

TOWN OF NUTTER FORT

Newsletter 2021



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Town Hall hours are Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. We have an on-site drop-box conveniently located in the rear of the building for customers to leave payments. The office accepts Visa and MasterCard for all transactions. There is, however, a service fee of \$3.00 for utility bill payments. For Credit card payments please call 1.877.885.7968

Town Hall can also be contacted by e-mail: office@townofnutterfort.com

We are also on Facebook – please like & follow our page to keep current on our events.

Permit applications and ordinance information can be accessed from our website: www.townofnutterfort.com

From the desk of the Mayor:

The past year has been incredibly challenging for all of us. Covid 19 is a disease that has drastically changed the way we live. I hope we are nearing the end of this pandemic. Thankfully, we have been able to get through it without any employee layoffs or reduction of services that are provided to the people of our town. However, we were forced to change a few of our policies for the protection of our employees and their families.

In October, we lost our treasurer, Julia Foley. She served the town for 35 years. She was a very dedicated employee and is loved and missed by all who knew her. She always had a smile on her face and was a great friend.

In January, we lost one of our council members, Donald "Duck" Webster. Duck had also served as mayor but was a member of council at the time of his passing. He was known and loved by all and will be missed.

Effective April 30, 2021 we say goodbye to Code Enforcement Officer, Keith Kesling who is retiring. Keith was an extremely knowledgeable asset for Nutter Fort and has served us well. We will miss him.

We have worked diligently with our emergency services (police and fire) to assure Nutter Fort is a safe place to live. Our crime rate remains one of the lowest around and response time from the fire department is the envy of all Harrison County. I have worked with our public works department to assure they have proper staffing and equipment to maintain our town's infrastructure efficiently and safely. Our snow removal program is unquestionably the best. Our office remains fully staffed and available to provide friendly service to our citizens. Leslie Cummings stepped in and assumed the duties of treasurer when Julia was no longer able to work. I appointed Leslie treasurer, upon Julia's recommendation and she has done an excellent job. Leslie goes above and beyond to help Nutter Fort grow and thrive. We are truly blessed with dedicated employees that work hard to keep our town the best.

We have recently replaced our obsolete water meters with digital meters that have the capability of being read from the office without the necessity of our public works crew spending their valuable time reading meters. These new meters result in more accurate readings and better leak detection.

Street paving is always an ongoing concern for most of us. Thanks to the street paving fee and our recent sewer project the re-paving and maintenance of our nearly 12 miles of streets is on a regular schedule. This ensures our streets should always be in good condition. We did a major paving project late last fall and another this spring. Nearly all our streets have been re paved in the past few years.

We ask for your help in refraining from throwing grass onto the streets when you mow. You could be cited for this even if you hire someone to mow. Grass in the street is not only unsightly, the grass clippings flow into our street drains and causes clogging.

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NUTTER FORT POLICE DEPARTMENT

INFORMATION FROM THE CHIEF

PLEASE KEEP AN EYE ON THE FACEBOOK PAGE
FOR MORE INFORMATION.

The department was awarded the gold award for the work that was done on traffic safety in 2019, which is sponsored by AAA. This is the 10th year in a row that we have received this award. We will continue to work traffic in our community to make the roads safer for everyone.

The police department is working hard to keep up with the growing amount of calls involving drugs. We are seeing more and more calls related to heroin and meth.

The police department will be checking properties and streets for dead storage vehicles. We will be issuing tickets and towing vehicles and owners will be required to appear before the police judge. If you have a vehicle that is dead storage, please remove it immediately. If your neighbor has a dead storage vehicle or you know where one is located, you can report that to us on our FACEBOOK PAGE or by calling the office and we will follow up on that information as soon as possible.

If you have seasonal type vehicles, boats, campers, RVs, ATVs Etc. please DO NOT park them on the street and leave them for an extended period of time. This causes a problem with parking. Be respectful of your neighbors.

If you have a dog or cat, please keep them on your own property. Make sure you have rabies tags and tax tags for your animals. We will be checking, and citations will be issued.

Please keep your vehicle locked at all times and do not keep anything of value in your vehicle. Subjects will walk up and down the street and check for easy targets.

The department is always working Governor Highway Safety Grants and looking for violations of cell phone use, seatbelt use, speed enforcement and driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs.

You will be seeing officers patrolling the residential neighborhoods at night using the alley lights etc. in their cruiser. I have heard from a lot of elderly people in town who really like this because it makes them feel safe.



Public Works Department Notes

As a reminder, all homes must be equipped with a water shut-off valve inside the home per WV State Code §150-7-5. In part, the code states that the customer shall install and properly maintain in good working condition a stop and waste cock of a type approved by the utility on the customer's service pipe immediately inside the foundation wall in a readily accessible location and in a place protected from the possibility of freezing and so placed that it will shut off and drain all plumbing within any and all buildings in the premises.

Following these simple guidelines could save you, the homeowner, thousands of dollars in home repairs from future water leaks.

In response to the multiple requests from residents, we have decided to add yard waste to our chipper service. This will now be on a regular schedule and will coincide with our recycling every second and fourth Wednesday.

We will also be picking up one large item on the last Thursday of every month.

Customers do not need to call and schedule either of these pick-up services. Public works will go around and collect all that is out.

NUTTER FORT FIRE DEPARTMENT NEWS

The men and women of the Nutter Fort Fire Department continue to take pride in our department and the community that we serve. Through the generosity and continued support of so many of you over the past couple years, we have been able to acquire new apparatus and the building addition. This only helps to strengthen our department as a whole and improve our ability to respond to calls equipped with the best apparatus possible.

We continue to open our doors each year for various events for members of our community. Through our partnership with the Nutter Fort City Council, we are proud to sponsor various events, including the annual Halloween & Christmas parties. Announcements of various events throughout the year will continue to be publicized and any questions can be directed to the Fire Department or Town Hall.

Members of the Nutter Fort Fire Department, past and present, exhibit a great amount of pride in their ability to give back to their community. When someone is in need, we are available day or night. The Nutter Fort Fire Department will continue to serve as a strong pillar of the community, a community that we are **proud** to be a part of! Without the help & support of our residents, we simply could NOT safely perform day to day operations. **WE THANK YOU for your CONTINUED SUPPORT!**

10th ANNUAL ULTIMATE GIVEAWAY – UPDATE

As you may know, the Nutter Fort Fire Department did not cancel the 10th Annual Ultimate Giveaway, but simply postponed it due to the pandemic. We are very excited to announce that we will be holding the event on October 9, 2021 at the Nathan Goff Armory! More information will be released soon and any individuals that paid for tickets for the 10th Annual Ultimate Giveaway, and did not request a refund, will be issued new tickets for October's giveaway. After the tickets are disbursed to those who decided to stick it out with us, we will then be making the remainder of the tickets available to the public. You can visit the Nutter Fort Fire Department's Facebook page or the website at www.nutterfortfire.com for the most updated information. We look forward to seeing you in October!

CAN A FIRE TRUCK FIT THROUGH HERE?

When parking your vehicle on the main streets or alleys in the Town of Nutter Fort, please stop and think before exiting your vehicle... **Can a fire truck fit through here?** Please make sure that all emergency apparatus can navigate through the streets without any obstructions caused by poor vehicle placement.

SAFETY – SMOKE DETECTORS & CARBON MONOXIDE DETECTORS

If you missed changing the batteries in your smoke detectors on March 14 for daylight savings time, please take a moment to do so. Smoke detectors save lives! Also, make sure that every member of your family is familiar with an ESCAPE plan, in case of a fire. *In addition to smoke detectors, carbon monoxide detectors are also instrumental in preventing poisoning or death from carbon monoxide exposure.* These items can be obtained at a very low cost and could save your life and the lives of your family! If you or any member of your family would like more information on steps to prevent fires or information regarding carbon monoxide exposure, please contact Chief Jeremy Haddix at 304-6225001.

WEST VIRGINIA STATE BURNING LAWS

In accordance with West Virginia State Code and the WV Division of Forestry, beginning March 1 and continuing through May 31, you are only permitted to burn outdoors from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m. This is to help prevent the unwanted spread of fire during the dry spring season. You must also contact the Town of Nutter Fort to obtain a burning permit if you wish to burn brush at your residence.

HOW DO I BECOME A VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER?

Do you have what it takes to become a volunteer firefighter? Our department is always looking for eager and motivated members to join our team. Training/equipment is provided for free! Stop by and help us help you. After all, what if you called 911 and no one came?

Public Works Department

The 2020 Sanitary Sewer project has come to a completion. The system is running much more efficient and the newly paved streets are a welcomed addition.

In addition to completion of the 2020 project, the town has also received some much-needed equipment for maintaining and operating the sewer and storm water system. This includes a HydroVac and a state-of-the-art inspection camera.

2020 was also a very busy year with public works replacing over 800 water meters, to better serve the town and residents, replacing 285 ft of water mainline (1953) on Fort street, increasing fire flow and water quality, replacing 1000 ft of water mainline on Bryan Street, cutting expensive cost of numerous water breaks and outages in the area, replacement of 4 fire hydrants throughout the town, 260 ft of sewer mainline, improved the sewer system for the Cimarron area, replacement of 150 ft of sewer mainline on Thomas Avenue to correct an ongoing issue, removal and installing of 6 new DI (storm water catch basins), and 340 ft of storm water control installed on Pennsylvanian Ave. to better service the 200-300 blocks. In addition to street and infrastructure, maintenance, many repairs, and upgrades over the past year have been completed on the public works building and grounds. A new face lift for the town's library, including new park benches and concrete sidewalks.

Projects in the works:

Fully Grant funded Phase 3 of the Sanitary Sewer Upgrades approx. bid of Fall 2021

Preliminary design and engineering for Phase 2 water line upgrades 2023

A transformation of the New House Park (Michigan Ave) is under way. Hopefully to include new green space and pavilions.

Approx. 500 ft of water main line replacement around West Virginia South to control water loss and outages.

Additional maintenance and updates for town buildings and facilities.

Demolition of the property located at 302 West Virginia Ave.

Replacement of, much needed, recycle and garbage trucks.

Repair and replacement of storm water drains around Cherry Tree Dr.

2021 is looking to be another productive year for the town public works department with many upgrades to better service the town and its residents!

Taylor Keith
Public Works Supervisor

From the desk of the Mayor (continued)

Abandoned houses are a problem in any town and Nutter Fort is no exception. We have been able to work with code enforcement and our public works department to remove some of these structures and more demolitions are being planned.

We have obtained grants to fund part of the recently completed sewer improvement project, with more planned for the future. Like most towns, our infrastructure (water and sewer) has been showing its age.

We are blessed with nearly all our business locations filled with thriving businesses. We were fortunate to welcome these new businesses to our town this year: Taqueria Lou Lou, Haddix Liquidations, K-9 Heaven Grooming and Hair by Whitney. Currently, major renovation is underway at the former Audia's building. This will be the future home of Next Level Wellness, a medical cannabis dispensary. Also under development is a dog resort at the top of Cherry Tree Drive (behind Speedway Gas). This is an exciting project that, I hope, is only the beginning of more to come on this 72-acre nearly level parcel within the town limits.

This has been a very busy year and the future of Nutter Fort looks bright with more to come.

Sam



****Please remember it is illegal to get into your meter well. If you need any assistance, the Public Works Department would be more than happy to assist you. Thank you.**



PLEASE REYCLE

Recycling today makes a better tomorrow! It assists in keeping our garbage rates at a minimum and will aid in avoiding unnecessary rate increases.

***side note: Please remember all recycling must be placed in the blue recycling bins, or it will not be picked up. Thank you**

Grass Clippings

Please make sure when cutting your grass to not put the clippings into the streets. Obstructions occur in the storm sewer drains from grass clippings causing backups.

Fines up to \$500 can be imposed for this code violation.



2021 WV BLACKBERRY FESTIVAL-CANCELLED

The 2021 WV Blackberry Festival was cancelled this year due to the guideline restrictions for gatherings. To abide by the guidelines, we would be required to limit the number of entry points, make the isles one way, require everyone to maintain 6-foot social distancing, enforce the facemask requirements, and several other things. It would be impossible to comply. Hopefully, the guidelines will be more relaxed by summer, but the decision had to be made by April 1 because of the planning involved for such a large event. We are planning the festival to resume August 4-5-6, 2022.



**2020 Annual Drinking Water
Quality Report**
is available at:
www.tinyurl.com/nutterfortccr



JUNE 5, 2021

THINGS TO KEEP IN MIND

BUILDING PERMITS – Please check with Town Hall to see if a permit is required prior to starting improvements to your property. Permits are not required for flooring, painting or minor landscaping unless a contractor or handyman will be performing the work. For your own security and peace of mind, contact Town Hall to verify that a prospective contractor is registered every time you plan on hiring out a job.

BURNING PERMITS – There is a \$5.00 fee to obtain a burning permit. The fire must always be attended to. The area must be cleared down to mineral soil for a minimum distance of 10 feet around items to be burned & if your fire escapes, you are liable for the costs of fighting the fire & any damage the fire may cause. \$1000.00 is the maximum fine for violating the burning law.

CHIPPER/YARD WASTE LIST – To better serve our citizens, Public works will be starting a **REGULAR** schedule for the pickup of both yard waste and chipping. Yard waste is **NOT** to be picked up with regular municipal waste per the Solid Waste Authority. This service will follow the recycling dates. There is **NO** **ADDITIONAL COST** to our residents, If you have questions, please contact Town Hall at (304)622-7713

BULK ITEM DISPOSAL – If you find yourself with an item that is not picked up by your Garbage crew because it exceeds our restrictions, please feel free to call Leroy Armstead at 304.669.0540 or 304.695.8976 and discuss a pick-up arrangement. There may be a small fee.

LED SIGN RENTAL – Please keep in mind that the Town Hall LED sign is available to the general public to display announcements, i.e. birthdays, anniversaries and important events. The fee is \$25 on the 1st day and \$10 for each additional day thereafter.

PARKING LOT RENTAL – If you are having an event at Kuz's Korner, the parking lot can be rented for \$25. We also offer a special discounted package of parking lot rental and one day sign rental for \$45.

THE NUTTER FORT PUBLIC LIBRARY

1300 BUCKHANNON PIKE, NUTTER FORT, WV

304-622-7563

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Get your library card today to check out our wonderful selection of books, audios and DVD's. If you do not have a card, just bring in a picture ID and a separate proof of address. We look forward to serving your needs.

The public library is an asset to any community lucky enough to have one. The Nutter Fort Public Library provides many services to our patrons such as public computers with printer capabilities, copy and fax services, and many children and family programs. We provide a summer reading program for kids ages 3-12 every summer. Last year we did not get to have an in-person summer reading program, we did take and make activities and the kids still earned prizes. This year, however, we will be doing an IN PERSON

SUMMER READING PROGRAM. This year's theme is Tales with Tails. You can call or stop by the library to register your child or you can register on Facebook. We have limited spacing so that we may still be Covid-19 compliant, and everyone will be required to wear a mask at all times. The summer reading end of program party will be a little different this year. There will probably not be an entertainer and we may have to have it outside.

The library has had some landscaping done outside thanks to the city. They have replaced our flagpole with a new one installed on a nice concrete slab. They have replaced the concrete on the "porch" of the library and around the tree where they have installed two new benches.

We have added a new Jigsaw Puzzle program where patrons can donate old puzzles that they have lying around, and they can be checked out by other patrons.

We do the Haunted Library every year. The kids dress up, walk through the "Haunted Library" to get their trick or treat candy and then we have craft bags available for them to take home when they are done.

The library and WVPBS have also teamed up for Inquire Within. It gives kids access to some of the PBS learning games and activities through the play pads (below) that are here at the library. Sometimes we even have a PBS character show up! Curious George came to our Haunted Library.

The library also started what we hope will be our annual Cookies with Santa this year. The kids got to give Santa their lists and have their pictures taken with Santa. We also offered snacks and crafts.



Nutter Fort Garbage Pick Up Schedule

<u>Street Name</u>	<u>Pick-Up Date</u>	<u>Location</u>
Alexander Avenue	Tuesday	Front
Bagwell Addition	Tuesday	Front
Beeghley Street	Tuesday	Front
Buckhannon Pike (Residential) 300-1200 Blocks 1300 Block 1400-1500 Block	Tuesday Wednesday Monday	Front Alley Alley
Burton Ave	Monday	Front
Cimarron Road	Tuesday	Front
Edison Street	Monday	Alley
Howard Street	Monday	Front
Indiana Avenue Odds Evens	Wednesday Friday	Alley Front
Illinois Avenue	Friday	Front
Kentucky Avenue Odds Evens	Monday Monday	Front Alley
Maryland Avenue 100,200,300 Blocks 400,500 & 600 Blocks-Odd 400,500 & 600 Blocks-Even 700 Block	Tuesday Monday Tuesday Friday	Alley Alley Alley Alley
Michigan Avenue	Friday	Front
Nutter Run Road	Monday	Front
Ohio Avenue 100,200,300 & 400 Blocks 500 & 600 Blocks Odd 500 & 600 Blocks Even 700 Block	Wednesday Tuesday Wednesday Friday	Alley Alley Alley Alley
Pennsylvania Avenue 100,200, & 300 Blocks-Odd 100,200, & 300 Blocks-Even 400 Blocks 500 & 600 Block 700 Block	Tuesday Friday Tuesday Tuesday Friday	Alley Alley Alley Front Alley
Romano Street	Monday	Front
Shawn Avenue	Tuesday	Dumpster
Thomas Avenue	Monday	Front
West Virginia Avenue 100 Block 100 Block Odds 200 Block 300 Block Odds 300 Block Evens	Tuesday Tuesday Tuesday Tuesday Tuesday	Beeghley Front Front Front Alley
West Virginia Avenue (all other blocks)	Monday	Alley
Willys Way	Tuesday	Front

BULK GARBAGE PICKUP---Last Thursday of each month

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

NFFD ULTIMATE GIVEAWAY

See page 3 for details.

USPS FOOD DRIVE

Rather than leaving bags of food by their mailboxes on the second Saturday in May, postal customers will be urged to visit a dedicated page on the union's website, nalc.org/food, where they can find local food banks that need their financial support.

ANNUAL YARD SALE

JUNE 5

Please enjoy your day of shopping the town-wide sale but please abide by all traffic and pedestrian right-a-ways and only pull-off and park in legal locations. In case of inclement weather, the sale will be postponed until June 12th, the following Saturday.

ANNUAL CLEAN-UP

JUNE 7-11

- MONDAY, 7th: Kentucky, Maryland, Pennsylvania & West Virginia Avenue
- TUESDAY, 8th: Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Ohio Ave & Washington Street
- WEDNESDAY, 9th: Burton & Thomas Ave, Edison & Howard Street & Nutter Run Road
- THURSDAY, 10th: Alexander Ave, Bagwell Addition, Buckhannon Pike, Cimarron Rd & Goodwin Court

****If you wish to participate, all loose items must be bagged or tied. No yard waste or construction materials; items not accepted by the landfill will not be taken.

BLACKBERRY FESTIVAL

Cancelled (Due to Covid-19 requirements)

Police continued from page 2...

Springtime is upon us so please pay attention in the residential areas for children playing and riding bikes. We also ask that you watch your speed as we will be running radar. And remember to watch for stop signs.

The park is now open, and baseball is being played on all of the fields. The park is very busy so we will be patrolling and looking for any problems. As a reminder, alcohol use is NOT allowed in the park and the park closes at dark.

If you see someone in your neighborhood and you feel that they are acting suspicious, please call 911 so we can have an officer check it out. You may save yourself or a neighbor from becoming a victim of a crime.

The Nutter Fort police department would like all residents to go to our facebook page and join it so that you are getting the most up to date information from the department. We are looking at ways to get as much information out to residents and businesses as possible. We will listen to any suggestions you have or that you would like to see on our page.

We look forward to making Nutter Fort a better place to live and raise a family.

Thank you for everyone's support.

Chief R.W. Godwin

Utility Bills

ALL bills are sent out by the 15th of each month and are due by the 5th of the following month unless the 5th falls on a weekend, then they are due the next weekday the office is open.

**To pay by phone please call PSN @
1-877-885-7968**

This is for all Credit Card payments.

Online Payments

You now have the option to pay water bills online through PSN. (Payment Service Network) There is still a \$3.00 fee for payments using this service.

1. Go to townofnutterfort.com
2. Click on "Pay Water Bill" tab
3. Instructions will be listed from there

Late Payments

If you are unable to pay your bill, and you would like to avoid a shut-off or a shut-off notice, you have the option to set up a deferred payment plan. The payment plan can extend to the last day of the month in which the payment is due.

Shut-Off

If your water gets shut-off for non-payment, the full past due amount must be paid with a \$50.00 reconnect fee before your water service can be reconnected.

New Payment Option

We will be accepting PayPal payments through PSN as of July 1, 2021

****Please remember it is illegal to get into your meter well. If you need any assistance, the Public Works Department would be more than happy to assist you. Thank you.**



Just 3 clicks to pay.
It's easy, fast and secure.

- Go to www.townofnutterfort.com
Click on the pay my bill tab. You will go to PSN website where you can register and make your payment or view your balance due.
- Download "PSN Payments" from the Apple Store or Google Play
Register online before using the App
- Call 1-877-885-7968
Have your bill handy to provide your customer account number



Our new metering system allows customers to track their own water usage. Go to the following link to create an account...

www.mywateradvisor.com

You can also download the my water advisor App to track on your phone.

For Customer Support and questions call
1-800-928-6388