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BAY HEAD RANKED BEST PLACE TO LIVE IN OCEAN COUNTY

NEIGHBORING POINT PLEASANT BOROUGH AND POINT PLEASANT BEACH HELP TO ROUND OUT TOP 4 SPOTS

BAY HEAD - Niche.com is a company headquartered in Pennsylvania that runs a national ranking and review site. The company was founded originally in 2002 as a publisher of guidebooks on US colleges and has since branched out to a nationally renowned review and rankings guide for schools, colleges, cities and neighborhoods.

Recently, niche.com released their latest list of best places to live in New Jersey, and in Ocean County, Bay Head was ranked the #1 best place to live in the County.

According to Mayor Bill Curtis, "I'm always happy when our community is recognized, but this ranking just confirms what I knew all along, that Bay Head is a wonderful place to live. Our local government is responsive, our school district is top notch, our business community is active and vibrant, our real estate market is strong and we have idyllic scenery no matter which way you turn. There is a reason why people don't want to move out and why people are trying so hard to move in. Friendly neighbors, tranquil lake front, outstanding beaches and great places to shop and dine ... why would anyone want to live anywhere else."

Council President Doug Lyons echoed those sentiments by stating that "It's truly a blessing to be able to call Bay Head home. Look at our overall area, three of the top four towns in Ocean County are right here and are our neighbors. We're ranked 1, Point Beach is 2 and Point Boro is 3, I think that's amazing. I also want to point out it's more than just the scenery, it's the residents as well. We have a strong sense of community and volunteerism here and it shows. Everyone contributes to what makes Bay Head great ... the residents, businesses, school and our Borough employees all take pride in our community and it shows."

Councilwoman Holly MacPherson added that "This is a wonderful recognition that everyone in our community should be proud of. I think one of the secrets that makes Bay Head so unique is that everyone participates in all aspects of town. People come together at different points throughout the year and volunteer for and attend various events and simply enjoy being from Bay Head."

According to Niche.com, their methodology for The Best Places to Live ranking provides a comprehensive assessment of the overall livability of an area. Several key factors enter into the grade including location, quality of schools, crime rates, housing trends, employment statistics and access to various amenities.

Borough Administrator Frank Pannucci stated that "What more is there to say. I think Mayor Curtis and the Council work awfully hard for the residents Bay Head. They take a lot of pride in trying to keep that small beach town charm in a modern world. I see the pride they take and the time they put into their positions and it shows when rankings like this come out. I also think it says a lot for our surrounding

towns that were all ranked. Mayors Sabosik and Kanitra in Point Pleasant Borough and Beach respectively do a tremendous job as well. Three of the top four places to live in all of Ocean County ... Bay Head, Point Borough and Point Beach are right here and next to each other, I think that's amazing. What an outstanding area to call home."