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## PRESS RELEASE

### **Papillion Named 2009 Best Affordable Suburb**

PAPILLION, Neb., Mar 3, 2009 – The City of Papillion has been named the 2009 Best Affordable Suburb in the State of Nebraska by *Business Week* magazine. The magazine focused on where to live well for less, stating that the recession has flattened home prices across the country, but the idea behind the list is to help readers find the most for their money within some of America’s largest metro areas.

The review was based on data from OnBoard Informatics, and reviewed suburbs within 25 miles of the most populated city in each state across a variety of factors. Affordability was weighted most heavily. The ranking also considered the quality of life,—short commute, clean air, and open green space — as well as crime, economic and educational measures. The publication focused on communities that have been able to draw in larges businesses and new residents but also maintain their small town charm.

In the last five years, the City of Papillion has developed over 1.5 million square feet of new retail development and increased park space by twenty four percent. During the same period of time, the City has issued 1,799 new single family home permits, enhanced public safety by the construction of a new police station and funding a second fire station. In the spring of 2008, Papillion opened and now operates the largest outdoor performing arts amphitheatre in the Omaha metropolitan area. Mayor Blinn commented that the City has taken a multifaceted approach to managing growth. “Proper planning, enhanced design standards and the expansion of recreational and cultural opportunities all were significant events that contributed to the latest national recognition,” he said.

The *Business Week* rating continues Papillion’s momentum as a nationally recognized city in which to live. In 2005, the City of Papillion was recognized as the 23<sup>rd</sup> Best City In America by *CNN/Money* magazine. In 2007, *CNN/Money* elevated Papillion to the 6th Best City in America.

For complete results of the *Business Week* survey, please visit –

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