



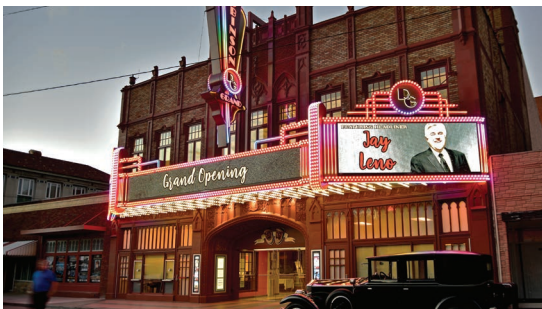
# CLARKSBURG, WEST VIRGINIA



Located in Harrison County on Interstate 79 is a thriving city known as Clarksburg, West Virginia. This area is steeped in a rich history of the many European cultures that came to tame it. Settlers began by living off the land and continued to move their tiny settlement toward a more permanent town.



Throughout the years, Clarksburg has evolved into the region's high-tech hub for commercial, health care, and professional office.



### Fast Facts:

- Home to the Criminal Justice Information Services Division – the national repository for the FBI's law enforcement records providing thousands of local jobs.
- Served by award winning hospitals – United Hospital Center and Highland-Clarksburg Hospital Inc.
- Fairmont State University has a branch here.
- Its small town charm led it be named the National Small City of the Year by the National League of Cities in 2011.
- Boasts many cultural festivals including: the West Virginia Italian Heritage Festival, Black Heritage Festival, and Blackberry Festival.
- The Robinson Grand Performing Arts Center was the 13th theatre in the nation to be equipped for sound movies around 1927.
- Confederate General Stonewall Jackson was born here in 1828.
- Home to the first telephone service in the state in the mid 1800's.
- A city named after General George Rogers Clark, a Virginian who conducted many expeditions against the British and the Indians during the Indian Wars and the American Revolution.
- Arko Agate Company of Clarksburg was once a world leader in the manufacturing of glass marbles.
- Saw prosperity before the civil war due to the commerce brought by the connecting road systems and the Baltimore & Ohio Railway.
- In the early 1900's, many residents of Clarksburg spoke French as they migrated here from Belgium to work in the growing glass making industry.

