

WELCOME TO WEST SPRINGFIELD MASSACHUSETTS

WHERE COMMUNITY, HISTORY, AND EXCEPTIONAL CARE CONVERGE



Tucked along the Connecticut River in Hampden County, West Springfield blends New England charm with suburban livability and easy access to Springfield's cultural and economic centers. Known as the "Crossroads of New England," this community offers residents a high quality of life—quiet neighborhoods, local character, and strong connectivity to regional activity.

At the core of this region is Veterinary Emergency & Specialty Hospital of West Springfield, a modern, full-service emergency and specialty veterinary hospital designed to support critical, specialized, and routine care alike. This 12,000-square-foot facility is outfitted with state-of-the-art equipment and staffed by compassionate experts dedicated to delivering exceptional outcomes.

At VESH, you'll engage in meaningful work: whether in emergency & critical care, internal medicine, surgery, or diagnostic imaging, you'll be part of a team using advanced tools like helical CT, endoscopy, ultrasound, digital radiography, and a fully equipped ICU. Collaborate daily, grow your skills, and make a difference in a setting committed to both patients and people.



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MAJOR ACCOLADES FOR WEST SPRINGFIELD

West Springfield offers the perfect balance of livability, accessibility, and New England charm—making it one of the most desirable communities in Western Massachusetts.



Top 150 Best Places to Live in the U.S. – U.S. News & World Report recognized for quality of life and affordability



Strong Academic Performance – Local schools consistently recognized for academic excellence and student success



Diverse and Inclusive Community – Ranked 56th most diverse place to live in Massachusetts (Niche)

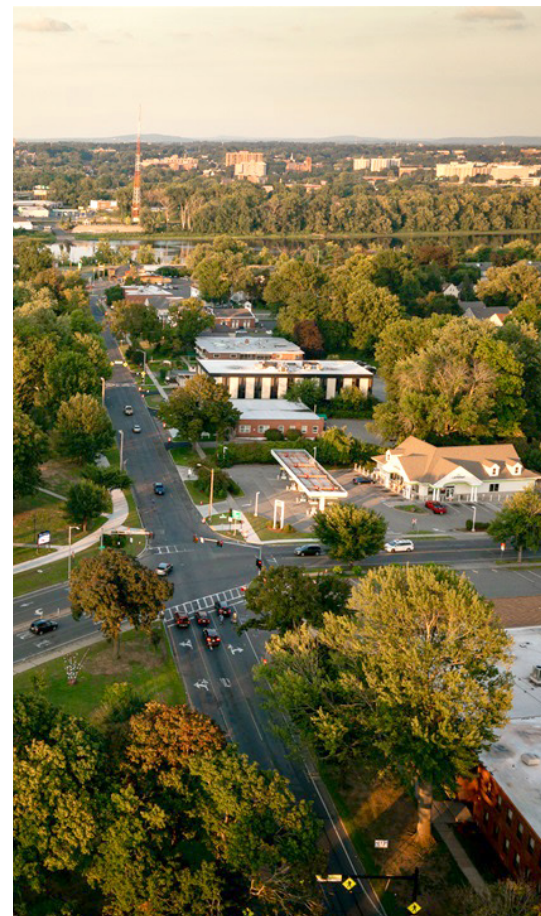


#11 in Overall Livability in Massachusetts – Based on safety, housing, and employment

COST OF LIVING

West Springfield offers the lifestyle benefits of suburban living without the high costs associated with nearby urban centers. Residents enjoy the space and peace of the suburbs with the amenities and opportunities of the Pioneer Valley just minutes away.

- **Median Home Price:** \$307K–\$357K
- **Stable Real Estate Market:** Balanced mix of historic and new construction
- **Convenient Commute:** Easy access to I-91, I-90, and regional public transportation
- **Utilities & Services:** Lower than major metro averages
- **Quality of Life:** Larger homes, green spaces, and family-friendly neighborhoods



LOCAL SCHOOLS

West Springfield is served by the West Springfield Public Schools District, known for its dedication to academic excellence and inclusive learning. Families here benefit from a variety of strong public, private, and faith-based education options.

ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

- **John Ashley Elementary School** – Strong foundation in literacy and community engagement
- **Tatham Elementary School** – Focus on STEM education and interactive learning
- **Memorial Elementary School** – Emphasis on academic growth and student support

MIDDLE SCHOOLS

- **West Springfield Middle School** – Offers rigorous academics and diverse extracurriculars
- **St. Thomas the Apostle School** – Catholic school emphasizing faith, community, and leadership

HIGH SCHOOLS

- **West Springfield High School** – Comprehensive college-prep curriculum, AP courses, and athletics
- **St. Michael's Academy** – Private Catholic high school with strong academics and values-based learning

PRIVATE SCHOOLS

- **St. Thomas the Apostle School** – Faith-based education serving pre-K through Grade 8
- **Pioneer Valley Christian Academy** – Academic excellence with a focus on moral and character development
- **Pioneer Valley Montessori School** – Independent Montessori education for ages 18 months through Grade 6

COLLEGES & UNIVERSITIES

- **University of Massachusetts Amherst** – Flagship state university with extensive programs in science, liberal arts, engineering, and health
- **Springfield College** – Known for human services, education, and athletics programs
- **Elms College (Chicopee)** – Private liberal arts institution
- **American International College (Springfield)** – Offers health sciences, business, and arts degrees





PARKS & OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES

With its scenic trails, riverfront recreation, and family-friendly spaces, West Springfield is a haven for outdoor enthusiasts. Whether you're enjoying a quiet walk, weekend hike, or day by the water, West Springfield offers year-round ways to connect with nature.

- **Mittineague Park** – 325-acre park with walking trails, playgrounds, and wildlife viewing
- **Cooks Skate Park** – Popular destination for skateboarding and BMX biking
- **Piper Pond** – Serene spot for fishing, kayaking, and relaxation
- **West Springfield Bikeway & Boat Launch** – Access to the Connecticut River for cycling and boating
- **Robinson State Park** – Over 1,000 acres of natural beauty and wooded hiking trails just minutes away

TOP LOCAL DINING

The culinary scene in West Springfield and the surrounding area reflects the region's blend of comfort, creativity, and New England flavor. From casual eats to elevated dining, there's something for every taste.

- **Max's Tavern** – Upscale yet approachable, serving contemporary American fare next to the Basketball Hall of Fame
- **Wood-n-Tap** – New American eatery with more than 20 craft beer taps and hearty comfort fare like burgers and Irish-inspired specials
- **Lattitude Restaurant** – A farm-to-table dining spot offering seasonal, globally-inspired dishes
- **The Log Cabin** – Renowned steakhouse with panoramic views of the Connecticut River
- **Theodore's Blues, Booze, and BBQ** – A local favorite with live blues music and award-winning barbecue

DESSERT SPOTS

For those with a sweet tooth, West Springfield offers local bakeries and dessert cafés that bring joy to every occasion.

- **Donut Dip** – A Western Mass favorite serving classic donuts and coffee since 1957
- **Cerrato's Pastry Shop** – A beloved Italian bakery celebrated for its classic pastries, custom cakes, and authentic cannoli made from family recipes
- **Serenity Sweet Shop** – Gourmet cupcakes, candies, and frozen treats
- **NoRa's Cupcake Company (West Hartford)** – Nearby destination for creative cupcakes and desserts worth the short drive

TOP LOCAL NEIGHBORHOODS FOR LIVING

Whether you prefer historic homes, quiet neighborhoods, or suburban amenities, West Springfield and its neighboring towns offer a variety of living options to suit every lifestyle.

- **Agawam** – Small-town charm with a strong sense of community
- **Longmeadow** – Affluent suburb with top-rated schools and tree-lined streets
- **East Longmeadow** – Family-oriented and known for excellent schools
- **Westfield** – Larger community with vibrant local shops, restaurants, and parks



ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT IN WEST SPRINGFIELD

The Pioneer Valley is home to a thriving arts, sports, and entertainment scene—offering everything from local performances to national headliners. From live music and fine dining to professional hockey and world-class concerts, the arts and entertainment scene in and around West Springfield truly offers something for everyone.

- **The Big E** – New England's largest fair featuring concerts, food, and family fun
- **The Majestic Theater** – Beloved community theater hosting Broadway-style productions and plays
- **Springfield Symphony Orchestra** – Renowned for world-class performances and community outreach
- **MassMutual Center** – Premier event venue hosting concerts, shows, and Springfield Thunderbirds Hockey games
- **MGM Springfield** – Full-service entertainment complex featuring restaurants, gaming, live shows, and nightlife
- **Basketball Hall of Fame** – Celebrating the sport's history with interactive exhibits and annual induction events





WHY VETERINARY EMERGENCY & SPECIALTY HOSPITAL (VESH) WEST SPRINGFIELD?

VESH West Springfield isn't just a hospital—it's a community of professionals united by compassion and purpose. As a 24/7 emergency and specialty center, VESH is equipped with advanced technology including digital radiography, ultrasound, and a comprehensive suite of specialty services.

Here, collaboration fuels innovation. Team members are supported by mentorship, professional development, and a culture built on mutual respect. As the hospital continues to grow, so do the opportunities—for your career, your expertise, and your impact on the patients and families we serve.



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