

Settled by members of the famous Lewis & Clark Expedition, Wellsburg possesses a historical charm and cultural appreciation embraced by both visitors and residents. This riverside community has attracted bus tours and stops by the Mississippi and Delta Queens, while the Brooke Hills Playhouse Players showcase local talent.



Top: Gazebo at the wharf
Center: Wellsburg City Hall
Bottom: Brooke Hills Playhouse

history

Wellsburg is among the oldest towns on the Ohio River and was chartered as Charlestown in 1791. After separation from Ohio County, the first county court meeting was held in 1797 in a house built by Patrick Gass of the Lewis & Clark Expedition fame. Its name was changed because of there being a Charlestown elsewhere in the State. Renamed for Alexander Wells, Wellsburg was one of the most noted shipping points on the river, exporting local raised and ground flour as well as whiskey. Glassmaking became a major industry and in its time the Riverside Glass Works Company was a great center of attraction. A paper mill and flour sack manufacturer also added to the industrial climate of Wellsburg.

Legend has it that Johnny Appleseed roamed the hills above Wellsburg helping farmers incorporate apple orchards onto their property. The first Grimes Golden apple tree is said to have stood in Wellsburg and is celebrated every October during Applefest.

transportation

Wellsburg rests along the Ohio River and WV State Route 2. The city is just 10 miles from US Route 22 and 16 miles from Interstate 70. Forms of transportation include Brooke County Cab and the Norfolk Southern Railroad Service.

area attractions

Visitors and local residents alike can enjoy Brooke Hills Park which includes an 18-hole par 3 golf course, a miniature golf course, paddleboats, heated pool, batting cages, rental shelters and camp sites.

Also in the area is Brooke Bowling Lanes, located on Bethany Pike and the Brooke County Museum at 600 Main Street which includes a 1788 Log House which is available for tours.

Catholic Knights of America/Vancroft Museum, located at 1500 Brinker Road, includes an assisted living facility, private cemetery, Vancroft Mansion and Museum, lodge building with a 250-person capacity banquet hall, a chapel, a retreat house and other historic buildings.

The Brooke Pioneer Trail and Yankee Trail are railroad grade, paved trails perfect for cyclists, walkers and in-line skaters. Wellsburg is also home to four community parks.

annual events

Wellsburg Volunteer Fire Department Bazaar (May)
Wellsburg Volunteer Fire Department Parade (May)
Fourth Of July Celebration (July)
WV State Trapshooting Tournament (July)
Brooke County Fair (Sept)
Wellsburg Applefest (Oct)
Halloween on the Town Square (Oct)
Christmas Parade & Light Up Night (Nov)

industrial

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important numbers

Emergency: 911
Police: 304-737-1121
Fire: 304-737-0812
City Hall: 304-737-2104
Post Office: 800-275-8777
Water: 304-737-2143

education

Schools

Wellsburg Primary: 304-737-0133
Wellsburg Middle: 304-737-2922
Brooke High: 304-527-1410
St. John: 304-737-0429
Alternative Learning Center: 304-737-2770

Library

Brooke County Public Library: 304-737-1551

churches

First Church Of The Nazarene
Henderson Chapel AME
Christian Faith Assembly Of God
First Baptist
Riverview Baptist Chapel
St. John Catholic
Wellsburg Christian
Church Of Christ
First Church Of God
Christ Episcopal
Brooke Hills Free Methodist
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