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Oak Ridge Featured in *Where to Retire* Magazine

January 8, 2008 – Oak Ridge is a featured location in the November/December issue of *Where to Retire* magazine, the only magazine in America geared to helping people with retirement relocation decisions.

Retirees Jerry and Christina Young are on the cover of this national publication which has a national circulation of 220,000. Also interviewed for the publication were Michael and Donna Trank and Larry and Pat Frey. All three couples shared their experiences in retiring to Oak Ridge and their reasons for doing so.

The Youngs spoke about how the arts and opportunities to volunteer in the community have made them feel very at home here. The Tranks have also become involved in volunteering and Michael has found some part-time work to keep him active. The Freys are enjoying living closer to grandchildren and getting to make up for some lost time with them.

According to Mitzi Burgess, Vice President of the Oak Ridge Chamber, “When we were contacted by *Where to Retire*, we were asked to put them in touch with some active retirees we knew of who had specifically chosen Oak Ridge. These three couples immediately came to mind and we happily put the writer in touch with them.”

“Since this issue of the magazine came out, we’ve received a number of inquiries about Oak Ridge from readers who are very interested in the community based on what they’ve read. We

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even had a gentleman stop by the Chamber to pick up a map and to ask our help in locating several of the neighborhoods listed in the fact sheet included in the magazine!"

Christina Young said, "We were contacted by the staff of the Oak Ridge Chamber to see if we were willing to be interviewed by the magazine and gladly agreed. We were interviewed by the writer and then were photographed by Oak Ridge photographer Tara Knieser of Dixie Pixel photography. We were told there was no guarantee the article or pictures would be included in the November/December issue.

"We found out we made the cover when one of our children called from Stow, Ohio early one Saturday morning to say a fellow dentist and neighbor had brought his subscription copy to her home and we made the cover. She read the article to us and we celebrated via phone.

"We have had calls and letters from all over the country as a result of the magazine."

According to *Where to Retire* editor, Mary Lu Abbott, Oak Ridge has many of the qualities that are important to today's retirees. "Founded in secrecy in 1942 in the rush to develop the nuclear bombs that eventually ended World War II, Oak Ridge has a history steeped in intrigue and a population known for their intellectual acumen. The Oak Ridge National Laboratory still attracts scientists. For retirees interested in exploring topics of interest, a variety of classes are available at the Oak Ridge Institute for Continued Learning. On the cultural side, the city has a symphony, a community band and a chamber choir as well as several museums. Plenty of volunteering opportunities, outdoor recreation on the Clinch River and affordable housing options continue to attract retirees to Oak Ridge."

Jerry and Christina Young celebrate their decision to move to Oak Ridge to retire. "We are very happy about our choice to retire to Oak Ridge. We have found so much to do here. We have met so many outstanding people here who also treasure being here and they have been so welcoming to us. The cultural opportunities, especially for us to sing, are so fine. It was easy to give the *Where to Retire* writer positives about retiring here."

The November/December issue of *Where to Retire* magazine is available on newsstands now.

For additional information, contact the Oak Ridge Chamber of Commerce at 483-1321.

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