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Plainfield Named One Of America's Most Exciting Small Cities

May 5, 2014, Plainfield, NJ – Plainfield, NJ was recently named #40 on the top 50 list of Most Exciting Small Cities in American by Business Insider. The city ranked respectably for non-chain restaurants (7th) and percentage of young residents (under age 35) (34th).

“This ranking is no surprise to those of us who live in Plainfield and love our city,” said Mayor Adrian Mapp. “It validates the changes that my administration is putting into place.”

Mapp cited NJTransit's recent approval of the transit-oriented village designation; a reduction in crime statistics in the first quarter of 2014 over the same period in 2013; and the internal changes designed to put the city's fiscal house in order.

“Plainfield residents are telling us that they are feeling a sense of pride in our city again,” said Mapp. “They are affirming that we are on the right track, looking forward to a bright future for Plainfield and leaving the old politics that slowed progress in Plainfield behind.”

Ratings were based on these categories:

- Nightlife per capita (bars, clubs, comedy, etc.)
- Live music venues per capita
- Active life options per capita (parks, outdoor activities, etc.)
- Fast Food restaurants per capita (the fewer the better)
- Percentage of restaurants that are fast food (the lower the better)
- Percentage of young residents ages 20 to 34 (the higher the better)

140 small cities across the country with populations between 50,000 and 60,000 residents were included on the list.

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