

"Peekskill's paramounts: stoves to art center"





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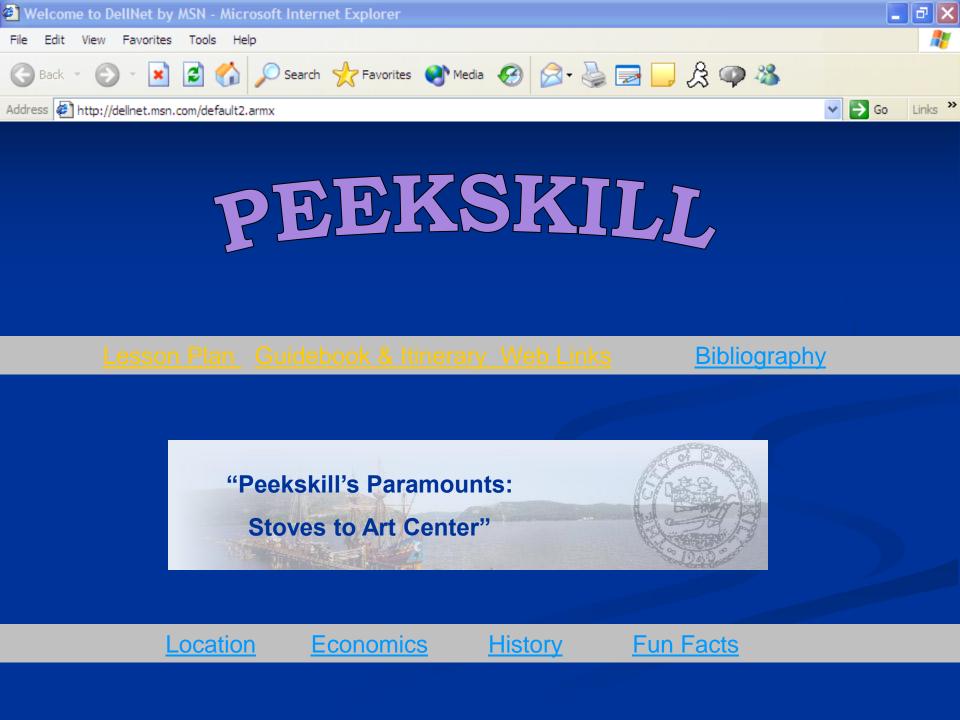


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# Thesis

Peekskill is a symbolic city of industry and growth due to is 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.



## 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

- EuropeanDiscovery &Settlement
  - Jan Peeck
  - "kill", theDutch namefor creek
  - Hudson river passageway
  - Industrial Process

- Peekskill Active InMajor 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



# CONCLUSION

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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