

# White Sulphur Springs

White Sulphur Springs was originally called Robertsonville, being named after Bradley Robertson who settled there in 1809. White Sulphur Springs was then and is still considered a rural area. Years ago it was surrounded by timber, small farms, and later hotels. In the 1890's and early 1900's it had a thriving hotel business. It was during this period of time that a large hotel called the White Sulphur Springs House was built. The hotel took its name from the sulphur springs which were located off Mineral Springs Road. These springs were supposed to have powers. People from all over the country came to bathe in the springs and to drink the sulphur water. In December 1890 Robertsonville officially changed its name to White Sulphur Springs. In the later years many more hotels were built and the hotel business flourished. Today there are only two hotels that remain and these have been renovated into apartment houses.



White Sulphur Springs is located four miles west of Liberty on Route 52. It is a small hamlet with many residential homes.

There are still a few "working" farms in the area. The United Methodist Church that was originally organized with 20 members in 1890 now has a membership of over 200. There are several small businesses, a post office, fire department, church and school. The local church and fire department help to enhance the social atmosphere of the hamlet. The fire department has a firemen's park that is utilized by the community, ball teams, group gatherings, etc. Both organizations are very generous to the community by providing their halls for meetings and social events. There are a number of social events scheduled throughout the year such as Fire Department Chicken Barbecue and United Methodist Church's Summer festival and several dinners. In January of 1997 the White Sulphur Springs Chapter of Sullivan First was established. The goal of this organization is to make White Sulphur Springs and Sullivan County a nicer and better place to live and visit. The residents

in White Sulphur Springs take pride in their community. Take a drive this summer and visit our lovely community.

*Joyce Tweed - Sullivan First Chairperson*



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