

Small Historic Towns across America. As presented by Mr. Stadt's on-line Freedom Project Education U.S. History classes in the fall and winter of 2014. You can learn more about our classes by visiting us at: www.fpeusa.org



Barstow Street (Picture)

Eau Claire, Wisconsin was founded in 1856, near the confluence of the Eau Claire and Chippewa rivers as three separate settlements. The town was incorporated in 1872. The closest airport to Eau Claire is the Chippewa Valley Regional Airport, located on Starr Avenue in Eau Claire.

James Buchanan was the President of the United States at the time that Eau Claire was founded. The political environment at that time wasn't so great. James Buchanan was just starting out as president, being new to the job and making plenty of mistakes. It was almost a depression state.

Eau Claire is the home to several national and regional companies including: Menards, Cascades Tissue Group, National Presto Industries, Inc., Midwest Manufacturing, Ebert & Gerbert's, Silver Spring Foods, and Open-Silicon.

Today retail, Health care and education are the primary employment sectors in Eau Claire. In 2012 Kiplinger's Personal Finance ranked Eau Claire seven of the Ten Best Cities for Cheapskates.

Eau Claire is represented by Ron Kind (D) in the United States House of Representatives, and by Ron Johnson (R) and Tammy Baldwin (D) in the United States Senate. The Council's legislative meetings are held on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month, Public hearings are held on the Monday evenings before the legislative sessions.

There are a few historical attractions in the city of Eau Claire. Located on 221 Washington St., there is the Martin Van Buren Barron House, built in 1871 by Carpenter Gothic. There is a City hall located on 203 S. Farwell St, built in 1916. Located on 2-28 S Barstow; 206-316 Eau Claire & 8 S Farwell Sts is the Confluence Commercial Historic District.

If you were to visit and stay in Eau Claire for a trip, there are several convenient hotels you may choose to stay at. There is an AmericInn Hotel & Suites located right outside of the city on 6200 Texaco Drive.

The reason you might want to visit this town is because even though it is a small town, it has a lot of attractions and the people there are very nice and down to earth. The population is only 65,000 people,

so if you don't like visiting busy places such as New York City, but would love to have plenty to do, this is the place for you.

Here are a few links you might want to visit to know more about this town.

<http://www.ci.eau-claire.wi.us/> This is the town's website.

<http://www.uwec.edu/> The University of Wisconsin Website (If you're looking for a good College)



(Martin Van Buren Barron House)

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