$82,036, population growth from 2009-2013 of 18.66 percent, and income growth for the same time period of almost 18 percent. The percentage of families with children under 18 years of age was listed as 40, and the percentage with children in poverty only 4.9. Wylie’s overall score was 67.93; Sammamish, Wash., received a score of 69.20.

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The website noted Wylie's proximity to Dallas and its location near Lake Ray Hubbard and Lake Lavon, both of which provide recreational opportunities. NerdWallet said the school district received strong ratings at GreatSchools.org, and the city's population is growing along with the median income. It also mentioned the Wylie Recreation Center, which has activities for the whole family, including the climbing wall, fitness facilities, and a variety of art, dance, video game design and martial arts classes.

Rounding out the rest of the top 10 were Leander, Texas, third; Kyle, Texas, fourth; Parkland, Fla., fifth; San Ramon, Calif., sixth; Syracuse, Utah, seventh; Lehi, Utah, eighth; Carmel, Ind., ninth; and Bentonville, Ark., 10<sup>th</sup>.

Wylie was ranked eighth in NerdWallet's Best Places for Young Families in Texas list compiled in November 2014.

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About Wylie – Incorporated in 1887, the City of Wylie is located just 24 miles from downtown Dallas in Collin, Dallas and Rockwall counties. Possessing an outstanding school district, a low crime rate, an ISO -1 rating and an expanding business climate, Wylie (population 44,158) is one of the fastest-growing communities in the State of Texas with a 192-percent increase since 2000.