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NEW JERSEY FAMILY ANNOUNCES NEW JERSEY'S BEST TOWNS FOR FAMILIES 2016

Oradell in Bergen County is #1 ranked town

SUMMIT, NJ, March 28, 2016 – Today, *New Jersey Family*, the essential source for New Jersey parents, announced **New Jersey's Best Towns for Families 2016**. The list ranks New Jersey towns based on important family livability factors such as school quality, affordability, diversity and crime rates. Oradell, located in Bergen County, tops this year's list of more than 500 towns.

Last year *New Jersey Family* introduced the **Best Towns for Families** ranking, njfamily.com/besttowns2015, the first list of its kind in the state to rank New Jersey towns through the lens of how family friendly they are.

“We heavily weighted things like school quality and safety in our 2016 algorithm, but we also looked at quality of life factors like average commute time and whether grocery stores and entertainment options were nearby,” says Liz Zack, *New Jersey Family's* Editorial Director.

The April issue of *New Jersey Family* features the rankings of 508 New Jersey municipalities*, and includes profiles of the top towns.

New Jersey Family also highlights the most affordable towns, the safest towns, the most diverse towns and the best commuter towns.

New Jersey's top 20 towns for families are:

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| 1. Oradell | 11. Frelinghuysen |
| 2. Montgomery | 12. North Caldwell |
| 3. Bethlehem | 13. River Edge |
| 4. Boonton | 14. Harrison Township |
| 5. Fredon | 15. Harrington Park |
| 6. Pennington | 16. Denville |
| 7. Mendham Borough | 17. Closter |
| 8. Milltown | 18. Old Tappan |
| 9. Mendham Township | 19. Chester Township |
| 10. Essex Fells | 20. Alloway |

"I have lived in Oradell since 1988, and can say from experience that it truly is the perfect place to raise a family," says Oradell Mayor Dianne Camelo Didio. "The warm and nurturing feel of the community, the amazing support system you have when you live here, and the town's amazing offerings are just a few of the reasons why people stay in Oradell and plant their family roots. We are honored to be number one on *New Jersey Family's* list this year."

Find the full rankings here: njfamily.com/besttowns

"*New Jersey Family* is the #1 trusted authority on what to do, where to go and now, where to live for more than half a million parents in New Jersey," says Cindy Mironovich, founder and publisher of *New Jersey Family*. "The secret to our success is simple: we know what families in the Garden State need to live happier, healthier, more involved lives – and we deliver it."

New Jersey's Best Towns for Families can also be found at njfamily.com and on Facebook at facebook.com/newjerseyfamily. Research methodology can be found at njfamily.com/methodology.

**New Jersey Family* did not rank NJ towns with fewer than 1,500 residents due to insufficient public data.

For 25 years, New Jersey Family has been the essential source on everything parenting for New Jersey moms, dads and caregivers. We know what families in the Garden State need to live happier, healthier, more involved lives, and we are committed to excellence in all we do. Visit us at njfamily.com.

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