

Boise recognized as best place to retire

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BOISE -- The city of Boise is topping more national lists.



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Barry and Anne McCahill recently retired to Idaho and love it here.

This time it's named as the number one place to retire in America.

NewsChannel 7 talked with a local couple featured in Where to Retire Magazine to find out what brought them to this area and how the notoriety affects the city as a whole.

"Been here for seven years and we love it, in fact we're home now," said Barry McCahill, retiree.

Barry and Anne McCahill retired in Eagle after visiting good friends in Boise many times.

Having spent their whole lives on the East Coast, the McCahill's were thrilled by the lifestyle in the Treasure Valley.

"This is the first place we've lived where this is a real sense of community," said Barry McCahill.

Their decision to retire in Boise has landed them on the cover of Where to Retire, a national magazine that helps people decide where to relocate.

In its latest issue, the magazine features Boise as a top place to retire in America.

"It captures there's a sense of community, it mentions the great recreation and the nice weather we have, four seasons, but nice seasons," said Barry McCahill.

"There have been several mentions of Boise in terms of retireability," said Nancy Vannorsdel, Boise Chamber of Commerce.

Vannorsdel says low crime, lots of recreation opportunities, good weather and affordable housing make this area shine for those in search of a place to retire.

For Barry and Anne, housing costs were a big plus in their decision.

"When we got here we were shocked at what you could get for the money, as opposed to back in northern Virginia where everything is a half-million dollars and up," said Anne McCahill.

Boise State University is another factor that makes this area attractive for retirees.

"As the parents retire they move here to be close to their children, and we see this time after time, so it makes for a nice balance in the community," said Vannorsdel.

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She says that balance is a boost to the local economy too.

The city can handle the positive recognition.

The McCahills agree. They say it won't do anything to destroy the community they now call home.

"For those looking for a really good retirement package it would be tough to beat Boise," said Barry McCahill.

The Where to Retire Magazine featuring the McCahills and Boise hits newsstands next week.