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## **MANSFIELD FEATURED IN RECENT LOCAL, NATIONAL ONLINE RANKINGS**

MANSFIELD – Mansfield has made headlines lately after the city was named on several online lists ranking communities around Texas and the nation.

The latest ranking came this week when consumer finance blog NerdWallet named Mansfield to its “Top 10 Cities on the Rise in Texas.” With analysis of growth in population, jobs and income, Mansfield ranked No. 2 on NerdWallet’s list behind The Woodlands.

The site said the city’s strong population and job growth were among the reasons given for the Top 10 ranking. They also cited Methodist Mansfield Medical Center and its expansion, as well as the relocation of Klein Tools to the city, as important to the city’s strong economic environment.

According to the Dallas Federal Reserve, Texas has experienced more high-paying job growth than the rest of the country over the last 13 years, and NerdWallet officials said that data prompted their analysis of communities around the state where population and job growth had exploded.

In February, NerdWallet named Mansfield one of the “Best Cities in Texas for

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Homeownership.” Out of the 20 ranked cities, Mansfield was 9<sup>th</sup> and was the only Tarrant County city in the Top 10.

NerdWallet analyzed cities in Texas to determine which communities were the best to buy homes. The website looked at criteria such as availability, affordability, growth, median homeowner costs and median household income to score and rank the cities.

“It’s exciting for Mansfield to be spotlighted in rankings that look at a variety of different elements that make communities great,” said Mayor David Cook. “It’s gratifying to know we are highly regarded and viewed as one of the best communities in the state and in the nation. The city organization and the community as a whole can be proud of this accomplishment.”

“The continued positive feedback we are receiving, everything from the NerdWallet rankings to national awards for our Water Utilities Department, is the culmination of hard work and the vision of our City Council and the strategic planning of our staff to provide our residents with the best in city services and facilities,” said City Manager Clayton Chandler.

In addition to the NerdWallet recognition, Mansfield also was cited in two independent rankings by websites analyzing community data. Last fall SafeWise, which provides research and reviews on home security systems and community safety initiatives, named Mansfield to its list of safest cities in Texas for 2013 ranking the city 18<sup>th</sup> on its list of the Top 50. In November, real estate brokerage website Movoto Real Estate listed Mansfield as the 6<sup>th</sup> “Best Small City in America to Move To.” Movoto provides community research based on livability statistics such as cost of living, safety, unemployment rates and home sales.

The City of Mansfield, located in the Dallas-Fort Worth area, is one of the fastest

growing communities in Texas, with a population of more than 58,000. The city was ranked by Money Magazine as one of the Best Places to Live in America in 2007, 2009 and 2012.