



Toluca’s First Tuesday Evening Farmer’s Market At The American Legion A Success



The First Toluca Farmer’s Market was held Tuesday June 2nd at the Toluca American Legion Hall. The weather was perfect and everyone came out to visit the vendors inside and outside the Legion Hall. There was a steady stream of people all evening. Right across the street was Mickeys Massive Burritos Food Truck which had a line from the time he opened until he closed. There were picnic tables next to the food truck which was used for visiting, wait for your food, or enjoy your food outside.

The vendors for June 2nd were:

Breaking Bread, Bake me Happy, Marilyn Heidenreich with scentsy, Tina Bina crocheted items, Rustically charming, Ricki’s build a craft workshop, Brainy Bakery, Anthony Link raising funds for St. Jude, Fixin N Mixin, Darnell’s soaps, Made by Michelle, Ioeger farms and Samantha Streitmatter with wood burning.

The Farmer’s Market will be held every Tuesday from 4:30 to 7:00 p.m. To be a vendor, contact Mad-dy Phillips at (309) 231-7962 the vendor fee is \$5.00. See you Soon. Remember it’s every Tuesday.

Toluca To Host Red Cross Blood Drive On June 24 At The American Legion

Yes, it’s time for the Toluca Red Cross Blood Drive! The Drive will be at the Toluca American Legion Hall, 115 W Santa Fe Ave., on Wednesday, June 24th from 12:00 noon - 6:00 p.m. By coming to donate you will be eligible for a \$15 e-card and the opportunity to have your name put in a pool of names to possibly win \$7,500!

Blood is in low supply, no matter what time of year it is. Please consider donating, whether it is your first time or you’ve donated multiple times. As you know, 1 pint of your blood can be distributed to 3 different people by breaking it between red blood cells, plasma and platelets. You can impact three different individuals!

Severe injuries, organ transplants, heart surgery all require large quantities of blood. Cancer patients use more blood than patients fighting any other disease.

There are so many different ways your donation can help. Your donation helps people of all ages - infants, children, teenagers and adults.

As June 24th gets near, drink less caffeine, coffee, iced tea, etc. and drink more water. Drinking more water will help the process go faster as well. Caffeine, will lower your iron, which lowers your hemoglobin which can cause you to be unable to donate. Eating various foods can improve your hemoglobin, e.g. read-to-eat cereal, watermelon, beans, red meat, rice, potatoes, to name a few.

Please consider taking the time out of your summer day to donate blood on June 24th. You can register on-line at redcrossblood.org, find the Toluca drive and select a time slot. Or you can call Carla and Tim O’Connor at (815) 452-2529. Thank you.

EMS Emergency Services Activity Report May 2026

Toluca-Rutland Fire Protection District Callout Summary	
EMS/1st Responder.....	3
Vehicle Accidents.....	4
Structure Fires.....	5
Vehicle Fire.....	1
Power Lines Down.....	4
Total Calls.....	17 (92 YTD)
Wenona Fire Protection District Callout Summary	
Vehicle Accidents.....	3
Structure Fires.....	3
Medical/EMS Assist.....	2
Gas Leak Investigation.....	1
Vehicle Fire.....	1
Mutual Aid.....	3
EMC-EMS Callout Summary	
Total Calls.....	66 (191 YTD)
Toluca-Rutland	
Fire District.....	38 (171 YTD)
Wenona Fire District 22	(71 YTD)

Beat The Heat Bingo Returns Throughout The Summer At The Toluca American Legion

The Toluca Rotary is pleased to announce “Beat the Heat BINGO Returns Again in 2026”. It will be on the Thursdays of June 18th, July 16th, and August 6th at the Toluca American Legion starting at 2:00 pm. Participants are asked to bring paper products as their entry fee. The items will be donated to the Toluca Food Pantry. (Adults 65+ play for free!!) There is a maximum of 4 cards per person. About 10 games will be played with prizes donated by the Toluca Rotary. Water and treats will also be provided by the Rotary. Come join the fun!!



Marshall County Court News

FINES LEVIED

Phillip J. Carlton 4/24/26 by County Crm & Juv “possess 15<100 Gr. Cocaine” and “Ob-struct just/destroy evidence” 6/3/26 “guilty” fine \$5,095. DOC: 5 and 45 credit time served; DOC: 3 and 45 credit time served.

Grace Adele Jones 1/9/26 by County Crm & Juv “dog running at large/1st” 6/3/26 fine \$633.

Tamara J. Clift 5/6/26 by County Crm & Juv “assault” 6/3/26 fine \$689, 180 days supervision.

Andra M. Daws 4/5/26 by County traffic “fail notify dmg/un-attended veh” and “false reports.” 6/2/26 fine \$566, 90 days supervision.

Gregory M. Storm 4/7/6 by County Traffic “fail to reduce speed” 6/1/26 fine \$164.

Kyler R. Damron 4/30/26 by County Traffic “driving 1-10 mph above limit” 5/29/26 fine \$164.

Mohanakrishnan Ganapathy Prasad 5/2/26 by County Traffic “driving 21-25 mph above limit”

5/29/26 fine \$164.

William J. Walters 5/22/26 by County Traffic “driving 15-20 mph above limit” 5/29/26 fine \$164.

Jamie E. Parks 5/23/26 by County Traffic “driving 15-20 mph above limit” 6/4/26 fine \$164.

LAND TRANSFERS

Grantor: Annette L. Quinn, John P. Quinn. Grantee: Annette L. Quinn Co Tr., John P. Quinn Co Tr. Section 25, Townshiop 30N, Range 1W, Govt Lot --NW, Notes W 1/2. Deed Trust.

Grantor: Gloria Boussein, James Boussein. Grantee: Jerimey Boussein, Nicole Boussein. Lake Wildwood Development, Lot 1733, Quit Claim Deed.

Grantor: Douglas E. Nickels. Grantee: Joshua Smith. Hopewell Estates Lot 182, Lot 183. Warranty Deed.

Grantor: Julie Ahten Co. Exec., Andrew Johnson Co. Exec. Grant-ee: Bryan Ahten, Julie Ahten. Lake Wildwood Development Lot 829. Executors Deed.

Grantor: Jay C. Miller, Marie S. Miller. Grantee: Jay Miller Co. Tr., Marie Miller Co. Tr. Henry (Original Town) Lot 242, Notes Pt. College Sub., Lot 11, Notes N 60’. Deed Trust.

Grantor: Robert J. Goskusky Tr., Vicki S. Goskusky Tr.. Grant-ee: Joseph R. Goskusky Tr., Lyric S. Goskusky Tr. Lake Wildwood Development Lot 385. Trust Deed.

Grantor: Melinda J. Cremeens, Melinda J. Ellison. Grantee: Stephen E. Ellison. Lacon (Original Town) Block 23, Lot 4. Notes S 1/2. Block 23, Lot 5. Warranty Deed.

Grantor: Roberta J. Bucknam Ind. Admin. Grantee: Cody Zimmerman, Donald Zimmerman Jr. Lake Wildwood Development, Lot 967. Administration Deed.

Grantor: Benjamin Klaus Jr. Co. tr., Rosemary Klaus Co. Tr. Grantee: Rosemary Klaus Tr. Sec-tion 2, Township 29N, Range 1W, Govt Lot --SW, Notes undiv 1/2 (Continued On Page 4)

Two Illinois Cities Among Top 12 Most Welcoming In The U.S.

Travel+Leisure, Michael Cappetta

After a long day of travel, a warm welcome can bring comfort and help kick off a vacation on a pleasant note. And travelers are especially likely to find that in places like Bar Harbor, Maine.

The coastal gem was named one of the most welcoming towns in the United States by World Atlas, lauded for its "friendly and close-knit" community. Located along the Atlantic Ocean near Maine's Frenchman Bay, Bar Harbor is a picturesque coastal town complete with a charming Main Street with locally-owned boutiques, dozens of fresh seafood restaurants, and stunning hiking trails.

The town is also a gateway to the entry for Acadia National Park, which is renowned for its more than 150 miles of hiking trails and stunning rocky coastline.

"Bar Harbour is a favourite summer destination, and thousands of visitors always troop to the town to enjoy its rhythm and explore the epic outdoor adventure opportunities around.

"In addition to Maine, the report highlighted the town of Bay St. Louis, Mississippi, for its resilience after Hurricane Katrina and for its "warm and welcoming" community that "quickly makes you feel like part of a family.

"With its strong propensity for southern hospitality and community-wide crab boils that unite the

town, the report also called out the town of Beaufort, South Carolina; along with Fredericksburg, Texas, thanks to its historic Main Street featuring vintage shops and German-inspired architecture along with an annual Oktoberfest event that hosts artisans and restaurants.

To come up with its list, World Atlas evaluated towns across the country for attributes such as friendly locals, high community spirit, local institutions (such as staple neighborhood restaurants), and special events, singling out a dozen for their welcoming vibes.

"In many towns, neighbors meet together to enjoy each other's company during fun-packed annual festivals," World Atlas wrote in its report, adding "Americans are among the nicest people in the world. To a large extent, folks here are still incredibly friendly, courteous, and downright open."

This is the full list of the 12 most welcoming towns in the U.S., according to World Atlas.

1. Bar Harbor, Maine
2. Bay St. Louis, Mississippi
3. Beaufort, South Carolina
4. Burlington, Vermont
5. Burton, Ohio
6. Downers Grove, Illinois
7. Angola, Indiana
8. Fredericksburg, Texas
9. Gig Harbor, Washington
10. Hamilton, New York
11. Jackson, Wyoming
12. Kewanee, Illinois

Most Affordable Cities To Buy A Home In 2026

Home prices have surged in recent years, with the median sales price rising from \$313,000 in Q1 2019 to \$403,200 in Q1 2026. While prices may be beginning to ease in some parts of the country this year, interest rates have climbed sharply. For instance, the average 30-year fixed mortgage rate increased from a historic low of 2.65% in January 2021 to 6.37% in May 2026.

With both elevated home prices and higher interest rates, many consumers may question whether homeownership is still within reach. Fortunately, buying real estate remains more affordable in certain cities than others.

To determine the most affordable cities for home buyers, WalletHub analyzed 300 U.S. cities using 10 key metrics, including home purchase and maintenance costs, tax rates, and vacancy rates.

“When deciding where to buy, home prices alone aren’t a good enough indicator of how affordable things will be. You also have to consider how prices compare to incomes in the area, plus factor in things like the cost of living, maintenance expenses and taxes. The most affordable cities, like Flint, MI, Detroit, and Surprise, AZ, have low costs across several of these different metrics.”

Chip Lupo, WalletHub Analyst

Most Affordable Cities To Buy A Home	
City	Score
1. Flint, MI.....	79.5
2. Detroit, MI.....	74.71
3. Surprise, AZ.....	73.27
4. Yuma, AZ.....	72.25
5. Akron, OH.....	70.82
6. Pittsburgh, PA.....	70.46
7. Memphis, TN.....	70
8. Augusta, GA.....	69.66

9. Indianapolis, IN.....	69.56
10. Cleveland, OH.....	69.37
11. North Las Vegas, NV.....	68.97
12. Montgomery, AL.....	68.75
13. Palm Bay, FL.....	68.58
14. Warren, MI.....	68.52
15. Mesa, AZ.....	68.39
16. Fort Wayne, IN.....	68.25
17. Las Vegas, NV.....	68.2
18. Toledo, OH.....	68.17
19. Dayton, OH.....	68.16
20. Birmingham, AL.....	67.77
21. Huntsville, AL.....	67.68
22. Peoria, AZ.....	67.26
23. Gilbert, AZ.....	67.26
24. Mobile, AL.....	67.07
25. Louisville, KY.....	66.96

Illinois Cities	
47. Springfield, IL.....	64.85
66. Joliet, IL.....	63.85
76. Rockford, IL.....	63.44
84. Peoria, IL.....	62.81
99. Aurora, IL.....	61.46
113. Elgin, IL.....	60.41
116. Waukegan, IL.....	60.34
128. Naperville, IL.....	59.49
145. Chicago, IL.....	57.25

Most Expensive Cities To Buy A Home	
276. Paterson, NJ.....	39.35
277. Downey, CA.....	38.98
278. Garden Grove, CA.....	37.84
279. San Jose, CA.....	37.52
280. El Cajon, CA.....	37.33
281. El Monte, CA.....	36.73
282. Boulder, CO.....	36.71
283. Santa Clara, CA.....	36.5
284. Sunnyvale, CA.....	36.26
285. Huntington Beach, CA.....	35.62
286. Boston, MA.....	35.44
287. Cambridge, MA.....	34.92
288. San Mateo, CA.....	34.84
289. Irvine, CA.....	33.98
290. Burbank, CA.....	33.77
291. Westminster, CA.....	33.58
292. San Francisco, CA.....	33.29
293. New York, NY.....	33.14
294. Pasadena, CA.....	32.68

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