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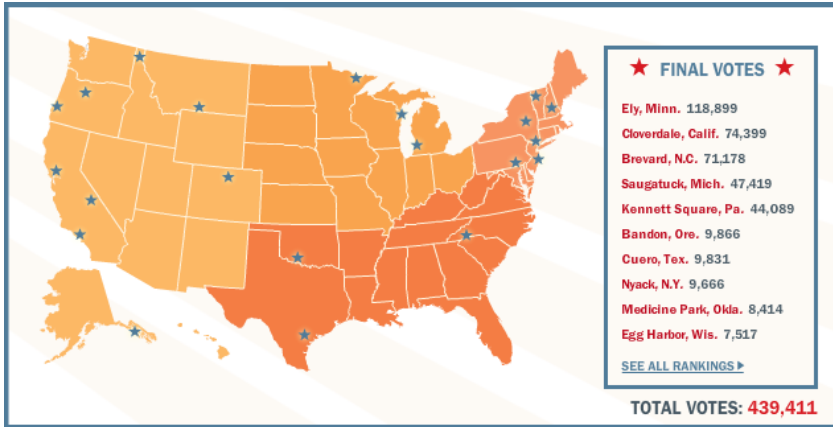
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## America's Coolest Small Towns

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### READER COMMENTS

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Posted by **clydeatcestvert** on Sunday, May 09, 2010 1:22:24 PM  
Marisa from Budget Travel was just in our shop...she is visiting Bandon by the Sea today...what a thrill! Budget Travel is so great and to have the travel writer visit our little town is an honour....for those of you have had the pleasure of meeting Marisa I am sure you will agree she is wonderful. For those of you who have yet to meet her, you will be pleasantly surprised at how unpretentious and gracious she is...her style and friendly demeanor made her visit here very pleasant. Thank you Marisa and Budget Travel! What a cool contest this has been!

Posted by **agentstarring** on Sunday, May 09, 2010 12:07:51 PM  
this is great. so many small jewels decorate this beautiful country. Saugatuck is "Pure Michigan" and a slice of America!

Posted by **ArtTown** on Sunday, May 09, 2010 11:20:06 AM  
Congratulations to all 21 finalists who were selected by Budget Travel to participate in this contest. Just remember, if you weren't terrific you wouldn't be on this list! A BIG HUG to the thousands of Saugatuck, Michigan supporters who have shown incredible love and determination by keeping us at the top of this race even though we only have a population of 954 people! We've achieved the improbable and have shown the world our "Pure Michigan Spirit."

Posted by **clydeatcestvert** on Sunday, May 09, 2010 11:01:13 AM  
without becoming any more maudlin than I have been over the past two days...I just wanted to say what a true pleasure it's been learning about all of the 21 towns...but more importantly over these last two months I have come to know a little bit about a great group of individuals I have met here on this site...so thank you to booklover, pupppatrol, princesspeb, chelsi, picchu and wow, so many others who have graced these pages with their prose and insight about the places you love. Thank you everyone for making this so much fun...as always...warmest wishes to all of you.

Posted by **pupppatrol** on Sunday, May 09, 2010 10:31:48 AM  
I'm getting that warm fuzzy feeling again! How wonderful it's been getting to know all about these 21 towns. Every one that has commented here has done such a great job of describing your towns that I almost feel like I've been to some of them. Being a googleholic ;-) I have done research on each of the 21 towns, but, especially focused on the ones that haven't been represented very much here. They are AWESOME too. If you get a chance, check them out. As I said a couple days ago, all 21 of these towns were cool before the "contest" and they will be cool after the "contest". A shout out to BOOKLOVER: You have done a phenomenal job here in BREVARD! Thank you!

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PRINCESSPEB: I look forward to meeting you too! You guys in Cloverdale are great!

Posted by **qhikin** on Sunday, May 09, 2010 9:27:23 AM

Stay in touch with THREE RIVERS and plan your vacation at [www.kawahcommonwealth.com](http://www.kawahcommonwealth.com). And contact us when you're here; we'll point you in the right direction! Thanks all for sharing your towns...

Posted by **Chelsea** on Sunday, May 09, 2010 9:09:13 AM

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY, TO ALL OF YOU WONDERFUL MOMS IN AMERICA'S COOLEST SMALL TOWNS!!! It's been great learning about your beautiful towns and I am looking forward to visiting each of you asap! AND THANK YOU BAY AREA FOR YOUR WONDERFUL SUPPORT OF YOUR NORTHERN CALIFORNIA SMALL TOWN NOMINEE, CLOVERDALE!! WHEW AND WOHOHO!!! I hope you don't mind, but since it's the last day of this contest I'd like to restate the reasons I love my little town of Cloverdale so much... Cloverdale is the most genuinely friendly, vibrant, and philanthropic community I've ever come across after years of searching for a place like this! For example, one or more of the following non-profit organizations have held fun public events in Cloverdale every week-end and/or week-night in the past 6 months: Boys and Girls Club, C.A.R.E. Foundation, Chamber of Commerce, Citrus Fairgrounds, Cloverdale Arts Alliance, Cloverdale Performing Arts Center, Feline Rescue, Friends of the Library, Historical Society, Key Club, Kiwanis Club, Knights of Columbus, Lions Club, Rotary Club, Senior Center, United Church, and Volunteer Firefighters Association. These events are things like crab feeds, music concerts, dance performances, drama shows, chiappino feeds, toy runs, parades, costume contests, the citrus fair, wine festivals, art shows, jazz club concerts, independent film viewings, dance lessons, art appreciation lectures, art lessons, just to name a few. Since many of these clubs work together for various causes, fundraising activities are always community-oriented and are a blast to attend... And that list doesn't even include the 13-week summer series of free outdoor music concerts held on the downtown Plaza in conjunction with Farmer's Market known as Friday Night Live. That event draws 1,500-2,000 locals and visitors together to dance, eat, listen to fabulous bands, and enjoy the beautiful warm summer evenings in Cloverdale along with friends both new and old. The number of local businesses & organizations who generously and consistently support these events is also impressive: Ace Hardware, Antiques & Uniques, Asti Winery, Chamber of Commerce, City of Cloverdale, Cloverdale Reveille, Eagle Tech Collision & Towing, Eagles Nest Deli & Grill, Edward Jones Investments, Exchange Bank, Furber Development, Les Ryan/Century 21, Mail Center, Etc., Patti & Friends, Pick's Drive-In, Ray's, Redwood Credit Union, Reuser, Inc, Ron & Jane Pavelka/Frank Howard Allen, Ruth McGowen's... and many more!!! I bought my home in Cloverdale five years ago, even though most of my professional counterparts live in Santa Rosa. I was able to get more home for my money here, so I decided that a little more distance and a little less connection would be worth the trade-off. I soon noticed that city officials, business owners, and townspeople intermingle in friendly and cooperative ways in this community and it made me want to join them. I went to Friday Night Live and made many new friends. Five years later, I've never felt less isolated and more connected! So kudos, Cloverdale! YOU ROCK!!!

Posted by **princesspeb** on Sunday, May 09, 2010 8:30:00 AM

I will, booklover, and thank you. What a pleasure it has been meeting all of you wonderful people all over the US. And Bandon, Three Rivers, and Sandpoint, I cannot wait to check out all of you wonderful towns as well.... don't want to leave anyone out.... all 21 of us are pretty special, aren't we? Go Small Town America!

Posted by **Picchu** on Sunday, May 09, 2010 8:28:37 AM

Our last day of voting! HOORAY for Ely!!!!

Posted by **booklover** on Sunday, May 09, 2010 8:25:48 AM

Princesspeb, let us know know on the Select Brevard, NC facebook site as well when you are coming (<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Brevard-NC/Select-Brevard-NC-as-Americas-Coolest-Small-Town-for-2010/360614127076?ref=ts>). We will show you all around!

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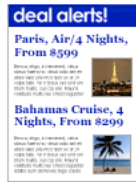
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