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**CITY OF DELAWARE FEATURED BY OHIO MAGAZINE
AS ONE OF THE BEST HOMETOWNS IN OHIO**

DELAWARE, OHIO. Pick up a copy of the November issue of *Ohio Magazine* and discover a beautiful water color painting of Historic Downtown Delaware on the cover! The city of Delaware is featured in the cover story as one of Ohio's Best Hometowns.

Towns are chosen to be spotlighted as a Best Hometown based on quality of life attributes, including community spirit, education, entertainment, health and safety, business environment, and culture and heritage. Delaware was nominated for this honor by the Delaware County Convention and Visitors Bureau in conjunction with information provided by the City of Delaware, and Delaware City Schools.

Ohio Magazine selected one town from five different regions in Ohio. Each town that became a finalist was also explored by *Ohio Magazine* staff in order to actually experience the community and meet a variety of people.

"When it comes to quality of life, Delaware is a wonderful hometown community. Many of the things that make it a great place to live also make it a great place to visit," said Debbie Shatzer, Executive Director of the Convention & Visitors Bureau. "We're really pleased that *Ohio Magazine* chose to spotlight Delaware."

According to *Ohio Magazine* more about the Best Hometowns will be included as part of the "Best of Ohio" cover story in the January 2008 issue with tourist information being highlighted in June of 2008. Additional information will also be available on the Ohio Magazine website: ohiomagazine.com.

"Delaware's commitment to every citizen sets it apart and it is rewarding to see *Ohio Magazine* recognize what we've known for years," Mayor Windell Wheeler said. "In Delaware, you'll still find small-town atmosphere, historic character and friendliness, but you'll also find a city very much on the move."

A hometown celebration will be held in the future to commemorate this prestigious honor.

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