

March 2023

Free Pancake Breakfast & Easter Egg Hunt

Join us on Saturday, April 8th at 10am at Shelter #6 for our Annual Pancake Breakfast. Pancakes will be served by volunteers from S.T.A.R.S, the Eleanor 4-H Explorers, the Putnam Co. Democratic Women's Club and other individuals from our community. This is a great community service opportunity and volunteers are asked to arrive at 9:30am and will be given a letter to document their service hours.

At Noon the Eleanor Volunteer Fire Department will kick off the Town's Easter Egg Hunt in the Town Park.

5 years old & under in the baseball field. 6 years old & older beside the basketball court.

New Property in Town

The Town of Eleanor Building Commission and the Town Council have finalized the purchase of the 52 acres of land located at the end of the Eleanor Industrial Park Road. The land will be used to create a new area for our residents to use for recreation and outdoor activities.

The Park Board has worked on a general concept for the design of this new park but we will need input from the public to help make sure this area is designed to fit the wants and needs of our residents. In the coming months, meetings will be set up to specifically talk about the overall design and plans for building this park. Meeting dates and times will be posted in the next newsletter and on Facebook when they are scheduled.

If you have any questions prior to these meetings please call Mayor Clendenin.

National Registry of Historic Places

The Town of Eleanor is one step closer to being added to the National Registry of Historic Places as a "Historic District." In February 2022, the WV Archives and History Commission members voted unanimously to approve our nomination for submission to the National Parks Service.

The National Parks Service will review the nomination in early April and the town will be notified at that time if we have been approved or not. We will make an announcement as soon as we hear the results!

Spring Town Cleanup 2023

Friday, April 14th & Saturday, April 15th

All items this year will be picked up by our town employees and volunteers curbside at your home. We WILL NOT have dumpsters set up for drop offs like in previous years.

Residents must call the Town Hall at 304-586-2319 to schedule the day for pickup.

This event is meant to be a helpful way for residents to dispose of their unwanted or junk items around their home. Businesses and contractors are ineligible to participate. Residents are also not permitted to bring in trash from outside of town or to dispose of waste from construction or demolition household projects.

The town will accept furniture, appliances (that do not contain freon), brush clippings, dried paint, tires (limit 10 per household), and other similar misc. items.

Please make sure to have all items at the end of the driveway by the road and to have small or loose items in bags or tied together.

We also ask that residents who are customers of Mountain State Waste to utilize their "Bulky Item Collection" service prior to our clean up event. As part of your monthly service fee with MSW, each customer is entitled to the disposal of two (2) bulky items per month at no additional charge. By doing this, you can help the town reduce the cost of the event and will allow us to have more cleanups like this in the future.

For more info on the Bulky Item Collection, please call MSW at (866) 679-2776.

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From the Office of Police Chief Larry Wingo

As we quickly move towards warmer weather and longer days, let us keep our community a very safe place to be. One way we have mutually maintained the low crime incident in our community is looking out for our neighbors Let's continue this practice of being aware of our surroundings and reporting concerns immediately upon any indication of crime or unsafe condition. It serves us all best by everyone immediately reporting issues to 911 They are in contact and dispatch for your police department.

The longer days and warmer weather (along with school breaks) will undoubtedly produce a lot more children playing, bike riding, and whatever new outside activities that may emerge this spring. Let us all be ever aware to keep an eye open as we drive through the community for youngsters who sometimes don't recognize the dangers posed by cars driving by. Our driving vigilance could be the key to saving a youngster from serious injury or worse.

We have access to a beautiful park and the fairgrounds are enjoyed by most all in this community. Unfortunately some persons are unable to recognize that litter is not tolerated in our recreational areas. Your Police Department will be proactive in issuing any discovered littering violation, and if you're in agreement with enjoying beautiful recreation areas, please report any acts of littering (or any other wrong doings) ASAP if observed.

Your Police Department is dedicated to working with you to keep this community the wonderful place that it is.

Thanks you, Chief L.W.Wingo

From the Office of Fire Chief Shannon Smalley

Eleanor VFD ran 12 calls in the in February.

Listed below is a breakdown of those service calls.

Residential Structure Fires—1 Fire Alarms—4

Brush/Forest Fires—5 Fire Investigations—1

Search and Rescue—1

Smoke Alarms are critical early warning systems for fire prevention in the home, and most states require them by law. The most important thing about smoke alarms is that, even if the home burns, they are often the reason everyone escapes the home safely. The placement and maintenance of smoke alarms are key to maximize their value and effectiveness in the home. It's hard to overstate how important smoke alarms are for protecting life and limb, so try and remember that the next time one of your smoke alarms starts chirping at 3 a.m. to signal a low battery.

WV Spring Fire Season Burning Restrictions Started on March 1st

All fires must have a ring or safety strip.

The safety strip itself must be cleared of burnable material and be at least 10 feet wide, fully encompassing the debris pile.

Fire must be attended until **completely extinguished.**Only vegetative materials such as leaves, brush and yard clippings are permitted to be burnt.

Fines for forest fires due to negligence range from \$100 to \$1,000 with additional civil penalty of \$200. Follow all burning season guidelines, which state that between March 1 and May 31 as well as October 1 through December 31, outdoor burning is prohibited during the daytime hours of 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.

A landowner must take all practicable means to suppress ANY fire on his property. If he fails to do so, the State shall collect from him the amounts expended by the State for such purposes.

To burn during prohibited periods for commercial burning, a permit must be obtained from the Division of Forestry.

Thank you! Chief Shannon Smalley