

Morgan County Relocation Package



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INTRODUCTION

LONG & FOSTER/WEBBER & ASSOCIATES is a growing, vibrant real estate firm. Long & Foster/Webber & Associates is one of the largest offices in the Blue Ridge Association of Realtors area. We currently have a staff of 48 Associates. Among these are 8 Associate Brokers, 11 Associates with the hard earned GRI (Graduate Realtors Institute) designation, one CRB (Certified Residential Broker) designation, 3 CRS (Certified Residential Specialist), 2 SRES (Senior Real Estate Specialist) and 13 ABR (Accredited Buyer Representative) designations. We also have 20 agents who are multi-state licensed.

We are highly visible in the real estate community, having won virtually every award available from our Association. We have staff that has served on the local Association's Board of Directors and has held every office through the Association's presidency. Our sales staff has won the Salesperson of the Year Award, Rookie of the Year Award, Realtor of the Year, Ethics Award and achieved REALTOR Emeritus status. In some of these categories, we have multiple winners. The agents of Long & Foster/Webber & Associates are community oriented. We work for the Chamber of Commerce, and act as volunteers in almost every charity, including raising money for Habitat for Humanity.

As a business entity, we are clearly leaders. Our relocation package is second to none. Our agents come from, and work with, all walks of life. We are highly trained and continue our education through weekly sessions. We have extensive backgrounds in relocation.

Long & Foster/Webber & Associates is located at 480 W. Jubal Early Drive, Suite 100, Winchester, VA in a modern 3-story office building. Our ground level location makes our visibility and image second to none. The front door parking and handicapped-accessed facility make the convenience for our customers and clients unparalleled.

GOVERNMENT

***COUNTY SEAT: BERKELEY SPRINGS**

Morgan County is governed by three county commissioners elected to serve staggered six-year terms. Commissioners meet at the Courthouse on two Thursdays of each month.

LAW ENFORCEMENT:

State Police: 5

Sheriff & deputies: 10

Town of Bath Police: 2

Town of Paw Paw: 2

State police and sheriff's department operate countywide, round the clock.

Two magistrates are elected for four-year terms with jurisdiction over all misdemeanor and minor civil matters, along with initial hearings for all felonies. For magistrate court clerk, phone 304-258-8631.

Morgan County is served by the 23rd Circuit Court.

The Circuit Court has elected judges (eight-year term) and hears cases in Morgan County in tri-yearly sessions. The Grand Jury meets the first Tuesday following the first Monday of January, April and September. For criminal and civil trials, the term of court is as follows: January – March, April – August, September – December.

The Prosecuting Attorney is elected to serve a four-year term.

TAXES

All property owners are liable for property taxes, both real estate and personal. These property taxes include school taxes. Property within municipalities is taxed at a higher rate (\$1.3406 per \$100 of assessed value). Outside the city limits, \$1.1366 per \$100 of assessed value. Check current rates at the Assessor's office in the courthouse complex.

West Virginia state income tax is based on your Federal returns. The minimum rate of 3 % applies to income up to \$10,000 and the maximum rate 6.5% on income over \$60,000, no itemized deductions. Under age 65, there is an exemption for federal and some state pensions of up to \$2,000 per taxpayer and a full exemption for those in the state and local police, sheriff's and firefighter's pension system. For those age 65 and better or permanently and totally disabled, there is an exemption of up to \$8,000 on all income. Social Security benefits subject to federal tax are taxable. For more information call the state tax department at 1-800-982-8297 or find them online at www.wvtax.gov

Retail Sales Tax:

The state sales tax in West Virginia is currently 6%. Depending on the local municipalities, the total tax rate can be as high as 7%.

Property Tax:

Personal property includes automobiles, farm equipment, livestock, campers, motorcycles, above ground swimming pools, golf carts, and business equipment.

Assessments are made as of July 1st of each year and are the basis of your tax bill for the following year. Assessments are at 60% of market value. Taxes are paid on a calendar year, half due by the end of August and the second half due by the end of February.

West Virginia offers a "homestead" property tax exemption from the first \$20,000 of assessed value of a homestead for those who are at least 65 years old or certified as being totally and permanently disabled. One must also have lived in WV for two annual consecutive years and apply between July 1-October 1 to qualify for the exemption.

Real Estate Tax:

Taxes on real estate vary slightly according to the county in which you reside and also within incorporated towns.

Total assessed value of Morgan County real estate, public utilities and personal property fiscal 2011: 1,070,883,204.

**For specific questions on taxes in West Virginia, or to request forms, please contact the Berkeley County Assessor's Office at 304-264-1904.*

LICENSE

DRIVERS LICENSE:

Newcomers are required to obtain a valid West Virginia driver's license within 30 days of establishing residency. If you hold an out-of-state license, you will still be required to pass a vision test, complete a brief alcohol awareness course, provide the required proofs of identity and pay the applicable fee.

VEHICLE REGISTRATION:

When a vehicle is registered in West Virginia, the registrant will receive a license plate and registration card, which should be kept in the vehicle with the current insurance certificate at all times.

The registration fee for passenger vehicles and pickup trucks weighing 8,000 pounds or less is \$30.

VEHICLE INSPECTION:

West Virginia requires a routine safety inspection every twelve (12) months. Vehicles may be inspected at any official inspection station approved by the Superintendent of the West Virginia State Police. When a vehicle passes the inspection, a sticker valid for twelve (12) months will be placed on the inside of the windshield. It is illegal to drive a vehicle without a valid inspection sticker.

New residents have 10 days from the date they title a vehicle to have a West Virginia inspection. This also includes the purchase of vehicles out of state. West Virginia has reciprocity with Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri, New Hampshire, New York, Oklahoma, Texas, Utah and Wyoming. Therefore, out of state inspection stickers from these states is valid in West Virginia until expiration.

Any vehicle purchased or otherwise acquired within West Virginia not having a valid inspection sticker must be inspected within three days.

Have a valid registration card and a current certificate of insurance in the vehicle at the time of inspection.

Visit the WV State Police Motor Vehicle Safety Program for more information about vehicle inspections.

TITLE FEES:

New residents must have their vehicles titled and registered within thirty 30 of establishing residency.

The title fees include a 5% privilege tax, a \$10 title fee, and a \$5 lien fee, if there is a lien on the vehicle. The registration (license plate) fee is \$30 (includes litter and insurance fees).

The 5% privilege tax is based on the purchase price of the vehicle. If you have just moved here from out of state and the vehicle title is already in your name, you may be exempt from paying the privilege tax.

If the purchase price is below 50% of the current NADA Clean Loan Book value, a notarized bill of sale must accompany the application for title, or the tax will be assessed on the NADA Clean Loan Book value.

** The regional office for the West Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles is located in Martinsburg, WV. For further questions or additional information please call 304-558-3900.*

IMPORTANT NUMBERS

Morgan County Assessor's Office: 304-258-8570

County Planning Office/Administrator: 304-258-8540

Humane Society: 304-258-5592

Economic Development: 304-258-8546

Sheriff's Office: 304-258-1067

Morgan County Chamber of Commerce: 304-258-3738

Department of Motor Vehicles: 304-558-3900

Morgan County Recycling: 304-258-8718

Landfill: 304-754-9153

Morgan County Sanitation: 304-258-3544

Town of Bath Sanitation: 304-258-1102

Frontier/Citizens Communications: 1-800-921-8101

Verizon: 304-954-6200

Roach Energy: 304-263-3329

Thompson Gas: 304-258-2226

Berkeley Springs Water Works: 304-258-1290

Paw Paw Town Hall: 304-947-7476

Morgan County Health Department: 304-258-1513

Allegheny Power: 1-800-255-3443

Blue Flame Gas Company: 304-258-3495

Sewage: Berkeley Springs & Great Cacapon : 304-258-4118

HEALTH

Morgan County War Memorial Hospital

1 Healthy Way

Berkeley Springs, WV 25411

304-258-1234

www.valleyhealthlink.com/WAR

War Memorial Hospital is a non-profit facility providing healthcare services to a population of about 18,000 in Morgan County, WV and surrounding areas. A licensed Critical Care Access Hospital, War Memorial features 25 inpatient beds (21 private rooms), 14 long-term care beds and a six-bed emergency department.

The state-of-the-art War Memorial Hospital opened in April, 2012. The \$30 million, 87,000 sq. ft. facility includes upgraded technologies throughout, new operating rooms, outpatient rehab, a helipad and ample, convenient parking.

Services & Programs:

- *Acute Care
- *Cardiac Rehab
- *Diabetes Management
- *Education
- *Emergency Department
- *Health Screenings
- *Laboratory
- *Long-Term Care
- *Medical Imaging
- *Rehabilitation Services
- *Respiratory Therapy/Cardiopulmonary Services
- *Sleep Lab
- *Speaker's Bureau
- *Specialty Services
- *Surgical Services
- *Surgical Services of War Memorial Hospital
- *Transitional Care
- *Wellness & Fitness Services

Rankin Physical Therapy

23 Fitness Lane

Berkeley Springs, WV 25411

304-258-1300
www.rankinpt.com

Shenandoah Community Health

Administrative Offices
99 Tavern Rd.
Martinsburg, WV
304-263-4999 (General Information)
www.shencommhealth.com

“Your Health, Our Mission”. A community health center and a Patient Centered Medical Home in the Eastern Panhandle with multiple locations to serve your needs. *Mission:* To promote health and wellness within the community by providing a medical home to reduce barriers to care and ensure access to a full range of coordinated health care and wellness services.

Berkeley Springs Center

456 Autumn Acres Road
Berkeley Springs, WV 25411
304-258-3673
(Main office)
Stonerise Healthcare
304-343-1950
www.stonerisehealthcare.com

Dr. Thomas Leslie

345 Concord Avenue
Berkeley Springs, WV 25411
304-258-2291
www.thomaslesliedds.com

New Day Dental

261 Berkmore Place, 1b
Berkeley Springs, WV 25411
304-258-1623

Chambers Chiropractic & Acupuncture

319-B Lutz Avenue
Martinsburg, WV 25404
304-263-4927
www.firstprioritymedicalchoice.com

CLIMATE

Annual precipitation - 36.98 inches
January - 1.3 inches; July - 6.4 inches

Annual snowfall - 37 inches

Average Mean Temperature (F degrees) - 53 degrees
January: 44 degrees-24 degrees; July: 88 degrees-60 degrees

Average relative humidity: 69%

Last Spring Frost - April 30

First Fall Frost - October 5

Both northern and southern plants may be grown with success. Advice on gardening and plants is available at the West Virginia University Extension Service, Morgan County office, phone 304-258-8400.

POPULATION

	MORGAN COUNTY	WV
Total Population	17,541	100%
Median Age	45.0	
Male Population	8,749	49.9%
Male Median Age	44.3	
Female Population	8,792	50.1%
Female Median Age	45.7	
Persons under 5 years		4.8%
Persons under 18 years		20.5%

Persons 65 and over 18.3%

Families and Living Arrangements:

Households, 2010-2014 7358

Persons per household, 2010-2014 2.35

Education:

High school graduate or higher,
percent of persons age 25 years +, 2010-2014 82.1%

Bachelor's Degree or higher,
percent of persons age 25 years+, 2010-2015 16.5%

Health:

With a disability, under age 65 years, percent,
2010-2014 12.9%

Persons without health insurance,
under age 65, percent 20.3%**

Based on 2010 census except where noted

** This geographic level of poverty and health estimates are not comparable to other geographic levels of these estimates

CHURCHES

Berkeley Baptist Church
304-258-4101

Berkeley Springs Church of Christ
304-258-5175

Emanuel Baptist Church
304-258-6097

St. Marks Episcopal Church
304-258-2440

Calvary Bible Church
304-258-1099

Berkeley Springs Presbyterian Church
304-258-1352

TEMPORARY LODGING

Ambrae House at Berkeley Springs

98 North Washington Street
Berkeley Springs, WV 25411
304-258-2333
<http://www.ambraehouse.com>

Bathkeeper's Cottage

146 South Washington Street
Berkeley Springs, WV 25411
304-268-7972
www.bathkeeperscottage.com

Berkeley Springs Motel

268 Wilkes Street
Berkeley Springs, WV 25411
304-258-1776
www.berkeleyspringsmotel.com

Best Western Berkeley Springs Inn

1776 Valley Road
Berkeley Springs, WV 25411
304-258-9400
www.bwberkeleyspringsin.com

Cross Creek Cabin Rental

287 Over The Hill Lane
Berkeley Springs, WV 25411
304-258-1999

<http://www.crosscreekcabinrental.com/id11.html>

Berkeley Springs Cottage Rentals

64 South Green Street
Berkeley Springs, WV 25411
304-258-5300

www.berkeleyspringscottagerentals.com

Gobblers' Knob

2442 Creek Road
Berkeley Springs, WV 25411
304-258-3605

virtualcities.com/vacation/wv/p/wvpa8v1.htm

Highlawn Inn

171 Market Street
Berkeley Springs, WV 25411
304-258-5700

www.highlawninn.com

Inspirations Bed & Breakfast/Bakery/Cafe

312 North Washington Street
Berkeley Springs, WV 25411
304-258-2292

Laurel Vacation Rentals

238 South Laurel Avenue
Berkeley Springs, WV 25411
304-258-0754

<http://www.laurelvacationrentals.com>

Manor Inn Bed & Breakfast

234 Fairfax Street
Berkeley Springs, WV 25411
304-258-1552

www.bathmanorinn.com

Maria's Garden & Inn

42 Independence Street
Berkeley Springs, WV 25411

304-258-2021

www.mariasgarden.com

Mountain Morning

867 Libby's Ridge Road
Berkeley Springs, WV 25411
304-258-1718

Sleepy Creek Mountain Inn

877 Winstead Road
Berkeley Springs, WV 25411
304-258-0234
www.sleepycreekmountaininn.com

Sleepy Creek Tree Farm Bed & Breakfast

37 Shades Land
Berkeley Springs, WV 25411
304-258-4324
maggiedot.com/sleepycreektree

Sunset Mountain Farm

Post Office Box 323
Berkeley Springs, WV 25411
304-258-4239
sunsetmountainfarm.com

Tari's Premier Cafe & Inn

33 North Washington Street
Berkeley Springs, WV 25411
304-258-1196
www.tariscafe.com

The Inn & Spa at Berkeley Springs

1 Market Street
Berkeley Springs, WV 25411
304-258-2210
www.theinnandspa.com

The Inn on Fairfax

151 Fairfax Street
Berkeley Springs, WV 25411
304-702-5272
www.innonfairfax.com

SHOPPING

Treasure seekers delight in three antique malls, specialty shops packed with gifts and collectibles, resort boutiques, and galleries. Auctions and flea markets are standard weekend fare.

BERKELEY SPRINGS ANT. MALL

7 Fairfax Street
258-5676

JULES

13 Fairfax Street
258-9509

THE BATH HOUSE

21 Fairfax Street
258-9071

SIMPLE GIFTS

23 Fairfax Street
258-8019

FAIRFAX COFFEE HOUSE

23 Fairfax Street
258-8019

HOMEOPATHY WORKS

260 J R Hawvermale Way
800-336-1695

MOUNTAIN LAUREL GALLERY

1 North Washington Street
258-1919

ARTISTS OF MERRYWOODS

6 Merrywoods Drive
258-9097

MOSTLY WOVEN L.L.C.

139 Walker Lane
258-5276

RETRODINI

81A North Washington Street
258-1580

BLACK CAT BOUTIQUE

1553 Independence St.

A. GALLARANO GALLERY

205 North Washington St
258-0815

BATH BOOKWORKS

15 North Washington Street
258-7970

C.J.'S FLORAL AND GIFT SHOP

50 Independence Street
258-6683

COMMUNITY GARDEN MARKET

148 North Washington Street
258-8300

BERKELEY SPRINGS MEMORIES

15 North Washington Street
258-2000

HEATH STUDIO GALLERY

37A Depot Street
258-9840

ICE HOUSE CO-OP GALLERY

Independence & Mercer streets
867-3073

NATURES NICHE

168 North Washington Street
258-0992

OLD FACTORY ANTIQUE MALL

282 Williams Street
258-1788

PORTALS NEW AGE SHOP

21 Fairfax Street
258-5200

THE RED GUITAR

535 Fairfax Street

258-4440
R.A.G. SHOP
109 North Washington Street
258-7742
SAGE MOON HERB SHOP
21 Fairfax Street
258-9228

258-3809
SYNCHRONICITY
91 North Washington Street
258-1993
TREASURES AND TREATS
50 North Washington Street
258-6009

TRANSPORTATION

Embraced by a network of Interstate highways, Morgan County is less than 100 miles from Washington, D. C. and Baltimore, the financial and technological centers of the Mid-Atlantic. Federal government operations abound in the area. Philadelphia, Pittsburgh and Richmond, Virginia, are within 200 miles, and New York City is just 255 miles away. Two-thirds of all American consumers, as well as the nation's industrial and commercial suppliers, are within 500 miles.

HIGHWAYS:

Morgan County and its Business Park are ringed by Interstate 70, 81 and 68. Major trucking companies ply these highways, as well as U. S. Route 522, a major north-south artery that borders the Business Park.

LOCATION IN MILES:

Baltimore, MD ---100	Charleston, WV ---275
Washington, DC ---107	Hagerstown, MD ---38
Pittsburgh, PA ---146	Martinsburg, WV ---26
New York, NY ---255	Winchester, VA ---36
Philadelphia, PA ---165	Richmond, VA ---179

AIRPORTS:

Dulles International Airport, Baltimore-Washington International Thurgood Marshall Airport and Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport, all full-service airports, are within two hours of our Morgan County Industrial Park. In addition:

- Eastern West Virginia Regional Airport (also known as Shepherd Field) with an 8,815 by 150 foot asphalt runway, mostly used for general aviation, is just 26 miles away in Martinsburg.
- Cumberland (Md.) Airport serving as a vital transportation focal point for a tri-state region (Maryland, West Virginia and Pennsylvania) is 54 miles away.
- The Hagerstown (Md.) Regional Airport, with daily flights to Dulles and Pittsburgh International, is 51 miles northeast of Morgan County.

RAILROADS:

CSX Transportation and Amtrak service nearby Martinsburg, WV and Cumberland, Md.

BUS:

Greyhound in Hagerstown, MD phone 301-898-2571

TAXI:

Valley Cab out of Hancock, MD phone 301-678-7767

SCHOOLS

MORGAN COUNTY

WV

Guided by our core beliefs, our mission is to provide a “learning for all” educational program.

Public K-12 institution with approximately (2011) 2,586 students.

194 Classroom teachers

Pupil/teacher ratio – 14/1

2011 Morgan County Schools Budget - \$28 million

Morgan County School Board

Address: 247 Harrison Avenue, Berkeley Springs WV 25411

Phone: 304-258-2430

David Banks – Superintendent

MORGAN COUNTY SCHOOLS:

ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS:

Greenwood Elementary School 304-258-2372
www.morganschools.net

Paw-Paw Elementary School 304-947-7425
www.morganschools.net

Pleasant View Elementary School 304-258-2606
www.morganschools.net

Widmyer Elementary School 304-258-2024
www.morganschools.net

MIDDLE/INTERMEDIATE SCHOOLS:

Warm Springs Middle School 304-258-1500
www.morganschools.net

Warm Springs Intermediate School 304-258-0031
www.morganschools.net

HIGH SCHOOLS:

Paw-Paw High School 304-947-7425
www.morganschools.net

Berkeley Springs High School 304-258-2871
www.morganschools.net

LIBRARIES

Morgan County Public Library

105 Congress Street
Berkeley Springs, WV 25411
304-258-3350

Paw-Paw Public Library

250 Moser Ave
Paw Paw, WV 25434
304-947-7013

RECREATION

Morgan County began its historic life as the playground of Thomas Lord Fairfax. Period letters and documents describe Fairfax's frequent visits to his spa on the edge of the wilderness. Along with many social gatherings, he soaked in the warm mineral waters of the springs and rode into the mountains. Fairfax was occasionally joined in these adventures by his friend and Virginia neighbor, George Washington. Today, Morgan County remains a favorite playground of folks along the East Coast. The area is blessed with wooded mountains and ridges, two rivers, several lakes and a wide selection of contemporary recreational activities for both individuals and families. Natural wonders abound in the area side-by-side with man-made recreation. As part of Morgan County's ecotourism, you can explore geology, birding, rare plants, hiking and the ecosystem of the Cacapon River on your own. Organized educational opportunities are also available. Contact Travel Berkeley Springs (tourist information center) at 1-800-447-8797 or 304-258-9147 for special brochures on the Cacapon River and Ecotourism in Morgan County.

GOLF The 18-hole, 72-par, championship golf course at Cacapon State Park was designed by Robert Trent Jones, Sr. in the mid 1960s and is rated as one of the 130 best-designed courses in the United States. Meticulously maintained, it is one of the region's most popular public courses, open for year 'round play, weather permitting. Carts, driving range, picturesque putting greens, pro-shop, clubhouse and challenging play (which includes deer as obstacles) are all part of

Cacapon's appeal. Cold Run Driving Range is open Monday, Thursday, Friday noon to dark and Saturday and Sunday 9:30 to dark.

WINTER SPORTS Cross-country skiing is a popular sport on the mountain trails of Cacapon State Park and along the many back roads of the county. Bring your own equipment. For skiing and snowboarding Whitetail is about 50 minutes away and Liberty about an hour away.

HORSEBACK RIDING Ride the trails of Cacapon Resort State Park located on the eastern slope of the Cacapon Mountains where Triple C Outfitters, a family-operated riding stable in business for more than 17 years, offers experienced guides and well-mannered horses which allow even beginners to experience Mother Nature on horseback. They are open (weather permitting) April – May weekends and by reservation, Memorial Day through Labor Day, daily except Mondays, and September – November, weekends only. You can enjoy guided horseback rides, rides with meals, moonlight rides and overnight rides. For more information call 304-258-1022 ext.4170. Rodeo fans can enjoy sanctioned events on Sunday afternoons at the outdoor Triple B Arena along historic Sir Johns Run. Activities feature team sorting, barrel racing and team roping. Occasional special events include country music concerts and full-scale rodeos.

GAME COURTS Public tennis, basketball and volleyball courts are found at Cacapon State Park and Biser Street Park in town. Paw Paw Town Park has a softball field and playground. The Morgan County Recreation Area provides five ball fields for league play. Spectators are welcome.

HUNTING & FISHING More than 20,000 acres in two wildlife management areas provide opportunities for hunting everything from white-tailed deer to roaming flocks of wild turkey. There are both spring and fall seasons for various game. Sleepy Creek Wildlife Management Area also offers primitive camping and a lake. Varying settings for canoeing, fishing and boating are found on the Potomac and Cacapon rivers, on area streams and on lakes at Cacapon State Park and Sleepy Creek Wildlife Area. The Ridge Fish Hatchery breeds famous West Virginia trout used to stock local lakes. Sleepy Creek Lake has bass, sunfish, pike and crappie. Camping and sportsman access are found along the Potomac River in Paw Paw. Hunting and fishing licenses are required of both residents and nonresidents 15-65 years. NEVER hunt on private land without permission. www.wvdnr.gov/hunting/licensing.shtm .

WATER SPORTS are not limited to soaking in the warm mineral springs. The lakes at Cacapon State Park have paddleboats to rent. You can bring powerboats to the Potomac River and Sleepy Creek Lake in the wildlife management area. Canoeing, kayaking and tubing are preferred sports on the Cacapon River and there are sand beaches and lake swimming with lifeguards in season. The

public swimming pool in Berkeley Springs State Park is open daily from Memorial Day through Labor Day.

BIKING The ridges and valleys of Morgan County are ideal terrain for both scenic road biking and mountain biking. Easy riding is best enjoyed on the C&O Canal towpath just six miles north of Berkeley Springs along the Potomac River. The towpath ride also takes bikers through the nearly mile-long Paw Paw Tunnel, the single most impressive engineering feature on the Canal. Bikes rentals are available at C&O Bicycle.

HIKING Cacapon State Park features 20 miles of hiking trails. Other areas include the Eidolon Nature Preserve with 4 miles of trails, the C&O Canal which provides easy hiking as well as biking (hikers particularly love the Paw Paw Tunnel) and the Tuscarora Trail located 8 miles north on Rt. 522. Easy access at Spruce Pine Hollow Park – WV9 east.

SHOTGUN SPORTS Sporting clays and trap are available at Sleepy Creek sports, a National Sporting Clays Association member. The wooded range is located 15 minutes from Berkeley Springs and is fully equipped and staffed. Also, the Sleepy Creek Wildlife Area has an unattended shooting range. There is also Wobble Clay (Trap) Shooting Range (new in Cacapon State Park). Cacapon Resort's newest outdoor sport activity is trap shooting, one of the three major forms of competitive clay pigeon shooting (shotgun shooting at clay targets). Each shooter has 25 shots per round with all shooting done under the authority of a range supervisor. The trap range does not require a hunting license but does require a reservation.

RECREATION SPOTS IN MORGAN COUNTY:

- **Berkeley Springs Bowlerama.** 4909 Valley Rd., Berkeley Springs, WV 25411, 304-258-1815. Hours: Daily 12 lanes of 10 pin bowling with cosmic bowling on Fri and Sat nights.
- **Berkeley Springs State Park.** 2 S. Washington Street, 304-258-2711. Open Daily 10AM-6PM Includes roman baths, massages, and public swimming pool in the summer.
- **Tuscarora Trail.** 8 miles North on Rt. 522. Easy access at Spruce Pine Hollow Park – WV9 east. 1-800-447-8797
- **Biser Street Park.** 1/4 mile east off of Rt 9, 304-258-1102 Hours: Daily until dark. Tennis, basketball and volleyball court.
- **Buck Valley Ranch.** 1344 Negro Mountain Rd. Warfordsburg, PA. 17267 800-294-3759. Daily trail rides, guesthouse and packages.

- **Cacapon State Park.** 818 Cacapon Lodge Drive, Berkeley Springs, WV 25411. 1-800-225-5982. 6,000 Acres includes 20 miles of hiking trails, 18-hole golf course, lake for swimming and fishing, and horseback riding.
- **C&O Bicycle.** 9 Pennsylvania Ave, Hancock, MD. 301-678-6665. Open daily 8-6 throughout most of the cycling season. Bicycle sales, repairs and rentals, bunkhouse for weary travelers and a general store for supplies/snacks on C & O Canal.
- **C&O Canal Towpath.** 6 Miles from Berkeley Springs, WV 25411. 301-678-5463.
- **Cold Run Driving Range & Mini Golf.** Rt. 9 West, Berkeley Springs, WV 25411. 304-258-1749. Open Mon, Thurs, Fri- noon-dark; Sat & Sun 9am-dark. Driving Range and 19-hole Mini Golf. Birthday parties, group rates, gazebo with picnic tables.
- **Paw Paw Tunnel.** 1 mile north of Paw Paw, WV along Rt. 51. 301-678-5463. Open Daily from daylight until dusk. Part of the C&O Canal, the 3,118 foot tunnel is accessible to walkers and cyclists year 'round.
- **Sleepy Creek Public Wildlife Management Area.** 304-822-3551. Open year-round. 22,928 Acres of wooded mountainous terrain and rolling basin land for the sports person.
- **Triple B Arena** 203 Barbecue Dr., Berkeley Springs, WV. 304-258-4178. Scheduled Events and Rodeo events free to public plus special events and concerts.
- **Widmyer Public Hunting Area** 2 miles West off Rt. 9. 304-258-8540. Hours: Open during hunting season. Public hunting with a license. Be advised never to hunt on private land without permission.

FESTIVALS:

Three renowned festivals star fabulous tastes -- the annual Apple Butter Festival on Columbus Day weekend in October, International Water Tasting the end of February, and Uniquely West Virginia food and wine festival in mid-April. The Winter Festival of the Waters, which includes the Berkeley Springs International Water Tasting, fills January through March with fun and excitement.

Apple Butter Festival – The park and streets of downtown Berkeley Springs are filled with games, contests, fine arts, local crafts, concerts, mountain food and apple butter cooking in kettles all kicked off by a nostalgic hometown parade on Saturday morning. Columbus Day weekend, October 8-9, 2016. No admission fee.

Winter Festival of the Waters - Spas, resorts, inns, restaurants, shops of Berkeley Springs conspire to brighten winter with three-months of specials along with these exciting events:

- **Spa Feast** Sample alternative and preventive health services. Demonstrations, displays, door prizes and menu of local health specialists. From pedicures to reflexology, Bio Magnetics to massage therapy, we've got the cure for your winter blahs in January
- **The Berkeley Springs International Water Tasting** - Municipal, bottled non-carbonated and sparkling water is tasted by the public and media judges held the last weekend in February, annually.
- **George Washington's Bath Tub Celebration** \$1 specials prove that Washington's face still means something in Berkeley Springs. Special Washington events. Check Washington's Bath Tub in the State Park for details.

Uniquely West Virginia Wine and Food Festival – Held In April. The site of the weekend’s events is The Ice House located on Independence and Mercer just a block from the famed warm springs in the heart of town. There you will be able to sample vintages from state wineries, enjoy cooking demonstrations/tasting and see samples of the work of more than 30 local artists. There will be a belly dancing workshop, a book signing and more entertainment at the Star Theatre. Shops along the historic streets offer enchanting gifts and collectibles.

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HOUSEHOLD INFORMATION **

	Number
Median Income under 25	28,725
Median Income 25-44	39,167
Median Income 45-64	49,667
Median Income over 65	33,134
Average Household Income	46,867

Average Household Net Worth 327,213

Average Household Total Expenditure 41,727

NUMBER OF HOUSEHOLDS

	Number
Total Households	7,640
Family Households	6,076
Non Family Households	1,564
Households with Children	2,322
Households without Children	5,318
Average People Per Household	2.30

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Unemployment rate for April, 2015 - Morgan County - 5.9%*

*Sources include: Bureau of Labor Statistics

Top 10 Employers (2013):

1. Morgan County Schools - 400 employees
247 Harrison Avenue - 304-258-2430
2. War Memorial Hospital - 150 employees
1 Healthy Way – 304-258-1234
3. Dayspring, Inc.
456 Autumn Acres Rd. - 304-258-3673
4. West Virginia Division of Natural Resources - Cacapon State Park - 26 full-time employees; 100 seasonal employees
818 Cacapon Lodge Drive - 304-258-1022 & Berkeley Springs State Park
5. Caperton Furnitureworks, LLC - 103 employees
5270 Valley Road - 304-258-2343
6. Senior Life Services of Morgan County
106 Sand Mine Road, Suite 1 - 304-258-3096
7. U. S. Silica Company – 168 employees
Post Office Box 28 - 304-258-2500
8. Morgan County Government
Post Office Box 28 - 304-258-8540
9. STS International, Inc.
Post Office Box 10 – 304-258-2700
10. Citizens National Bank - 70 employees
101 S. Washington Street - 304-258-1520

HISTORY

History is alive and well in Berkeley Springs, the country's first spa, part of daily life for both residents and visitors.

You can follow in centuries-old footsteps by "taking the waters" in historic Roman Baths or contemporary spas and with every glass of water in fine restaurants and cafes. There are self-guided tours of everything from Berkeley Springs State Park and the historic town of Berkeley Springs (Bath) to a countywide driving tour of George Washington-related sites.

A delightful Museum of the Berkeley Springs is open year 'round on the second floor of the Roman Bath House in Berkeley Springs State Park. Genealogical records are available at the Berkeley Springs Public Library with Historical Society volunteers on hand to help most mornings.

The Story of Berkeley Springs

Berkeley Springs, a fountainhead of warm mineral waters frequented by Native Americans long before Europeans arrived in the New World, are at the heart of a mountain spa community in West Virginia's Eastern Panhandle. First noted as Medicine Springs in 1747 on a map drawn by Thomas Jefferson's father, the waters for many centuries have drawn visitors seeking health and relief from the stress of everyday life.

In 1776, George Washington's family and friends drew up a plat of 134 lots, named the streets, and incorporated The Town of Bath, invoking the muses of the renowned English spa. Yet the magic of the springs prevailed, and the town and surrounding area are known by their name -- Berkeley Springs.

The waters flow at a constant 74°F from the base of Warm Springs Ridge. You may still drink freely and fill your jugs at Lord Fairfax's public tap, and wade in the ancient stone pools in the nation's smallest state park. The town has endured cycles of notoriety, fashion, war and modern progress, but remains the Country's First Spa, a quiet, friendly haven surrounded by West Virginia's splendid outdoors.

Places To Find History:

- The Washington Heritage Trail in Morgan County
- The Washington Heritage Trail in the Eastern Panhandle
- Treasure Tour of Berkeley Springs State Park
- Walking Tour of Berkeley Springs
- George Washington Archives
- The Morgan County Historical Society
- Museum of The Berkeley Springs
- Berkeley Castle -- *[The Berkeley Castle is no longer open for tours].*

- Berkeley Springs State Park -- 1-800-CALL-WVA or 304-258-2711

THE ARTS

Berkeley Springs, West Virginia's first certified arts community, earned its listing among America's 100 best small art towns and reliably places among the top 10 art destinations among small cities and towns in America with its community of noted artists and active arts council. Galleries, craft shops, Community Theater, professional performances, art exhibitions at the Ice House and summer concerts in the park round out the list of attractions. Members of the area arts community are showcased in galleries and shops around town. A Depression-era movie theatre, weekly jam sessions and weekend music and dancing tempt those tired of chirping tree frogs as entertainment. Two collections of short stories set in Morgan County and written by local writers are available for sale in the Visitors Center. To know what is happening on the art scene check the arts calendar at www.macicehouse.org or call 304-258-2300.

Art Connections in Berkeley Springs:

- **Berkeley Springs Community Choir** – Sing ancient and classical music fostered by sacred entities. Weekly rehearsals and seasonal concerts. Professional musical director. 304-258-7792
- **Fiesta Fibers** – Vibrant quilts and wall hangings from dynamically dyed and stenciled fabrics. Classes offered. 304-258-4582
- **Heath Studio Gallery** – Artwork by Jonathan and Jan Heath. 304-258-9840.
- **Highland Forge** – Using traditional blacksmithing methods, elegant utensils, ornamental hardware, garden gates and ecclesiastical items are made. 304-258-4058.
- **Hsu Studios** – Anodized aluminum jewelry, mobiles and wall pieces. 304-258-1911.
- **Ice House** Home of the Morgan Arts Council (MAC) and site for concerts, art classes, the Ice House Co-operative Gallery and special gallery shows, and the Ice House Theater Project. MAC also produces the Summer Concerts in the Park series, free every Saturday afternoon at 5:30pm during, July and August in Berkeley Springs State Park. Ice House Gallery Co-Op-- Gallery of local artists with changing art shows--open Friday, Saturday and Sunday, 11:00 – 5:00. 304-867-307
www.icehousecoop.com
- **Mallory Gallery & Jennifer Mallory-McBee Studio** -Fine art featuring the area's best alternative and innovative artists. – 304-258-3809
- **Mountain Laurel Gallery** - Fine American Crafts & Wearable Art – 304-258-1919
- **STAR Theatre** - Besides the vivid marquee that lights up the night sky, you will find a 1949 Manley popcorn machine that produces great popcorn made with real butter, 3 overstuffed couches available by reservation, etiquette speeches before the movie and a down-home crowd that makes

- visitors feel like part of the family. Movies shown once a night Friday, Saturday and Sunday all year. 304-258-1404.
- **Tari's Cafe Gallery** - Great food, friendly service and an unbelievable array of local and West Virginia art for sale. 304-258-1196.

COMMUNICATION

Newspapers:

Washington Post: 1-800-477-4679
Hancock News: 301-678-6255
The Journal: 304-263-8931
Herald-Mail: 301-733-5123
Morgan Messenger: 304-258-1800
Morgan County USA: russellmokhiber@gmail.com
Evening Weekend Journal: 304-258-3730

Cable/Internet:

Frontier Communications: 877-352-7011
Dish, Inc.: 304-264-8888
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Comcast Communications: 877-690-2370
Atlantic Broadband: 888-536-9600
TCI (Paw Paw) 301-722-655

Radio Stations:

WCST 1010 AM Berkeley Springs, WV W
WLTF Lite 97.5 FM Martinsburg, WV
WICL Oldies 95.9 FM Martinsburg, WV
WVEP West Virginia Public Radio 88.9 FM Martinsburg, WV
WTRM, 91.3 FM Winchester, VA
WCST, 1010 AM Berkeley Springs, WV
WDHC, 92.9 FM Berkeley Springs, WV
WRNR Talk Radio 740 AM Martinsburg, WV
WINC 92.5 FM Winchester, VA

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