Kingsport, Tennessee, is located along the Holston River, and was named for Col. James King, who owned the King’s Mill Station at the mouth of Reedy Creek in the late 18th century and used the river to ship commodities. The Long Island of the Holston River, a National Historic Landmark in Kingsport, was the home of the sacred council of local Cherokee. In 1919, the city was planned and designed by the leading city planner and landscape architect John Nolen.

Kingsport has several historical sites. The first-floor tavern, second-floor family quarters, and third-floor guest rooms of the Netherland Inn House Museum & Boatyard Complex located on the Holston River have been furnished with pieces from the early 1800s to represent life in an important American frontier settlement. Kingsport’s official Living History Farm, Exchange Place, preserves mid-19th-century agricultural life and demonstrates the challenges of a 1850s farmstead. Hammond House is a fully restored late Victorian-era house on the National Register of Historic Places and contains antique furnishings, such as a fainting couch, working foot-pump organ, working Edison phonograph, wood-burning heat stove, and (electric) wood-burning cook stove.

The Kingsport Art Guild provides opportunities for experiencing visual arts through lectures, events, and exhibitions. Kingsport ARTS displays arts in empty downtown area storefronts to attract future tenants to these spaces. Kingsport has many performing arts venues that include the Kingsport Renaissance Center, which houses the Kingsport Theatre Guild, one of the oldest community theatres in the state. The Toy F. Reid Auditorium at The Eastman Employee Center is home to the Symphony of the Mountains and Arts through lectures, events, and exhibitions. Kingsport ARTS displays arts in empty downtown area storefronts to attract future tenants to these spaces. Kingsport has many performing arts venues that include the Kingsport Renaissance Center, which houses the Kingsport Theatre Guild, one of the oldest community theatres in the state. The Toy F. Reid Auditorium at The Eastman Employee Center is home to the Symphony of the Mountains and its affiliated Voices of the Mountains chorus and the Intercity Ballet Theatre.

NEIGHBORHOODS

Downtown living has reemerged as a viable option in the form of loft spaces, and new loft projects are being considered weekly. The Fairacres neighborhood offers large traditional homes that date back to the 1920s and the founding of the city. Many of the older homes have been completely remodeled.

Housing designs in newer Kingsport neighborhoods lean heavily toward traditional brick styles, particularly craftsman style. Edinburgh is a newer planned community and features craftsman and contemporary style homes with walking trails and park spaces traversing the grounds, as well as a pool. Summit at Preston Place, Preston Park, Eden’s Ridge, and Pendleton Place are neighborhood developments that offer larger lots, both wooded and open. Chase Meadows and Warrior Falls are among developments located near Warrior’s Path State Park and its many amenities. The Riverwood and Ridgefields neighborhoods are located along the Holston River and feature large, two-story and ranch-style homes situated on large lots. These neighborhoods are also close to a golf course and to Bays Mountain Park.

PARKS AND RECREATION

Kingsport has 24 parks and recreation centers, including the Dogwood off-leash dog park; the Riverview Splash Pad; Scott Adam Memorial Skatepark in Cloud Park; and the 9-mile Greenbelt Linear Park that connects residential neighborhoods, traditional parks, downtown commercial districts, schools, and activity centers. The city also operates the Hunter Wright Stadium, which is a professional league baseball facility and home to the Kingsport Mets; Cattails at MeadowView, which is a championship 18-hole golf course; and the Allandale Mansion, which was built as a modern adaptation of an antebellum mansion and serves as a venue for citywide and private events.

HEALTH CARE

Kingston is served by two hospitals. Wellmont Health System’s Holston Valley Medical Center has 505 licensed beds and Mountain States Health Alliance’s Indian Path Medical Center has 261 beds. The city also has a physical rehabilitation facility.

EDUCATION

Kingsport City Schools educate 7,000 students in 8 elementary schools, 2 middle schools, and a high school. The city also operates an academy for non-traditional students.

Kingsport offers many opportunities for higher education through its innovative cooperative program with local businesses and educational institutions to train a skilled workforce at Northeast State at Kingsport. Academic centers include the Kingsport Center for Higher Education, the Regional Center for Applied Technology, the Regional Center for Health Professions, the Regional Center for Advanced Manufacturing, and the Pal Barger Regional Center for Automotive Programs. These centers offer health-related and nursing programs; advanced manufacturing, automotive, and associate degrees; and certificate programs from Northeast State as well as selected baccalaureate and graduate degrees from participating colleges.

CITY STATS

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