

April 1, 2020

Important Information

The novel coronavirus, also known as COVID-19 is something that we should all be aware of at this point. No matter your belief on the severity of this disease or its ability to spread, this is a situation that everyone should take seriously.

The town hall lobby has been closed and will remain closed for an undetermined period of time. This decision was made to help protect the health and safety of both our town residents and our employees. You may continue to pay your sewer bill at the town hall by using the drop box. All other business should be handled by mail or over the phone by calling 304-586-2319 during regular office hours.

During this difficult time, we know that there are individuals out there who need to stay inside and may not be able to do tasks like going to the store or some light yardwork. If this applies to you or someone you know, please call the town hall and let the office know what you may need. There is a group of volunteers who have asked how they can help others in their time of need. Once a request is received, we can forward the information to the volunteers and get you some help as soon as possible.

If you would like to be one of these volunteers, please call the town hall to give them your contact information and tell them how you would be willing to help.

Governor Jim Justice's Stay at Home Executive Order

To further combat the spread of COVID-19 a Stay at Home Order was issued on March 24th at 8:00pm.

Below is the summary of the order provided by governor.wv.gov.

YOU CAN:

 Go to the pharmacy, grocery, convenience, or warehouse stores for yourself or others
 Go to medical appointments

-Go to a restaurant for take-out, delivery or drive-thru

-Care for or support a friend or family member

-Take a walk, ride your bike, hike jog and be in nature for exercise if you keep at least six feet between you and others

-Walk your pets and go to the vet if needed
 -Receive deliveries from any business which delivers

YOU SHOULD NOT:

Go to work unless you are providing essential services or a business defined by the Order (see list at governor.wv.gov)
 Visit friends and family if there is no urgent need to do so

-Maintain less than six feet of distance from others when you go out

 -Visit loved ones in the hospital, nursing home, skilled nursing facility or others

Mayor: Cam Clendenin Recorder: Lynda Casto Police Chief: Larry Wingo

Council: Jack McLane, Kevin Childers, Joey Tolley, Teresa Harmon & Regina Hull

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Town Contact Information

Mayor's Office:

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Town Hall Office Hours:

Monday thru Friday 8:30am—4:30pm

Town Hall/Town Council:

Office Phone: 304-586-2319

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Address: 401 Roosevelt Blvd.

P.O. Box 185 Eleanor, WV 25070

E-Mail: eleanortown@frontier.com

Police Department:

Chief Larry Wingo

Cell Phone: 304-546-1473

Office Phone: 304-586-2319

Address: 201 Ash Circle

P.O. Box 185 Eleanor, WV 25070

E-Mail: EleanorPolice@frontier.com

Town Ordinances

The Town of Eleanor's Ordinances are available at the town hall during regular office hours.

You can also visit:

www.EleanorWV.com/Ordinances to view them online.

Until further notice, the Tuesday "Old Time Get Together" and Thursday "Senior Bingo" are both temporarily canceled due to COVID-19 concerns.

An announcement will be made on the marquee board beside the fire department when these events resume.

Town Meeting Schedules

The April advisory board and committee meetings have all been canceled due to efforts made to promote social distancing throughout the month.

Canceled meetings are:

Parks, Police, Health, Events Planning, Storm Water Board, Sewer Board and Streets.

These meetings should return on their normal schedule in May.

April meetings NOT canceled are:

Town Council—April 19th @ 7:30pm

All Board and Committee meetings take place in the Town Hall's conference room.

Town Council meetings take place in the Homestead Room at the town hall.

Contact the Town Hall three (3) days prior to each meeting to have items added to the agenda.

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Community Shout Outs!

The last few months have been a difficult time for so many in our community. Many have gone above and beyond their typical responsibilities to ensure that our community is safe throughout the uncertainty and constant changes brought on by the Coronavirus Pandemic.

Our community would not function throughout this time if it was not for the hard work and dedication by Kim Deweese, Michelle Flora, Carl Neal, John Watson, Chief Larry Wingo, Officer Aaron Truitt, Officer Steve Jones and PSD Sewer Plant Operator Les Adkins. On behalf of our elected town government and residents, thank you for all that you do!

We are all also very thankful and grateful for those in our military, health professions, social services and emergency responders who all get up and report to work every day no matter what. The care and compassion that they have for the people in our community has always outweighed the personal risks and dangers they encounter on a daily basis.

The same thanks and gratitude is shared for those deemed to work for the essential businesses that keep our state and country running. Your efforts in these roles are also greatly appreciated by us all. Thank you!

2020 Town of Eleanor and State Primary Election Information

The WV Secretary of State and Governor Jim Justice recently announced a change for the State/County Primary Election from the original date of May 12th to June 9th.

Their new date is on the same day that we will hold our Town Election.

As of the publication of this newsletter, the time and date of the 2020 Town Election has not changed. We do not expect any change in the date for our election at this point, so it is important for everyone to know that to vote in both elections that you will need to visit two different locations.

To vote in the Town Election in person, you will need to vote at the Eleanor Town Hall's Homestead Room.

To vote in the State/County Primary Election in person, you will need to vote at the George Washington Elementary School.

The County Clerk will mail out postcards that will provide information for absentee ballots for the State/County Primary.

This postcard does not automatically enroll you for the Town Election as an absentee voter. You will need to call the Town Hall to obtain an application to vote using an absentee ballot if you wish to do so. We are working to obtain more information from the SOS Office on any additional changes this year due to Covid-19. Any new information learned will be placed online and in the May newsletter.

American Red Cross Blood Drive

Room B, April 22nd from 1:00pm-6:00pm

The American Red Cross are in need of blood donations and want to re-assure everyone that they are taking extra precautions and it will be safe to donate blood. In March, they have lost over 250,000 blood donations due to canceled blood drives. If you are healthy and able, please consider donating blood on this day.

<u>Canceled or Postponed Town</u> <u>Events and Activities</u>

Many groups, including the Town of Eleanor, have decided to cancel or postpone events as recommended by the CDC and WVDHHR.

The following events will not take place during the dates and times that they were previously announced. Updated information will be shared in next months newsletter for events that have been rescheduled.

- Town of Eleanor Spring Clean-Up
- Pancake Breakfast/Easter Egg Hunt
 - Haulin' in the Holler
 - Buffalo FFA Alumni Rodeo
 - Eleanor Library Story Time
 - WV Food Truck Festival
- YMCA Youth Sports (Registered participants will be contact by the Y.)

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Town Activity and First Responder Reports

From the Office of Chief Larry Wingo:

I would like to take a moment to discuss what the Eleanor Police Department is doing during this COVID-19 Pandemic. We are still patrolling as much as possible. We may wave and not stop and talk like we usually do, please do not be offended if this happens. We are practicing "social distancing" too as much as we can. We may contact you by phone regarding any reported concern instead of going to your residence. Traffic enforcement will occur where there is dangerous situation. We will still perform arrests for domestic situations and violent felonies. These are some of the guidelines that have been handed down to law enforcement from the county. We are trying our best to conduct business as usual.

Please use common sense. We are all in uncharted waters. Please refrain from large group gatherings. We have taken the basketball rims down and put up caution tape with DO NOT ENTER signs on the baseball and softball fields. That is there for a reason so please respect these changes that were made for your protection. We are asking the public for their help in following these rules until things get back to normal.

If you see something that is out of place please let us know. You can call 304-546-1473, the non-emergency number for Putnam County 911 at 304-586-0246 or if it is an emergency dial 911.

Thank you, Chief Larry Wingo

Town Activity and First Responder Reports

From Eleanor Volunteer Fire Department Chief David Turley

Throughout the month of March we ran a total of 19 calls.

Five of these calls were due to vehicle accidents, four were alarms, three structure fires, two medic assists, two brush fires, two vehicles first and one utility or service call.

Thank you and please follow the Coronavirus precautions!

Fire Chief David Turley

Community Shout Outs!

Rick Martin would like to thank Putnam County Career & Technical Center Masonry Instructor Jason Casto and his students for their volunteer work on the softball and baseball field dugouts at Eleanor Park.

On behalf of Rick and the Town of Eleanor, thank you to Mr. Casto and his students Caleb Marcum, Matthew Chance, Zachary Cummings, Randy Bailes, Stanley Farley, Matthew King and Dakota Bowers.

Additional "Community Shout Outs" for this month were covered on page 3.

If you would like to recognize someone for their efforts or to congratulate them on an individual or group accomplishment, please contact the town hall by the end of each month.

Community Events and Happenings

American Red Cross Blood Drive Wednesday, April 22nd Room B, 1:00pm—6:00pm Spring Town-Wide Yard Sale May 7th, May 8th & May 9th *No Permit Needed*