“Peekskill’s Paramounts: 
stoves to art center”

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Peekskill is a symbolic city of industry and growth due to its historic contribution of a leading industrial center, such as irons and stoves, and today the city boasts as a growing artist district and continued growth in the technology.
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Demographics and Location

- **Population:**
  - Total-22,441
  - Male (48.5%) Female (51.5%)

- **Education:**
  - Predominantly high school graduates

- **Race/Ethnicity:**
  - Predominantly White, Black, & Asian

- **Crime:**
  - 69 crimes reported in 2003
  - Violent Crime rate is 3/1000 people

- **Income:**
  - Per capita income-$22,595
  - Median household income-$47,177

- **Located on the Hudson River**
  - 40 miles north of NYC

- **“Gateway to the Hudson Highlands” ?

- **Westchester County**
History

- **European Discovery & Settlement**
  - Jan Peeck
  - “kill”, the Dutch name for creek
  - Hudson river passageway
  - Industrial Process

- **Peekskill Active In Major Wars**
  - Revolutionary war
    - Military base (G. Washington)
  - Benedict Arnold conspiracy in 1780
  - Underground railroad (Civil war)
  - Camp Smith (WW1)

- **Industrialization**
  - Innovation and notable factories
  - Hudson River railroad
  - Economic and population expansion
Economics Then & Now

Then
- developing in an industrial style
- primary industry was the fashioning of cast iron cooking and heating stoves

Now
- Population growth and growth
- in technology
Culture

- Politics
  - Predominantly Democratic
  - Mayor John Testa

- Fun Facts
  - Mel Gibson
  - New York Jets
  - Lyman Frank Baum
  - Alien Avenger, Unfaithful, and the TV series Unsolved Mysteries
Peekskill is still flourishing in many ways other than just commercially; arts and culture and the success of industrial growth in Peekskill, the Hudson River Valley has become one of the most important economic contributions for New York.
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