



Incorporated: 1754

Franklin County

The motto on Montague's town seal says, "Five fingers on one hand". The five fingers are Montague's five separate villages, namely, Turners Falls, Millers Falls, Lake Pleasant, Montague City and Montague Center. Each has a very distinct character and personality and has developed differently. Turners Falls is the municipal and industrial center, hosting the town offices, paper mills and manufacturing companies, schools, an industrial park and municipal airport. The Millers River bisects the Village of Millers Falls, whose commercial center is in Montague and industrial center in Erving. Montague City borders the Connecticut River and hosts the Farren long-term care facility. Lake Pleasant was developed as a revivalist spiritual camp meeting association, around the lake that still serves as the main water supply for the town. Montague Center is a picture-perfect 1830's historic village, with meandering streams, farms, a Grange and clapboard houses surrounding a village green. The town is recognized as having tremendous potential for growth. State Routes 2 and 63 and nearby I-91 provide excellent transportation access. The 2,000 acres of vacant land in the center of town owned by Northeast Utilities represent the largest undeveloped piece of industrially zoned land in Western Massachusetts. Large, undeveloped parcels of agricultural land provide long-term financial security for farmers and bucolic vistas for travelers along country roads. (narrative supplied by community)

Population: 8316 approximate
Government: Board of Selectmen; Executive Secretary; Representative Town Meeting

Total Area: 31.40 square miles +/-
Tax Rate: \$13.55 (2008) Plus Fire & Water Tax

School Superintendent: 863-9324
Public Schools: Gill-Montague District: 4 elementary Schools; 1 middle school & Turners Falls High & Franklin Tech Vocational School

Private Schools: Catholic School
Hallmark School of Photography

Shopping: local strip mall with grocery store, pharmacy, hardware store etc. 5 minutes to Greenfield & 20 minutes to Amherst center

Libraries: Carnegie Library 863-3214
Center Street Library 367-2852
Millers Falls Library 659-3801

Recreational Facilities: Skateboard Park; Barton's Cove Water Recreational Facilities; Unity Park with seasonal activities; Skydiving, hang gliding, flying lessons @Turners Falls Airport

Utilities: Cable: AT&T Broadband 1-888-633-4266
Electric: Western Mass Electric Co. 800-286-2000
Gas: Berkshire Gas Company 800-292-5012
Telephone: Verizon 800-870-9999

Child Care Providers: 413-582-4218
Child Care Focus
56 Vernon Street Northampton, MA 01060
--provides a list of licensed childcare facilities

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