

TOWN OF CORNELIUS

Message from the Mayor



Greetings:

The secret is out on what we all know - Cornelius is a great place to live, work and play. The past and current Boards and Town management have worked hard to plan, protect, and produce a quality of life that makes Cornelius a distinctive and wonderful place. Low taxes, low crime, great parks, superb recreational activities, amazing schools, and safe neighborhoods are flourishing in Cornelius.

As you may have already seen, Cornelius was recently highlighted in "[Business Week](#)" as one of the top 10 "Best Affordable Suburbs 2009" in the United States and the only such recognized community in North Carolina!

The selected communities had to offer the lowest crime rates, finest schools, affordable homes, and best quality of life. The selected towns had populations of 5,000 to 60,000 residents and were located within 25 miles of the nations' most populous cities. "Business Week's" editors weighed a variety of factors including livability (short commutes, low pollution, green space), education (well-educated residents, high test scores), crime (low personal and property crime), economy (job growth, low unemployment rate), and affordability (median household income, cost of expenditures). Affordability was most heavily weighted in their calculations. The editors of "Business Week" penalized places with bad weather, lack of racial diversity, high divorce rates, and few children. Yahoo Finance picked up the article and featured it globally. You can read more about it [here](#).

I want to personally congratulate all Cornelius residents for making Cornelius a little piece of paradise and for being recognized as the 7th best affordable community in the United States. If you have comments you can reply to this email or later send messages to mayor@cornelius.org. Also you can learn more about Town services, update your email address, sign up for recreational activities, or learn about the latest news by visiting our town website at www.cornelius.org. I encourage you to share this great news and forward this message to others who may be interested in knowing more about Cornelius.

Respectfully,

Jeff Tarte
Mayor
Town of Cornelius