

Town of
ELEANOR
WEST VIRGINIA

December 1, 2020

Wreath's Across America

On Saturday, December 19th at Noon, the Town of Eleanor will hold a Wreath Laying Ceremony for Wreaths Across America at the Beech Grove Cemetery on Ivywood Street.

We will Remember and Honor our Veterans through the laying of Remembrance Wreaths on the graves of our country's fallen heroes and by the act of saying the name of each and every veteran aloud.

This year's event will not include special guest speakers and will not offer light refreshments and snacks.

If you would like to lay a wreath for a loved one, please plan on arriving at 11:45am to meet with Cam Clendenin or Teresa Harmon so we can make sure this is done by you and not another volunteer. All other volunteers are asked to arrive at 11:50am to be given a wreath and the name and location of veteran.

Beginning at Noon, volunteers will be asked to say the names and to lay wreaths for the hero's laid to rest at Beech Grove Cemetery who may not have a family member present.

All wreaths for this year have already been purchased and no further donations are needed for the event. If you would like to make a donation towards the purchase of wreaths for 2021, please call the town hall or you can speak with Cam or Teresa on the 19th.

To make sure this wonderful event can be done safely, please remember to social distance and to wear a mask in situations where you may be closer to six feet from individuals who do not live in the same household as you.

2020 Christmas Events

On December, 19th at 9:00am, members of the Eleanor Volunteer Fire Department will escort Santa Claus down every street in town to visit kids of all ages. Listen for the Christmas music and wave for him to stop at your house when he drives by. Santa will not be able to have kids sit with him for pictures like in previous years and he won't be able to give out fruit or candy. However, you can still say hello from the side of the road and let him know what you want for Christmas!

Due to Covid concerns, the annual EVFD Christmas Parade will be canceled for 2020. This is not the decision they had hoped for, but due to the elevated risk happening throughout the county, it was a necessary decision to help better protect our community.

Christmas Decorating Contest

The Town of Eleanor Christmas Decorating Contest will be held again this year.

All homes in town will be judged on four categories:

Creativeness, Lights and Decoration, Originality and Overall Appearance.

Contest Winners will receive either a 1st, 2nd or 3rd Place blown glass Christmas Ornament made by Tamarack Studio Artisan, John DesMeules.

The judges will visit every street in town on Saturday, December 19th to determine the winners.

The entry is free, no cost or fees apply.

Town Employees and Elected Officials are not eligible for prizes.

The contest is for exterior decorations only, including decorations in windows that are visible from the street. Judging will be done from the street outside of the residence only. Judges will not enter property to view back or side yards.

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:

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P.O. Box 185 Eleanor, WV 25070

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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

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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.

Leash Law Reminder

Please remember that Eleanor does have a leash law in place. No one should allow their dog to run free and to roam throughout the town. This is for the safety of everyone in town including other dogs and animals that your dog may encounter while running free.

Violation of the leash law does carry a fine between \$25 and \$100. So please do your part to help protect your pet and others in town.

2020 Census Response & Info

The information below is based on the latest Census statistics that were updated on October 27th, 2020.

The "Self-Response Rate" percentages used for the rankings are based on the total number of completed census questionnaires divided by the total number of homes & apartments within the municipal city limits.

Municipalities in Putnam County ranked from highest to lowest. Included in () are the overall state rankings:

1. Hurricane—75.3% (8th out of 232 in WV)
- 2. Eleanor—70.6% (19th in WV)**
3. Winfield—68.4% (25th in WV)
4. Poca—62.4% (63rd in WV)
5. Buffalo— 50.1% (121st in WV)
6. Bancroft—48.0% (133rd in WV)

The 2020 Census has been completed.

Thank you to everyone who participated!

Town Meeting Schedules

Some advisory board and committee meetings have been canceled due to efforts made to promote social distancing throughout the month. Business for those meetings are handled during the regularly scheduled town council meetings.

Canceled meetings are:

Health, History, Streets and Events Planning.

Meetings this month:

Town Council— 1st & 3rd Thursday @ 7:30pm

Parks—1st Monday @ 6:00pm

Sewer Board—2nd Thursday @ 7:00pm

Storm Water Board—2nd Thursday @ 7:30pm

Police Board— Last Monday @ 6:00pm

Building Permit Frequently Asked Questions

There are typically a lot of questions asked when it comes to the town's building permit process. The FAQ's listed below can help you answer a few of the questions prior to moving forward with your planned home project.

How do I know if I need a permit or not?

Any person, partnership, business or corporation will need a permit for any construction, reconstruction, enlargement, alteration, relocation or demolition of any dwelling or structure.

A building permit shall not be required for the routine maintenance and upkeep to existing dwellings or structures, provided that no structural changes or modifications are involved and that paid contractors are not being used.

If you are still unsure, please contact the town hall. They will answer any question that you may have or will get you in contact with the Building Inspector or Mayor.

How do I find information on setbacks and other requirements for my project?

This information, along with other important info (fees, definitions, penalties, etc.) can be found in the Town of Eleanor Codified Ordinances "**Article 1711: WV Building Code**" and "**Article 1721: Building Permits.**" Contact the Town Hall (304) 586-2319 or visit www.EleanorWV.com/Ordinances to obtain a copy of these ordinances.

When should the Building Permit Application be submitted to the Town Hall?

The Building Permit Application must be submitted at least two (2) business days prior to the applicant beginning construction. Every effort will be made by the town to review, verify and to approve the application prior to the applicants desired start date.

What is the process for obtaining a Building Permit?

1. Contact the Town Hall or visit EleanorWV.com to obtain a Building Permit Application.
2. Read through the complete application and fill in answers for all applicable questions. Once completed, submit the application and pay the permit fee.
3. The Town Clerk will contact the Building Inspector to review the application and to visit the site to confirm that the project plan will meet all applicable ordinances. Once all information has been confirmed, the Building Inspector will sign the permit.
4. If applicable, the Town Clerk will verify that all contractors and sub-contractors on the application have an active Municipal License and that all taxes owed to the town are current. Once all information has been confirmed, the Mayor will sign the permit.
5. The Town Clerk will contact the applicant to notify them that their permit has been signed and they are cleared to begin construction.
6. The applicant will post the permit on the property where it is visible from the street.

Who can I contact to discuss a potential project?

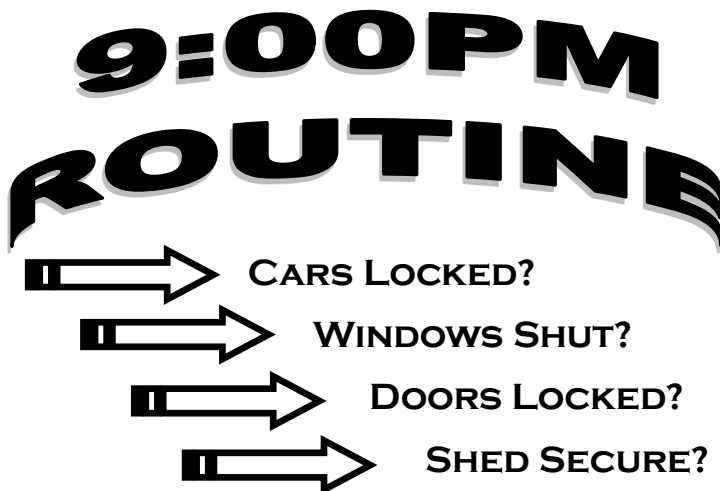
Please call the Town Hall if you have any questions. They will get you in contact with the Building Inspector or Mayor to discuss any potential project so you will have all the information you need prior to submitting an application.

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Town Activity and First Responder Reports

From the of Office of
Police Chief Larry Wingo

Thieves look out for an easy target. Make it difficult for them by doing the 9PM routine.



It's Christmas time. Please use this little reminder as an easy way to remember to keep your property, house and personal property secured. With that being said, it is my hope that you and your family have a very Merry Christmas. This has been quite a year, we have had Covid, quarantine, social distancing and unusual weather. I want to thank all of you for your help in making this the best we possibly could. With 2020 ending, please keep in mind we have a light at the end of the tunnel, hopefully it's not a Kanawha valley Railroad locomotive.

It has been the officers and my honor to work for your town's police department. It has been an interesting and trying year but we have made it. Please take this season to view some beautiful lights displays, enjoy the time with your family and who you see fit. Remember the reason for the season.

From the office of the Eleanor Police Department, we hope you have Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year.

Thank you,

Chief Wingo and the officers of the Eleanor
Police Department

From the of Office of Fire Chief Shannon Smalley

The Eleanor Volunteer Fire Department responded to multiple calls throughout the month of November.

4-Motor Vehicle Accidents 2-Structure Fires
1-Brush Fire 1-River Rescue
1-Gas Leak 1-Assist EMS

Don't let Christmas ever heat up too much—with fire that is. Did you know that Christmas trees alone result in 13 million dollars, annually, in property damage? More importantly, these fires present real risk towards family and friends. When showcasing a live tree in your home, the combination of tree dryness, electrical malfunction with lights and poorly located heating sources can make for a deadly combination.

Always place your tree away from heat sources like fireplaces, radiators, candles, heat vents or lights, and keep the tree base filled with water to avoid a dry out. Make sure all your indoor and outdoor Christmas lights have been tested.

Though not common, Christmas tree fires usually cause serious and costly damage. Eighteen percent of these fires were caused by a heat source too close to the tree. Improper disposal of the tree is also implicated as a cause. Here are tips to prevent this very preventable type of residential fire:

- 1. Choose fresh over cheap and dry.** The fresher the tree, the less likely it will pose a fire hazard. Look for flexible needles that don't break, and a trunk with sap.
- 2. Keep the water coming.** The tree stand should contain a continuous source of water and be sturdy enough to resist toppling by kids or pets.
- 3. Don't choke the cord.** Attach only three maximum strings of lights to any one extension cord, then place cords along walls to prevent a tripping hazard. Never run them under rugs or carpets.
- 4. Trees don't need warmth.** Keep the tree away from heat sources such as fireplaces, candles, and even a TV.
- 5. Not any lights will do.** Use low energy, safe lighting that's been certified by a safety testing lab. Don't use damaged or frayed cords.
- 6. Shut the lights off.** Never leave the lights on overnight. Same goes for any appliances not in use when you are home or away.
- 7. Don't keep a dry tree around.** Dispose of it at this point properly. Don't even keep it in the garage.
- 8. Artificial tree safety awareness.** Artificial trees should be flame resistant and have a seal for an approved safety testing laboratory if the tree contains a build-in lighting set.
- 9. Death by artificial tree.** If the tree is metal, never use electric lights, as they can charge the tree and lead to electrocution.
- 10. Keep a fire extinguisher nearby.** Make sure everyone knows its location and how to use it.

Thank you!
Chief Shannon Smalley
