

Our voice: A three-peat for Sylacauga

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For an impressive third year in a row, Sylacauga has been named to the elite "**100 Best Communities for Young People**" in the country. It's a crown the city wears with pride, competing with more than 300 communities in all 50 states, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico. And rightly so. It's not one that happened by accident. This is a community that truly cares about its young people and takes decisive action to convey that message.

Parks have been improved with a skateboard area and BMX bike track added. A multi-screen movie theater has been recruited and landed and should be ready in seven months. And myriad programs to benefit children and teens are among the mainstays that set Sylacauga apart.

It is that kind of attention to details for its youths that makes Sylacauga one of the top communities in the nation for them, and those involved in Sylacauga's Promise deserve not only congratulations, but thanks.

They made a promise years ago that their community would take care of its young people, and their hard work has paid off - three years in a row.