

Morrison, Illinois

*Where heritage
and progress
grow together*



WELCOME TO MORRISON



Welcome to our town! The City of Morrison, Illinois is located in the northwestern part of the state. We are a city of rich heritage and charm whose citizens are welcoming to all.

The residents of Morrison have a long history of voluntarism to the community and their neighbors. We are extremely proud of our schools that have long been recognized as one of the best small school systems in the state. Our accomplishments in academics, athletics and the fine arts are on a par with far larger districts. This is due not only to our modern facilities, dedicated teachers and staff, but also to the involvement of interested parents. In addition to our schools, we have a very modern library and community room.

Morrison is located on the Historic Lincoln Highway, which stretched across the U.S.

Today, it is commonly referred to as Route 30. As you travel to and around Morrison, you will see one of the oldest mills in the state on the west end of town. Contrast that

with one of the newest covered bridges in the state on the north edge of town, and on our east side you will find our award winning sports complex that draws competitors from a wide area. On the south edge of town is our industrial park, as well as the Morrison Institute of Technology which is widely recognized as one of the premier two year technical schools of its type.

Morrison is also the County seat and has a very modern courthouse and law enforcement center. We are also proud to have two medical clinics and a hospital with emergency room and on-site doctor care. This is not something that most cities our size can offer.

As you travel around Morrison, you will notice a main street that has many historic two and three-story structures that house stores, shops, and businesses, eager to serve you. Along Route 30 and on several side streets, you will observe historic homes with beautiful and diverse architecture. Scattered throughout the Morrison area, you will find a dozen or more churches of many different denominations waiting to welcome you.

There is a fantastic State Park facility, just a couple miles north of town, that offers camping, hiking horseback riding trails, picnic areas and a 70-acre well-stocked lake.

Please take time to discover everything that makes our town great. I know you will like what you see.

-Mayor Everett Pannier

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HISTORY & HERITAGE



The first settlers arrived in the Morrison area in 1835. By 1855, the town of Morrison had been surveyed and platted and the railroad had arrived. Local developers decided to name the town after Charles Morrison, a wealthy merchant and friend living in New York City, who promised financial backing for development of the new town. Although Mr. Morrison suffered severe financial losses and was never able to participate in the development, his name remained affixed to the community.

Morrison was a commercial town, surrounded by rich agricultural land. Early Morrison merchants supplied and serviced just about every basic need. Local industry produced everything from refrigerators and furniture to toys. Local agribusiness has consistently been a major supplier of crops and livestock to local and regional markets today and yesteryear.



Located on the famous Lincoln Highway and in a building on the National Historic Register, Morrison's Heritage Museum has many interesting exhibits of Morrison memorabilia and special exhibits of the area. Displays include many products manufactured locally in the past such as Rich Toys, Summit Stoves, Illinois Refrigerators, and Volckman Furniture. The museum, which is owned and staffed by the Morrison Historical Society, is a great place to spend an afternoon to broaden your knowledge of the community. Hours for the museum are Friday - Sunday 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. beginning the last Friday in April until Thanksgiving. You may contact the museum at (815).772-8889.

COMMUNITY OVERVIEW

Morrison is located in Northwest Illinois at the intersection of the historic Lincoln Highway (US Route 30) and Illinois Route 78. The Lincoln Highway is historically significant as the nation's first coast to coast highway and in Morrison was the site of two concrete seedling miles, which served as prototypes of what an improved highway could do for the nation. Morrison's stately homes and historic downtown contain some architectural legacies; unique reminders of the town's pioneering heritage.

Morrison's population of 4,200 is well served by numerous parks and recreational opportunities, full-service health care providers, quality schools, and businesses that satisfy most shopping needs.

Morrison is the county seat of Whiteside County, Illinois. It offers a wonderful rural setting, surrounded by rich farm and range land with easy access to employment opportunities, shopping, and cultural events offered by major cities in both Illinois and Iowa. With vibrant schools and a volunteer spirit, the community takes great pride in the education of their children. Its tree-lined streets, quiet and friendly neighborhoods, and historic character invite you to stay whether you come to live, work, or visit.



LOCATION & TRANSPORTATION

Morrison is centrally located less than an hour away from the Quad Cities (Moline and Rock Island in Illinois and Bettendorf and Davenport in Iowa). Rockford, Illinois is approximately one hour's drive from Morrison and downtown Chicago is two hours away. Nearby communities include Sterling, Rock Falls, and Dixon, Illinois to the east; and Clinton, Iowa to the west.

Morrison is conveniently close to several main transportation thoroughfares. Illinois Interstate 88 is only seven miles to the south; Interstate 39 is fifty miles to the east; and Interstate 80 is forty miles south. These Illinois Interstates provide swift and convenient access to major metropolitan areas.

Quad City International Airport, 45 miles west of Morrison in Moline, Illinois, currently has five airlines serving 8 nonstop hubs or connecting cities. The Mississippi River, just 11 miles west of town, offers transport by waterway and the Union Pacific Railroad line that runs through Morrison, handles regional freight shipping.

Amtrak's Illinois Zephyr offers many daily trips to downtown Chicago from its Kewanee and Princeton stations, both about 30 minutes away.



Love to be on the water?

We're less than 15 minutes away from the Mississippi River and Lake Carlton is within four miles!

Regional Airports

Quad City International Airport	(309) 764-9621
Chicago Rockford Int'l Airport	(815) 969-4000
O'Hare International Airport	(773) 686-2200
Midway International Airport	(773) 686-2200
Des Moines Int'l Airport	(515) 256-5050

Local Airports

Whiteside County Airport	(815) 622-3591
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Bus Service

Scenic Stage Line, Inc.	(800) 443-7226
Wiersema Charter Service	(815) 772-2232
Whiteside County Public Transportation	(815) 625-7433

Train Service

Amtrak	(800) 872-7245
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CITY—MILES FROM MORRISON

- Atlanta—800
- Chicago—130
- Columbus—480
- Dallas—960
- Denver—880
- Detroit—400
- Kansas City—400
- Los Angeles—1,890
- Miami—1,480
- Minneapolis—370
- Nashville—560
- New York—915
- St. Louis—285
- Seattle—1,980

OUR SCHOOLS

From preschool through advanced education, Morrison offers quality educational programs. Numerous pre-schools and a community day care center that offers before and after school programs for working parents, all provide a solid social and learning foundation for children. For those children with special needs, Morrison creates a positive learning environment tailored to specific needs, in partnership with Bi-County Special Education Cooperative.



The Morrison Community School District, with a total enrollment of 1,160, operates two grade schools: one for grades K-2 and one for 3-5; a junior high school; and a high school. All provide an excellent learning environment with well-rounded curriculums and plenty of opportunities for extra-curricular activities and programs. Schools are newer in construction and design, providing a clean and excellent place for students to learn. Computers and Internet access are present in each classroom throughout the District. Classes at MHS are on a block schedule—allowing for 85 minutes of concentrated learning time. Classes are repeated every other day.

All buildings have a modern gymnasium for physical education classes, which allows for healthy lifestyle and fitness units of study, as well as recreational activities, including bowling and swimming. MHS also has a state-of-the-art, all weather track. Both the swimming pool and track are open to the public. Our educational program includes an intensive fine-arts course study. Students have art instruction weekly and music education is provided throughout the district, including instrumental instruction beginning in the 5th grade. The high school's air conditioned auditorium is used throughout the year for all grade-level performances, school and community concerts, and dance recitals.

- ◆ The Morrison School District has received the Bright Star award for high academic achievement together with a low cost of education per student.
- ◆ The Morrison High School was awarded a Bronze award by U.S. News and World Report as one of the top high schools in the nation.
- ◆ The average ACT score for Morrison High School Students is 22. This is significantly above the State average of 20.6.
- ◆ The Morrison Junior High has continually received the Academic Excellence Award given when over 90% of the Junior High Students exceed state standards in key academic areas.
- ◆ MHS averages seven to twelve Illinois State Scholars each year.
- ◆ HS Class AA Football State Champions, 2011 & 2009
- ◆ HS Class AA Baseball 3rd place in the State, 2009
- ◆ HS Class AA Softball State Champions, 2011
- ◆ MHS Pom-Pon Kick Team Class 1A State Champions 2000–2011, 2013
- ◆ IMEA (Illinois Music Education Association) selects four to six Morrison instrumental/choral students each year.
- ◆ Each building recognizes student success in both character and education through weekly or monthly recognition programs.
- ◆ Morrison Junior High and High School students' artwork has been featured in the magazine, Scholastic Art, since 1982.



Morrison High School Extra-Curricular Activities

Fall Activities

Girls and boys cross country, girls volleyball, girls swimming, boys football, girls and boys golf

Winter Activities

Girls and boys basketball, wrestling, scholastic bowl

Spring Activities

Girls softball, boys baseball, girls and boys track

Year-round Activities

Cheerleading, poms, jazz band, Madrigals, school plays and musicals, student council, peer mentoring, Big Brothers Big Sisters, Key Club, and National Honor Society

Morrison Junior High School Extra-Curricular Activities

A variety of activities are available throughout the year...

Girls and boys swimming, girls volleyball, girls and boys basketball, wrestling, track, quiz bowl, Mathcounts, regional spelling bee, student council, and Builder's Club

The Morrison teaching staff is composed of experienced and well-educated teachers, with nearly 75% having a master's degree and above. The learning environment resonates high expectations, a belief system of learning for all students, and a classroom environment that makes it happen. Our students continually outperform the State of Illinois averages in State Assessments and ACT scores.

MHS students may earn high school and college credit at the same time. The dual enrollment program provides the opportunity for high school students to jump-start their college education by enrolling in college-level courses, while still attending high school. Juniors and seniors at Morrison High School may participate in career and technical education training, held at the Whiteside Area Career Center in Sterling, IL. Students are transported to the center to participate in work-based programs from auto and computer technology, digital media arts, criminal justice, and health occupations to name a few.



Northside Elementary School



Southside Elementary School



Morrison Junior High School



Morrison High School

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

Morrison Community Unit School District #6 offers a State of Illinois preschool program at Northside Elementary School. It operates five days a week for three hours during the morning. In addition, before- and after-school daycare is provided at Northside Elementary for students in grades K–5, in cooperation with Morrison Community Daycare Center. The Day Care Center offers high quality care for children ages 15 months through 12 years of age, Monday thru Friday from 6:30 a.m.–5:30 p.m. Additional preschool programs can be found at Morrison United Methodist Church and Morrison Christian Reformed Church.

The school district has formed a partnership with Bi-County Special Education Cooperative in Sterling, Illinois to create a positive learning environment for children with special needs. Most educational programs are provided in our regular classrooms. Students with more serious disabilities are placed in the Bi-County educational programs located throughout the region. The school district provides safe and dependable transportation to these sites on a daily basis.

The John Danforth Odell Library offers opportunities for cultural and educational connections. The Odell Library offers a 35,000 volume collection, magazines, videos, computer and Internet access, meeting rooms, and the borrowing power of three library loan systems (PALS) that connect to every library in Northern Illinois. The library also offers one of the most complete genealogical research sections in the region, attracting locals and people from all over the country who are researching their ancestors.

ADVANCED EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

Morrison is in close proximity to a variety of advanced educational institutions. The community is home to the Morrison Institute of Technology, which offers a two-year curriculum in engineering and drafting. A fully accredited college, MIT's credits are fully transferable to many four-year institutions. Sauk Valley Community College, located on Illinois Route 2 between Dixon and Sterling, is a highly regarded two-year college offering quality education at an affordable cost. Other nearby institutions of higher learning include Ashford University and Clinton Community College in Clinton, Iowa; Augustana, St. Ambrose, and Western Illinois University all located in the Quad Cities; and Northern Illinois University in DeKalb, Illinois.

A large, dark-colored sign for the Morrison Institute of Technology. The sign features the text "MORRISON INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY" in a large, serif font, with "TECHNICAL COLLEGE" in a smaller font below it. To the right of the text is a circular logo containing a gear-like design and the words "MORRISON INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY" and "SINCE 1973". The sign is set against a background of a building and trees.

MORRISON INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY
TECHNICAL COLLEGE

RESIDENTIAL LIVING

The Morrison area offers a large variety of homes in all price ranges to fit every income level. Whether you want a newer home in a residential development or a historic home with unique architecture, Morrison has a mixture of homes for every taste. Home prices and values have remained stable, with a median home value of \$99,400 and a median age of 57 years. Compared to the rest of the country, Morrison's cost of living index is 12% lower than the U.S. average, making it a very affordable place to call home.

Housing Characteristics

Total Housing Units	1,870
Occupied Housing Units	1,713
% Owner Occupied	76.7%
% Renter Occupied	23.3%
Vacant Housing Units	157
% Vacant	8.4%
Median Home Value	\$99,400
Median Monthly Rent	\$562
Persons per unit	2.29



PARKS

The City of Morrison is proud of its parks and recreational areas and continuously strives to improve and offer new recreational activities to its residents and visitors. Morrison's parks are large and small, some with large open field areas and some, tucked into neighborhoods or in the business district.



The latest addition to Morrison's park system is a large recreational complex located on East Route 30 with baseball fields, a football field, sledging hill, playground area, and a walking path.

Located on the south side of Morrison on West Winfield Street, Waterworks Park has 12.4 acres and offers a baseball diamond, sand volleyball courts, tennis courts, a playground, sledding, dog park, and a picnic area.

For the non-traditionalists, there is the professionally designed 9-hole Frisbee Golf Course at Kelly Park.

This park has 3.4 acres and

is located adjacent to Grove Hill Cemetery, just off of East High Street. Tennis courts, a playground, a walking path, and a picnic area can also be found at Kelly Park.

Kiwanis Park, located on North Genesee Street, is 1/2 acre with playground equipment, picnic area, and Rolle Bolle court. It is also the home of the annual Easter Egg Hunt, sponsored by the Kiwanis of Morrison.

Looking for a great walking path for a physical workout or to view nature? Then French Creek Park is for you! Set amongst prairie grasses and the French Creek, this park offers



a year-round walking path, soccer fields, a playground, a picnic area, and a community garden.

The Veteran's Park and Memorial, located on East High Street by Grove Hill Cemetery, provides a tranquil spot to consider the sacrifices made by Morrison area veterans. The park includes a Howitzer field artillery piece, which spurred the park's initial growth, and tablets inscribed with the names of deceased Morrison area veterans, along with their date of death, burial place, and the war in which they served.

Morrison has a variety of recreational opportunities for its residents including golf, bowling, bas-

ketball, racing, swimming, archery, model airplanes, dancing, theater, and table tennis.

The City of Morrison offers a summer recreation program that has supervised activities for children and during the school year, has soccer and basketball leagues available. Other sports programs for children include T-ball, Little League and senior league baseball, girls softball, Pop Warner and Junior Tackle football, volleyball, youth wrestling club, and Seahorse Swimming Club.



MORRISON ROCKWOOD STATE PARK

This picturesque state park featuring beautiful Lake Carlton, a stream-fed reservoir, offers a variety of recreational opportunities including picnicking, camping, fishing, boating, and hiking, as well as equestrian trails, archery, and an abundance of wildlife. Winter sports such as ice fishing, ice skating, and cross-country skiing are also popular at the park. Located north of Morrison in Whiteside County, the park comprises 1,150 acres. Established in 1971, the park is named for the city of Morrison and a combination of nearby Rock Creek and the heavily wooded park area—Rockwood. The concession area offers a full range of bait and tackle supplies, as well as boat rental. The Rockwood Restaurant is located right on the water and brings residents and visitors out to enjoy the great scenery and food. For more information call (815) 772-4708 or visit the Illinois Department of Natural Resources at <http://dnr.state.il.us>.



RECREATION

BASEBALL/GOLF CAGES

The Cage

222 W. Main Street
(815) 441-8566

BOWLING

Hilltop Lanes

629 E. Lincolnway
(815) 772-2217

DANCING

Jennifer's Dance Center

123 W. Main Street
(815) 772-4108

Leann's Dance Connection

Sawyer Road
(815) 772-7770

Morrison Grand Squares

307 S. Madison Street
(815) 772-2785

FITNESS

B-Fit

126 E. Lincolnway
(815) 704-2049

Yoga With Martina

100 E. Knox Street
(815) 772-4473

GOLF

Cross Creek Golf Course

15523 Henry Road
(815) 772-7966

Prairie Ridge Golf Course

903 W. Morris Street
(815) 772-8989

HUNTING

Morrison Pheasant Hunting Club

21887 Pigeon Road
(815) 772-3394

MOTOCROSS/4-WHEEL RIDING

The Bike Barn

13524 Black Road
(815) 778-3641

MOVIE RENTAL

Movie Magic

633 E. Lincolnway
(815) 772-8780

SELF DEFENSE

Open Hand Self Defense

100 E. Knox Street
(815) 718-3994

ANNUAL EVENTS

April

Easter Egg Hunt at Kiwanis Park

May

CAPA Spring Art Show at Odell Library

Farmers' Market Opens at Heritage Museum Parking Lot

Memorial Day Parade/Ceremony Main Street to
Grove Hill Cemetery

June

Morrison Rockwood Day Camp at Rockwood State Park

Citywide Garage Sale throughout the City of Morrison

Ice Cream Social at Resthave Nursing Home

July

Firecracker Weekend Bogs-Drags-Demo Derby at
The Bike Barn

Vacation Bible School at the Church of Morrison

Whiteside County 4-H Show at
Whiteside County Fairgrounds



August

Whiteside County Fair at
Whiteside County Fairgrounds

September

Youth Fishing Derby at Rockwood State Park

CAPA Paint the Town Downtown Morrison

Harvest Hammer Race at Morrison High School

October

Moose Run Motocross Racing at the Bike Barn

Halloween Parade through Downtown Morrison

December

Morrison Christmas Walk and Parade throughout
Downtown Morrison

PTO Craft Fair at Southside Elementary School

ATTRACTIONS

Whether you're strolling through our historic downtown, getting lost in a corn maze, or eating elephant ears at the Whiteside County Fair, you'll soon realize the unique charm and character that is Morrison. Below are some great reasons to make Morrison your next destination in Northwest Illinois.

Unique Architecture—The city contains many structures and areas, such as our historic downtown, which embodies a sense of time and place unique to our community. Visit the Morrison Chamber of Commerce at 221 W. Main or Morrison's Heritage Museum at 202 E. Lincoln Highway for more information.

Covered Bridge— Step back in time when you visit Whiteside County's very own covered bridge. Located north of Highway 30 off of Orange Street, the bridge is on the way to Morrison-Rockwood State Park. Only its size indicates that the bridge is, in fact, new construction. At 148 feet, the two-span covered bridge is much larger than those you will find elsewhere.



Whiteside County Fair—This annual event held

in the middle of August, opens the morning of Tuesday and runs through the Saturday evening grand finale. The fair includes a carnival, a petting zoo, and grandstand events, including a tractor pull, harness racing, and the ever-popular demolition derby. Visit www.whitesidecountyfair.org for more information.

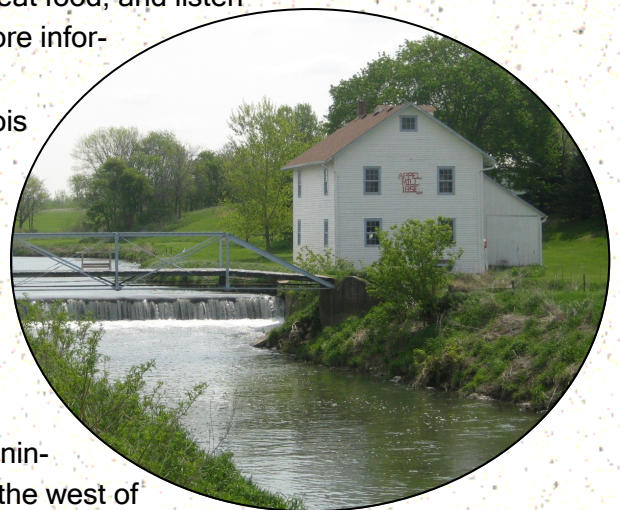


Harvest Hammer & Paint the Town—The third weekend in September, Morrison comes alive with great community events starting early Saturday morning with the Harvest Hammer; which includes a Duathlon for men and women, a Children's Fun Run for children 5th grade and under, a 1-mile challenge run for 5th thru 8th grade, and a 5k run/walk for all. At noon, the downtown is transformed into an outdoor canvas for hundreds of

amateur artists of all ages who gather to Paint the Town, enjoy great food, and listen to various genres of music, in this unique family art event. For more information visit www.paintthetownmorrison.com.

Blue Goose Corn Maze— Come out and lose someone in our Illinois Corn Maze located at 14609 Blue Goose Rd., open August through October each year, (815) 772-7200.

Annan Grist Mill and Malvern Roller Mill— For some great photo opportunities visit either of these historic grist mills; both located on Rock Creek. Built in 1858, the Annan Grist Mill is a 2 1/2 story structure made completely out of stone, located on Lincoln Highway on the west edge of Morrison. The Malvern Roller Mill, also known as Appel Mill, is a 19th century grist mill located near the unincorporated village of Malvern, IL, on Felton and Clover roads. To the west of the mill building is a circa 1890 Pratt truss bridge. The Malvern Roller Mill was added to the U.S. National Register of Historic Places in 1995. Both mills are privately owned and not open to the public.



DINING & SHOPPING

From burgers to omelets; or ethnic to American, Morrison offers a variety of local and franchise restaurants sure to satisfy any appetite. For shopping needs, Morrison businesses include a major supermarket, drug store, hardware stores, banks, convenience stores, gift shops and many other supporting businesses. Regional shopping is within a few minutes drive in Sterling, Illinois and Clinton, Iowa and large malls can be found less than an hours drive in both Moline, Illinois and Davenport, Iowa.



Baked by Liz
119 E. Main Street
(815) 716-1547

Casey's General Store
602 E. Lincolnway
(815) 772-2106

China House
222A W. Main Street
(815) 772-8868

DQ Grill & Chill
200 N. Sawyer Road
(815) 772-7070

Family Chef Restaurant
701 W. Lincolnway
(815) 772-4785

Fatboy's Bar & Grill
201 E. Main Street
(815) 772-3978

Forest Inn
20657 Lincoln Road
(815) 772-4557

Happy Joe's Pizza
109 W. Main Street
(815) 772-7840

Hardee's
200 N. Base Street
(815) 772-2565

Isle of Rhodes
111 W. Main Street
(815) 772-7431

KJ's Bar & Grill
115 W. Main Street
(815) 772-8788

McDonalds
604 E. Lincolnway
(815) 772-2210

Nana's
619 E. Lincolnway
(815) 772-8886

The Oak Room
903 W. Morris Street
(815) 772-8989

Original Taco
123 E. Main Street
(815) 772-8226

Rockwood Restaurant
18301 Lake Road
(815) 772-3613

Stars Pizza
633 E. Lincolnway
(815) 772-8781

Subway
412 E. Lincolnway
(815) 772-7827

1 2 3 Tee's / Dancer's Hut
123 W. Main Street
(815) 772-4653

Between Friendz
112 E. Main Street

Bob Endress Sales & Service
13571 W. Lincoln Road
(815) 772-3215

Carpet House
120 E. Main Street
(815) 772-8846

Constantly Stitching N More
13690 Lincoln Road
(815) 772-2833

Dollar General
633 E. Lincolnway
(815) 772-2158

Exner's Sportsman's Paradise
101 W. Lincolnway
(815) 772-2405

Fairhaven Fruit Farm
Fairhaven & Creamery
(815) 499-1856

Family Dollar Store
414 E. Lincolnway
(815) 772-8056

Fitzgerald Pharmacy
124 E. Main Street
(815) 772-3415

K & R Greenhouse
15543 Bishop Road
(815) 772-4595

Lincoln Highway Gifts
104 E. Main Street
(815) 772-3858

Morrison Auto Supply Inc.
502 E. Lincolnway
(815) 772-7451

Morrison Tire Center
318 E. Main Street
(815) 772-4211

Morrison True Value Hardware
104 S. Genesee Avenue
(815) 772-4810

Opie's Tat's
105 W. Lincolnway
(815) 772-4400

Pete Harkness Chevrolet
627 E. Lincolnway
(815) 772-2171

Quinn's Jewelry
104 W. Main Street
(815) 772-4118

Schuler Motors, Inc
727 W. Lincolnway
(815) 772-2196

Security Plus—U.S. Cellular
604 E. Lincolnway
(815) 400-9016

SLM International General Merchandise Mart
131 E. Main Street

Spangler's Landscape Design
12540 Lincoln Road
(815) 772-4318

Sullivan's Foods
300 N. Madison Street
(815) 772-4696

Tegeler's Amish Furniture
13459 Crosby Road
(815) 772-3533

Wilson Greenhouses and Florist
103 N. Heaton Street
(815) 772-2126

Yarbrough Appliances
227 W. Main Street
(815) 772-3231

HEALTH CARE SERVICES

Morrison residents enjoy an abundance of quality, professional healthcare, without having to leave town! Three fully staffed clinics, dentists, optometrists, chiropractors, and physical therapists provide a full complement of medical and health services for the community. The Morrison Community Hospital offers physician coverage, ambulance service, patient transfer helipad, and a skilled care unit. A regional network of hospitals in nearby Sterling, Illinois and Clinton, Iowa provide additional, outstanding medical care and services. Three fully licensed long-term care units are also available, offering physical therapy and activity programs.

Area Hospitals

CGH Medical Center

100 E. LeFevre Road
Sterling, Illinois 61081
(815) 625-0400

Mercy Medical Center

1410 N. 4th St.
638 S. Bluff Blvd.
Clinton, Iowa 52732
(563) 244-5555

Morrison Community Hospital

303 N. Jackson Street
Morrison, Illinois 61270
(815) 772-4003

Medical Clinics

CGH Morrison Health & Vision Center

105 S. Heaton Street
Morrison, Illinois 61270
(815) 772-8100

Family Care Clinic

303 N. Jackson Street
Morrison, Illinois 61270
(815) 772-5511

Morrison Family Health Clinic

635 E. Lincolnway
Morrison, Illinois 61270
(815) 772-7491

Chiropractor

Health Matters

303 N. Jackson Street
Morrison, Illinois 61270
(815) 589-4616

Mance Chiropractic Ltd.

125 E. Main Street
Morrison, IL 61270
(815) 772-7641

Miller Health LLC

406 N. Madison Street
Morrison, Illinois 61270
(815) 772-7114

Scott Chiropractic Clinics PC

500 N. Madison St.
Morrison, IL 61270
(815) 772-9000

Dental

William Simpson DDS

521 W. Wall Street
Morrison, IL 61270
(815) 772-2512

John A. Tomasino Jr. DDS, PC

200 E. Main Street
Morrison, Illinois 61270
(815) 772-2811

Long-Term Care

Four Seasons Living Center

303 N. Jackson Street
Morrison, IL 61270
(815) 772-4003

Pleasant View Rehabilitation & Health Care Center

500 N. Jackson Street
Morrison, Illinois 61270
(815) 772-7288

Resthabe Retirement & Nursing Home

408 Maple Avenue
Morrison, IL 61270
(815) 772-4021

Optometry

CGH Morrison Health & Vision Center

105 S. Heaton Street
Morrison, IL 61270
(815) 772-8100

Vision Source

626 E. Lincolnway
Morrison, IL 61270
(815) 772-7455

Physical Therapy

Rock Valley Physical Therapy

635 E. Lincolnway
Morrison, Illinois 61270
(815) 772-7274

WORSHIP



In Morrison, the churches are truly an integral part of the community and its busy life. Residents have the opportunity to worship regularly at any of a large number of active churches representing various religious faiths. Regardless of background or religious training, our congregations seek to meet the spiritual needs of people from all walks of life and at every age level.

First Baptist Church

406 Maple Avenue
(815) 772-2696

Episcopal Church of St. Anne

401 N. Cherry Street
(815) 772-2818

Open Bible Fellowship

11429 Ward Road
(815) 772-4098

Morrison Brethren in Christ Church

209 E. Knox Street
(815) 772-4871

Bethesda Lutheran Church (ELCA)

301 W. South Street
(815) 772-4896

First Presbyterian Church

100 E. Lincolnway Road
(815) 772-3510

St. Mary's Catholic Church

13320 Garden Plain Road
(815) 772-4890

Crossroads Community Church

125 W. Main Street
(815) 956-0090
Worship at MIT

Ebenezer Reformed Church

309 E. Park Street
(815) 772-2472

Morrison Christian Church

201 S. Genesee Street
(815) 772-4928

Our Savior's Lutheran Church

21496 Hazel Road
(815) 772-4345

Emmanuel Reformed Church

202 E. Morris Street
(815) 772-3890

Morrison Christian Reformed Church

300 W. South Street
(815) 772-4657

St. Peter's Lutheran Church

601 N. Jackson Street
(815) 772-3386

Morrison United Methodist Church

200 W. Lincolnway Road
(815) 772-4030

COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS

Morrison offers many opportunities to explore an interest, meet new people, or enjoy camaraderie. Morrison has an active volunteer and humanitarian spirit that drives the community.

ADULT FRIENDSHIP POTLUCK GROUP

(815) 772-4038

AMERICAN LEGION (UNIT 328)

(815) 772-0153

AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD MOBILE

(815) 772-3169

BOY SCOUTS/CUB SCOUTS

(815) 772-4631

BRUSHPOPPERS MOTORCYCLE CLUB

(815) 622-4099

CHILDREN'S ART PRESERVATION

(815) 772-7406

CHURCH WOMEN UNITED

(815) 772-7520

DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

(815) 772-4735

EARTH TEAM

(815) 772-2124

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(815) 772-4075

FRIENDS OF THE PARKS

(815) 772-7506

GIRL SCOUTS

(815) 772-3214

GOLDEN MEALS

(815) 772-4003

HOSPICE OF THE ROCK RIVER VALLEY

(800) 646-9242

INTERNATIONAL THANKSGIVING

(815) 772-7668

KIWANIS

(815) 772-7325

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

(815) 772-4312

LIONS CLUB

(815) 772-5658

MASONIC LODGE

(815) 772-0186

MASTER GARDENERS

(815) 772-7699

MORRISON COMMUNITY HOSPITAL AUXILIARY

(815) 772-2915

MCUD #6 BEST

(815) 772-7264

MCUD #6 PTO (GRADE SCHOOL)

(815) 772-2153

MCUD #6 ATHLETIC BOOSTERS

(815) 772-7768

MCUD #6 FRIENDS OF SWIMMING

(815) 772-3112

MCUD #6 MUSIC BOOSTERS

(815) 772-4071

MCUD #6 SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS

(815) 772-4071

MORRISON FOOD PANTRY

(815) 772-3169

MORRISON FIRE DEPARTMENT

(815) 772-2218

MORRISON GARDEN CLUB

(815) 772-4205

MORRISON HISTORICAL SOCIETY

(815) 772-8889

MORRISON MINISTER'S COUNCIL

(815) 772-3890

MORRISON MUSIC THEATER ASSOCIATION

(815) 772-2785

MORRISON ROTARY CLUB

(815) 772-3249

MORRISON SCHOOLS FOUNDATION

(815) 772-8323

PARENT EDUCATION (U OF I EXTENSION)

(815) 772-4075

PLEASANT VIEW NURSING HOME

(815) 772-7288

RESTHAVE NURSING HOME AUXILIARY

(815) 772-4021

RIVER CITIES QUILT GUILD

(815) 772-2833

SCHRINERS

(815) 772-2766

TRI-CITY TRAIL RIDERS

(815) 499-0278

UNITED WAY OF MORRISON

(815) 625-7973

VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS

(815) 772-2903

WA-TAN-YE SERVICE CLUB

(815) 772-4902

WHITESIDE COUNTY FAIR ASSOCIATION

(815) 772-2076

THE WHITESIDE FORUM

(815) 772-4949

WHITESIDE COUNTY NATURAL AREA GUARDIANS

(815) 772-4117

(815) 626-4759

WHITESIDE COUNTY REPUBLICAN WOMEN

(815) 772-37378

WHITESIDE COUNTY SNOWBIRDS SNOWMOBILERS

(309) 314-3625

IMPORTANT CONTACTS

Morrison Emergency Numbers

Ambulance	911
Fire Department	911
Police Department	911

Morrison Non-Emergency Numbers

Police Department	(815) 772-7659
200 W. Main St.	
Police Chief	(815) 772-7650
Fire Department	(815) 772-2218
206 W. Main St.	

Morrison Need-To-Know Numbers

City Hall	
morrisonil.org	
200 W. Main St.	(815) 772-7657
Wastewater Treatment	(815) 772-4319
Water Plant	(815) 772-4316
Odell Library	
www.odellpubliclibrary.com	
307 S. Madison St.	(815) 772-7323
Community Room	(815) 772-7680
307 S. Madison St.	
Post Office	(815) 772-3311
226 W. Main St.	
Chamber of Commerce	(815) 772-3757
221 W. Main St.	
Heritage Museum	(815) 772-8889
202 E. Lincolnway	
Public Transportation	(815) 625-7433

Utilities

ComEd	(800) 334-7661
Frontier	(800) 921-8102
Mediacom	(888) 500-4847
Moring Disposal	(800) 423-0749
Nicor	(888) 642-6748
Water/Sewer/Refuse	(815) 772-7657

Dept. of Motor Vehicles

www.cyberdriveillinois.com	
Chadwick, IL	(815) 684-5156
Sterling, IL	(815) 626-2825

Animal License

Animal Control	(815) 625-3507
1701 Industrial Park Rd.	Rock Falls, IL

Local Newspaper

Whiteside News Sentinel	(815) 772-7244
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Online Newspaper

www.thecity1.com	(815) 772-8718
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Whiteside County Offices

www.whiteside.org	
200 E. Knox St.	
Administrator	(815) 772-5100
Assessor	(815) 772-5195
Circuit Clerk	(815) 772-5188
County Clerk	(815) 772-5189
County Collector	(815) 772-5196
Coroner	(815) 772-5274
Economic Development	(815) 772-5175
Hwy/Public Works	(815) 772-7651
Public Defender	(815) 772-5191
Recorder	(815) 772-5192
Sheriff	(815) 772-4044
State's Attorney	(815) 772-5194
Sup. of Assessments	(815) 772-5195

Education

www.morrisonschools.org	
Morrison District Office	(815) 772-2064
643 Genesee St.	
Morrison High School	(815) 772-4071
643 Genesee St.	
Morrison Jr. High School	(815) 772-7264
300 Academic Dr.	
Southside Elementary	(815) 772-2183
100 Academic Dr.	
Northside Elementary	(815) 772-2153
520 N. Genesee St.	
Day Care Center	(815) 772-3707
100 E. Lincolnway	
Community Preschool	(815) 772-7158
200 W. Lincolnway	

Higher Educational Opportunities

Morrison Institute of Technology	
www.morrisontech.edu	
701 Portland Ave.	Morrison, IL
Sauk Valley Community College	
www.svcc.edu	
173 IL Route 2	Dixon, IL
Clinton Community College	
www.eicc.edu	
1000 Lincoln Blvd.	Clinton, IA
Ashford University	
www.ashford.edu	
400 N. Bluff Blvd.	Clinton, IA

Lodging

Parkview Motel	
630 E. Lincolnway	Morrison, IL
(815) 772-2163	
Country Inn & Suites	
2106 1 st Ave.	Rock Falls, IL
(815) 625-3200	
Days Inn	
2105 1 st Ave.	Rock Falls, IL
(815) 626-5500	
Executive Inn	
800 One Mile Rd.	Thomson, IL
(815) 259-7378	
Comfort Inn & Suites	
1301 17 th Street	Fulton, IL
(815) 589-3333	
Pine Motel	
Route 84	Fulton, IL
(815) 589-4847	

Morrison Realtors

Kophamer & Blean Realty	
www.kenkoprealty.com	
118 E. Main St.	(815) 772-2728

Economic Development

Morrison Area Development Corporation	
www.morrisonareadevelopment.com	
221 W. Main St.	(815) 772-3757

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