

Why Peekskill?



HEY, YOU CAN MOVE TO THE SUBURBS
AND STILL LIVE IN A REAL CITY.
JOIN US IN PEEKSKILL.

According to a 2015 New York Times article on Peekskill, “The once-industrial northern Westchester city, about 40 miles from Manhattan, now offers its residents relatively affordable housing—in single- or multifamily houses, condos, co-ops and lofts—as well as access to the river and large parks. Peekskill also boasts as an increasingly vibrant downtown, with a popular performing-arts venue, and an active and tightknit arts community.”

1 hour by train to Manhattan.

Same travel time if you lived in Brooklyn!

Be Here Now

Westchester's most vibrant downtown community, unique in its mixture of historic architecture, ethnic diversity, bustling nightlife, foodie hot-spots, and community of artists, craftsmen and entrepreneurs.



We've got assets:

Two National Register Historic Districts – Peekskill is home to two National Register Historic Districts: The downtown and the residential Fort Hill neighborhood just north of Main Street. Both districts have many intact 19th century buildings with various architectural styles that lend a historic back-drop to life in Peekskill today.

Downtown Zoning Supports Artists, Entrepreneurs & Craftsmen – Peekskill has always been a place where people make things, and our downtown zoning laws ensure that tradition continues today. Unlike many other cities, our downtown zoning allows for live/workspaces for working artists and mixed retail/manufacturing spaces for entrepreneurs and craftsmen. We see the future, and it is built around creative doers, small businesses, and the craftsmen's spirit that made our city great.

Downtown Diversity – Peekskill is a melting-pot of different ethnicities, cultural heritages, and age groups and incomes, one of the things that make it feel like a city. The most recent census showed that roughly a third of Peekskill residents are of Latino origin, roughly a third are White, roughly a quarter are African American and under five percent are of Asian origin. This diversity means that on our city's streets you'll hear different languages and types of music, try different types of food and be exposed to the diversity that makes cities dynamic places to live and work.

Doorstep to the Hudson Valley – Peekskill is a unique place for nature lovers, with access to the Hudson River from our waterfront, world-class mountain biking on the 40 miles of trails at the 1,500 acre Blue Mountain Reservation, and endless hiking throughout the Hudson Highlands. In addition, Depew Park sits on the edge of downtown, a five minute walk to 60 acres of greenery that Peekskillians use to get exercise, walk their dogs, or picnic on a nice day.

Downtown Loves the Arts – Peekskill is recognized as a leading destination for artists and art lovers in Westchester, largely due to the Hudson Valley Center for Contemporary Art, the Paramount Theater, the Center for the Digital Arts at Westchester Community College and the numerous downtown galleries and cafes that display work by local artists. Visit downtown and be inspired. (According to <http://www.downtownpeekskill.com>)
Great links: www.embarckpeekskill.org, www.cityofpeekskill.com, www.hudsonriver.com/peekskill, www.downtownpeekskill.com