

Town of
ELEANOR
WEST VIRGINIA

December 1, 2021

Wreaths Across America

Join us on Saturday, December 18th at noon at the Beech Grove Cemetery for Wreaths Across America Day. The mission of this day is to REMEMBER our fallen heroes, HONOR those who serve and TEACH our children about the sacrifices made by veterans and their families to preserve our freedoms.

A short ceremony will begin at noon followed by families, friends and volunteers placing Christmas wreaths on the grave site of each of our veterans.

2021 State of WV Christmas Ornament

This 2021 State of WV Christmas ornament was created by John DesMeules. John is a longtime Eleanor resident who recently relocated to Beckley. The ornament features a red, green, and gold swirl design, blown into the shape of a round glass sphere. In keeping with tradition, the shape of WV was sandblasted on the front with a gold star marking the location of our state capitol. Only 500 of these ornaments were made and they sold out in two days.

To celebrate John's selection to design the ornament and to add some extra fun to town this Christmas season—an ornament has been hidden somewhere in town and the first person who solves a series of clues will be rewarded with the last 2021 WV ornament.

Clue 1#: *Our town hall has had many owners since it was first built. A list of these families can be found on a plaque and underneath it will be another clue that will get you on the right track.*

2022 Elections

On Tuesday, June 14, 2022 the Town of Eleanor will hold an election to elect a Mayor, Recorder and five (5) Council Members. Those elected will serve a two-year term beginning on July 1, 2022 and ending on June 30, 2024.

The candidate filing period for this election will begin on Monday, January 10, 2022 and will end on Saturday, January 27, 2022. Complete details of the election filing locations and other election info will be provided in the January 2022 newsletter.

Christmas Decorating Contest

The annual Christmas decorating contest will take place again this year throughout town.

All homes will be judged on four categories: Creativeness, Lights & Decorations, Originality and Overall Appearance.

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

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

Make sure your lights are on and in full display on Friday, December 17th. Judges will visit every street in town on that night to determine the winners.

Eleanor Volunteer Fire Department Christmas Parade

The Eleanor Volunteer Fire Department are inviting everyone to their 2021 Christmas Parade.

The Parade will take place on Friday, December 17th at 6pm.

Line up for participants will begin at 5:30pm at the Industrial Park .

If you would like to participate or if you have any questions, please contact Jeremy at 304-993-1472 or Joe at 304-382-4263.

Santa Around Town

Starting at 9am on the next morning (Saturday, December 18th) the EVFD will continue their tradition of bringing Santa around town in a fire truck!

Listen for the Christmas music and come tell Santa what you want for Christmas!

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

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

Town Activity and First Responder Reports

From the Office of Police Chief Larry Wingo

As we prepare for winter and the Holiday Season let us all be mindful of the possibility of the “porch pirates”, those that may try to remove delivered packages from our or our neighbors’ porches. Our community is excellent at looking after our neighbors, please be mindful of keeping an eye open for these possible thieves. In the event you observe a stranger removing any delivered packages from a neighbors door, please don’t delay in calling 911 to dispatch us to resolve the issue. A vehicle/suspect description and or license plate number may prove to be helpful in such a potential occurrence. On the same note, anytime a suspected violation is observed, please report immediately to 911 to dispatch.

Our 911 system has immediate access/communication with your police department. Waiting until Town Hall is open to report suspicious activity drastically lessens our probability of proper resolution.

As our daylight hours have continued reducing for several weeks, this unfortunately provides a cloak of darkness that unfortunately some could utilize to hide their wrongful activities.

Let’s be sure not to leave any valuables visible in our vehicles, and please lock your vehicle and home door. And a closed garage door, (especially after dark), is less attractive to a potential thief than an open garage door.

Each and every day we hear of crimes being committed in our country. Seldom ever is it a citizen of, or in our own community, and this is a direct reflection on the quality of character in our blessed community.

Your Police Department, with your cooperation, is committed to keeping Eleanor, West Virginia, a great place to live, everyday!

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to each of you.

THANK YOU,
Chief L.W. Wingo

From the Office of Fire Chief Shannon Smalley

The Eleanor FD had a total of seven calls for the month of November 2021:

Fire Alarms—3 Rescues—1
Structure Fires—2 Assistance Calls—1

Eleanor Volunteer Fire Department has been rewarded with two grants over the last two months. The Assistance to Firefighter Grant (AFG) through the Department of Homeland Security (\$347,293.83) was sponsored by Eleanor VFD and awarded to Eleanor VFD, Winfield VFD, Teays Valley FD and Hurricane FD. This grant was distributed for the purchase of Firefighter PPE (Personal Protective Equipment) and includes an industrial washer and dryer for each department.

The second grant for vehicle extrication equipment in the amount of \$292,997.00 was sponsored by Winfield VFD and awarded to Winfield VFD, Eleanor VFD, Teays Valley FD, Hurricane FD and Nitro FD. This grant is distributed for the purchases of rescue equipment, extraction tools, etc.

This summer, the Eleanor VFD purchased a new rescue engine that will be delivered within the next few weeks. It will replace the 2003 Ford rescue truck and the 1992 Pierce fire engine. The new apparatus will serve for both fire suppression and motor vehicle collisions.

HOLIDAY FIRE SAFETY REMINDER:

Blow out lit candles when you leave the room or go to bed. Turn off all light strings and decorations before leaving home or going to bed.

Thank you!
Chief Shannon Smalley