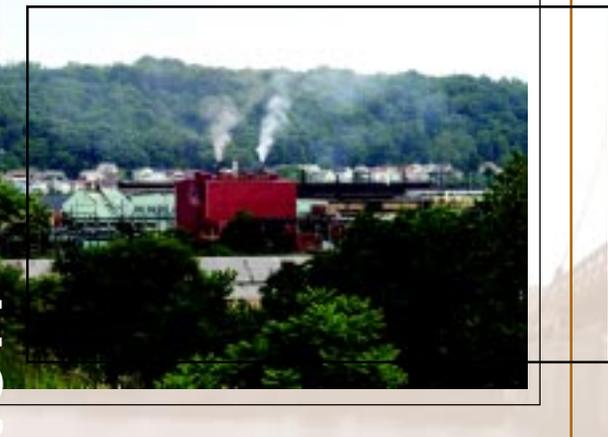




Forged by Steel—The city of Weirton combines the warmth, security and camaraderie inherent in a small town with the cultural, educational and economic benefits of a metropolitan area. Often described as a “melting pot,” Weirton’s ethnic diversity provides a cultural variety second to none. Consistently rated as one of the safest cities in the United States with a reasonable cost of living, Weirton borders both the Ohio River and the Pennsylvania border offering a curious blend of major industry, tourist attractions and recreational opportunities.



history

A relatively young city, incorporated in 1947, Weirton's roots date back to the mid 1700s when pioneers settled in Hollidays Cove. The frontier settlement was located in a valley where Harmon Creek empties into the Ohio River which is one of the country's major navigable waterways. The fertile valley is far enough away from the mighty Ohio River to escape devastating floods yet close enough to the river to take advantage of it's fresh water and cheap transportation.

The town that became Weirton had a change in lifestyle from farming and small businesses to industry shortly after the turn of the 20th century. In the spring of 1909, young industrialist, E. T. Weir, came from his hometown of Pittsburgh and purchased 105 acres of land. Weir had a sheet steel plant in Clarksburg, WV, but expansion there was impossible so he began his search for property upon which to build a new plant. By the end of 1909, Weir had 10 mills operating. From those humble beginnings, Weirton Steel became the fifth largest steel producer in the country. Foreign steel imports and other factors have forced Weirton Steel into an ongoing recovery process.

Today's community of hardworking people evolved from that modest beginning. Immigrants from all over the world, but primarily from the European countries where they had experience with industrial type work, came to find employment in Mr. Weir's mill.

The influx of workers created a boomtown in the pleasant valley and as Weirton Steel grew so did the community. Four towns emerged during the early part of the century. They merged in 1947 and the city continued to grow reaching a peak population of more than 28,000 by 1970.

With the incorporation, Weirton became the only city in the United States that sits in one state while its borders touch two other states. The city of Weirton is divided between Brooke and Hancock Counties. City government consists of a mayor and council with a city manager.

transportation

Along with the Ohio River transportation, the city is blessed with easy access to major highways and rail lines. Also, it is just a 25-minute drive to the Greater Pittsburgh International Airport.



education

Weirton has 11 top-rated schools including five elementary schools, a middle school, a high school, two parochial grade schools and a high school and a Christian K-12 school. The Hancock County school system operates the John D. Rockefeller Career Center where high school students and adults alike learn industrial arts, and a wide variety of practical skills readily marketable in the work force. West Virginia Northern Community College has a campus on Weirton Heights and Jefferson Community College is just a 15-minute drive away in neighboring Steubenville, Ohio.

Also in Steubenville, is renowned Franciscan University. There are eight other colleges and universities within an hour drive of Weirton including major universities such as the University of Pittsburgh, Carnegie Mellon University and Duquesne University.

weirton schools

Pre-Schools

Weirton Christian Center: 304-748-2353
Memorial Baptist Pre-Kindergarten: 304-723-3110
Pipino's Head Start: 304-797-0281
The Children's Academy: 304-723-1560
Haller Park Pre-school and Daycare: 304-748-5400
Pipino's Neighborhood Center: 304-797-7733

Public Schools

Edgewood Primary: 304-748-7676
Millsop Primary: 304-748-7760
Broadview Elementary: 304-723-2525
Liberty Elementary: 304-723-2818
Weirton Heights Elementary: 304-748-1950
Weir Middle School: 304-748-6080
Weir High School: 304-748-7600

Private Schools

St. Joseph Pre-School and Elementary: 304-723-1970
St. Paul Pre-School and Elementary: 304-748-5225
Weirton Madonna High School: 304-723-0545
Tri-State Christian Academy: 724-947-8722

library

Mary H. Weir Public Library: 304-797-8510

industry

With the growth, the city's commerce also advanced. Today, most of the country's major retail stores have located here, but with an eye toward economic development, Weirton has plenty of room to grow.

A large industrial park, located just off Three Springs Drive interchange, is a new development with infrastructure in place. The park has easy access to U. S. Route 22, a major highway that stretches to the east and west.

Several other property sites zoned for commercial and industrial development exist as well, and there is abundant modern housing to accommodate continued growth in the community.

The newest residential developments include Angeline Estates, South Brook Estates, Heathermoor Drive, Stone Brooke and Weircrest Development. Several geriatric housing facilities are also available in the city and surrounding areas.



important numbers

Emergency:	911
Police:	304-797-8555
Fire Department:	304-797-8560
Mayor's Office:	304-797-8501
City Manager:	304-797-8503
Water Department:	304-797-8591
Public Works:	304-797-8540
Waste Water Plant:	304-797-8550
Millsop Community Center:	304-797-8520

healthcare

Weirton's medical community is second to none. Highly qualified doctors, surgeons and specialists abound. They are supported by the modern Weirton Medical Center, which is an acute care, 240-bed institution located just off U. S. Route 22 (Colliers Way Exit), 25 miles southwest of the Greater Pittsburgh International Airport and 30 miles west of downtown Pittsburgh.

WMC has 187 acute care beds, 20 adult psychiatric beds and 233 skilled care beds. They feature a 10-bed Critical Care Unit, 28-bed Stepdown or Intermediate Care Unit, Pain Management Center, Women's Health Center and Industrial Rehabilitation Program and Sports Medicine Clinic, which are operated by the Physical Rehabilitation Services Department.

WMC features the latest in treatments, technologies and drugs in its patient care programs. Other services offered by WMC are a percutaneous coronary intervention program, state-of-the-art peripheral vascular surgery, a wound treatment program with a 90 percent healing rate, stereotactic biopsy and sentinel

Weirton Medical Center



lymph node detection—the latest in breast cancer detection lithotripsy, magnetic resonance imaging, acute hemodialysis for patients with first time kidney failure, cardiac/pulmonary rehabilitation program, rheumatology service, back and neck surgery program and a community-based diabetes care center.

The medical-dental staff is comprised of some 170 physicians with board-certified physicians in the medical and surgical subspecialties. WMC employs more than 1,000 people.

In fiscal 2003, WMC admitted a total of 8,234 inpatients and recorded a total of 183,370 outpatient visits. WMC offers health care services in West Virginia to residents of Ohio and Pennsylvania.

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Our partnership with the Western Pennsylvania Hospital allows patients requiring Coronary Angioplasty and Stenting to have these procedures completed at WMC by their local cardiologist.

State-of-the-art peripheral vascular surgery is done at WMC.

Our Wound Treatment Program has maintained a healing rate of 90 percent—exceeding the national average for similar programs.

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recreation

In Weirton, it is not all work and no play. The city is blessed with one of the outstanding community centers, especially for a city its size. The Thomas E. Millsop Community Center on Main Street is "The Center of Activity" for the Weirton area. The Center offers the community outstanding sports and fitness facilities, as well as a gathering place for social activities and special events. Basketball, handball/racquetball, volleyball & wallyball, street hockey, swimming, weight training, martial arts, exercise room, sauna/steam rooms, health clinics, meeting rooms, senior citizens socials and special events.

Families can enjoy swimming, tennis and picnics at the Margaret Manson Weir Pool on Marland Heights, and at the Starvaggi Memorial Pool on Weirton Heights, which was a gift to the people of Weirton by the late local industrialist Michael Starvaggi and his wife.

For the outdoor enthusiast, Weirton has two beautiful country clubs within its city limits—Williams Country Club and Pleasant Valley Country Club, as well as numerous public golf courses within close proximity.

Nearby to Weirton are wilderness areas for the hunting enthusiast and lakes, rivers and streams chocked full of many varieties of fish just waiting for an ambitious angler. The family would enjoy Tomlinson Run State Park, located in central Hancock County about 10 miles from Weirton. It has miles of hiking trails, camping and picnic facilities and a large outdoor swimming pool.



Top: Millsop
Community Center
Bottom: Starvaggi
Memorial Pool



churches

The proud heritage of Weirton includes being known as "the city of churches." The influx of immigrants brought with them not only their languages and customs, but also their religions. Today, the city, which prides itself in its ethnic heritage, has about 40 churches including all the mainline denominations.

church listing

All Saints Greek Orthodox Church
Apostolic Lighthouse
Chapel Hill Wesleyan
Christ The King Faith Temple
Christ United Methodist Church
Christian & Missionary Alliance
Church of Christ
Cove Presbyterian Church
Evangel Baptist Church
First Baptist Church
First Christian Church Disciples
First Church of the Nazarene
First United Methodist Church
Grace Community Church
Harvester Fellowship Church
Jehovah's Witnesses
Kings Creek Union Chapel
Marland Heights Community Church
Memorial Baptist Church
Mercy Baptist Church
Morning Star Baptist Church
Mt. Olive Baptist Church
New Hope Baptist Church
North Side Church of God
Oakland United Presbyterian Church
Pleasant Valley United Methodist
Resurrection Lutheran Church
Sacred Heart of Mary Catholic Church
Shiloh Apostolic Faith Assembly
St. Joseph the Worker Church
St. Mary's Byzantine Church
St. Nicholas Orthodox Church
St. Paul's Catholic Church
St. Peter's AME
St. Thomas Episcopal Church
Tri-State Church of God
Trinity Lutheran Church
Voice of the Pentecost
Weirton Alliance Church
Weirton Covenant Church
Weirton Free Methodist
Weirton Heights Church of Christ
Weirton Salvation Army
Weirton Seventh Day Adventist