

**City of Rochester Hills
Office of the Mayor**

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Rochester Hills Selected as One of America's Top 100 Places to Live

The City of Rochester Hills has just been selected as one of “*America's Top 100 Places to Live for 2009*” by Relocate-America.com, a website that provides home buyers and sellers access to relocation resources that make moving easier. Communities are evaluated and selected based on a number of criteria including natural beauty of the area, the quality of schools, activities that are available, and both the economic and environmental health of the community.

Mayor Barnett said, “I am very proud that across America, Rochester Hills has been recognized as a preeminent place to live, work and raise a family. Our warm family atmosphere, great neighborhoods, housing choices, award winning schools, outstanding college and university, beautiful parks and trails, proactive economic development, Public Library and Older Person's Commission are just a few of the amenities we have to offer. We are also leading the way in green initiatives in the state. I am pleased Relocate-America has chosen Rochester Hills as one of the top places to live in America.”

“With the increasing concern on our nation's economy and recovering housing market, we approached this year's list with a different lens than in previous years” said Steve Nickerson, president and CEO of Relocate-America. “We looked at the local government and the business leadership in each community as we considered this year's winners. We selected communities with visionary leaders, improving or thriving economies including housing and realization of green initiatives.”

The City of Rochester Hills' community profile and photos can be viewed at <http://top100.relocate-america.com>.

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