

TOWN OF NUTTER FORT

Newsletter 2022



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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 year 2021, like 2020, has proven to be an incredibly challenging year for all of us. The Covid 19 virus continued along with new variants, and it has changed the way we live. After making necessary changes to our policies for the protection of our employees and their families, we continued business as usual. I feel hopeful that we are nearing the end of this pandemic.

I am sad to announce we are saying farewell to the WV Blackberry Festival. The heartfelt decision to bring the festival to an end was an exceedingly difficult decision to make. We have worked extremely hard to make the festival a success for 24 years and want to thank the public for all their support as well as The Nutter Fort Fire Department, Nutter Fort Police Department, the Public Works department, the Harrison County Sheriff Department, my fellow council members, the whole Town of Nutter Fort, the Clarksburg Park Board, our volunteers, our many faithful vendors, and my fellow committee members.

As always, 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 Town Hall remains fully staffed and available to provide friendly service to our citizens while maintaining all the town's billing, financial, and accounting services. We are truly blessed with dedicated employees that work hard to keep our town the best.

I am especially proud of the accomplishments of our Fire Department over the last year. They recently added a new Truck 7 which is a 107' ladder truck and it was placed into service on February 19th. They improved their ISO rating to a Class 2 rating from a Class 3. ISO rates fire departments from 1 to 10 with 10 being the worst. This is quite an accomplishment as we are one of only a little over 1770 fire departments in the nation with such a superior rating. This rating has the potential to lower your homeowner's insurance premium, it did mine! A copy of the certification letter is available at Town Hall and on our website & Facebook page.

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NUTTER FORT POLICE DEPARTMENT

INFORMATION FROM THE CHIEF

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

The police department has been short staffed since April 2021, Sgt. Shingleton resigned from the department to start a business and Sgt. Young has been off since June 2021 after a vehicle accident while on duty. Sgt. Young has since resigned also. We wish them both well in the future. The department hired Bob Willis to work part time and he has been a great help. We are getting ready to hire one new officer in May 2022 and will hire another officer soon. I want to thank patrolmen McManus and Richardson for the work they have done while the department has been shorthanded.

The police department is working hard to keep up with the growing amount of calls we handle that involve drugs. We are seeing more and more calls relating to heroin and meth.

The police department will be going around and checking properties and streets for dead storage vehicles. We will be issuing tickets and towing vehicles and owners will have to appear in front of the city police judge. If you have a vehicle that is dead storage, please remove it immediately. If your neighbor has a vehicle or you know where a vehicle is located, you can report it to us by calling our 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. This causes a problem with parking. Be respectful of your neighbors.

IF YOU HAVE A DOG OR CAT, PLEASE KEEP IT ON YOUR OWN PROPERTY.

Springtime is upon us. Please pay attention in the residential areas for children playing and riding bicycles. Please watch your speed. We will be running radar and watching stop signs.

The park is now open, and baseball is being played on all of the fields. The park is a very busy place this time of the year. We will be patrolling the park and looking for any potential problems. Alcohol use is NOT allowed in the park and the park closes at dark.

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

Thank you for your support.

Chief R. W. Godwin

Public Works Department

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 added yard waste to our chipper service. This is now 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.



****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.**



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. You may have already seen the newest addition to our fleet around town - a 2021 Pierce Ladder truck. As with anything related to infrastructure, an aging fleet has created a scenario in which a replacement vehicle was needed, and this ladder truck fit the bill.

Without the fundraising efforts of the members, their families & friends, the additional and consistent assistance from the Town of Nutter Fort and Council, and the generosity and continued support of so many of our community members over the years, this would not have been possible. Within the first 48 hours of the new "Truck 7" being in service, a structure fire call was dispatched for Nutter Fort Elementary School. Thankfully, the cause of the incident was determined quickly, and no damage was done, but Truck 7 was on the scene and ready.

11th ANNUAL ULTIMATE GIVEAWAY

The Nutter Fort Fire Department's 11th Annual Ultimate Giveaway will be held Saturday, October 8, 2022, at the Nathan Goff Armory. Tickets will be available soon for purchase. You can visit the Nutter Fort Fire Department's Facebook page or the website at www.nutterfortfire.com for the most updated information.

SAFETY – SMOKE DETECTORS & CARBON MONOXIDE DETECTORS

If you missed changing the batteries in your smoke detectors on March 13th 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 304-622-5001.

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.

ISO RATING

The Nutter Fort Fire Department was recently reevaluated for their updated Public Protection Classification (PPC) by the Insurance Services Office, Inc. (ISO), headquartered in Mt. Laurel, NJ. As of March 2022, the ISO concluded its review of the fire suppression features being provided by the Nutter Fort Fire Department. **The resulting community classification by the ISO is Class 02/2X.** The previous rating that the fire department was held under was a Class 03.

According to the ISO Mitigation website (www.isomitigation.com), ISO collects information on municipal fire-protection efforts in communities through the United States. A Public Protection Classification from 1 to 10 is then assigned upon each department's review. Class 1 generally represents superior property fire protection (best rating) and Class 10 indicates that the area's fire suppression program doesn't meet ISO's minimum criteria (worst rating).

If you should have any further questions regarding this updated and improved classification of Class 02/2X by the ISO for the Nutter Fort Fire Department, please feel free to contact Chief Jeremy Haddix at 304-622-5001.

WANTING TO JOIN?

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?

THANK YOU for your CONTINUED SUPPORT!

*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!***

From the desk of the Mayor (continued)

The condition of our streets is an ongoing concern and project for the town. Thanks to the street paving fee and our recent sewer project the re-paving, and maintenance of our nearly twelve miles of streets is on a regular schedule. Another big issue we experience with our streets is the grass being blown onto them when yards are mowed. Grass in the street is not only unsightly and unsafe, the grass clippings flow into our street drains and causes clogging. You could be issued a citation for doing this even if you have hired someone to mow. Please be aware when maintaining your yard and help us resolve this issue.

Like most towns, our infrastructure (water and sewer) has been showing its age. We have been able to secure grants to fund part of the projects and make improvements in many areas. We still have more projects in the planning stages and appreciate all the challenging work and long hours our Public Works & Town Hall departments have put in to make these improvements while still managing to keep our town services maintained.

On April 4, 2022, we welcomed our new Code Enforcement Officer, Andy Grogg. He has several years of experience and a vast knowledge of the construction business that we believe will be an asset to our Town. 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 raze some of these structures in the past and more demolitions are being planned. We hope to see new structures soon and improvements to the neighborhood.

We are blessed with many of our business locations filled with thriving businesses and are excited about their continued success. We are attempting to fill the few empty spots we do have and welcome any suggestions you have. I would like to welcome our new businesses to Nutter Fort: Leonard's, Culligan Water, a newly remodeled Rush Tire, as well as a dog resort under construction on Cherry Tree Drive which we hope is the beginning of more to come on this seventy-two acre nearly level parcel within town limits.

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

Sam



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.



ANNUAL CLEAN-UP JUNE 6-10

- **MONDAY, 6th:** Kentucky, Maryland, Pennsylvania & West Virginia Avenue
- **TUESDAY, 7th:** Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Ohio Ave & Washington Street
- **WEDNESDAY, 8th:** Burton & Thomas Ave, Edison & Howard Street & Nutter Run Road
- **THURSDAY, 9th:** 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.



2022 Annual Drinking Water Quality Report

is available at:

<http://tinyurl.com/nutterfortwvccr>



JUNE 4th, 2022

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

LIKE US ON FACEBOOK TO SEE
WHAT WE ARE UP TO NEXT

Get your library card today to check out our wonderful selection of books, audio's, DVDs, and jigsaw puzzles. If you don't 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.

SUMMER READING PROGRAM. This year's theme is Oceans of Possibilities. You can call or stop by the library to register your child, or you can register on Facebook. We will be starting registration on June 1st. Keep in mind that we have limited seating so register as soon as possible. Also, you must be registered to participate. We have two age groups 3-7 and 8-12. Ages 3-7 meet on Tuesday at 11:00 and ages 8-12 meet on Thursdays at 11:00. Parents must stay with the younger group, but we ask that they do not stay with the older group.

We are still looking for Jigsaw Puzzle donations of 500 pieces or less. What is donated is put on the shelf for patrons to check out just like they would a book. We have some beautiful puzzles to choose from.

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. This year we will be taking a trip to Hogwarts! We hope you join us on this magical journey.

With COVID, we have not been able to do our Cookies with Santa. We hope to be able to set that up again this year. Keep checking Facebook for events.



We also rent out our back building for meetings, baby showers, birthday parties, etc. The building has a separate entrance, sink, microwave, refrigerator, and a bathroom. We charge \$75 for your event and a \$50 deposit that you get back after the event if there have been no damages. It is also available during library hours for meetings free of charge. It is also available to non-profits, call the library for more information.

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

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 \$100.00 reconnect fee before your water service can be reconnected.

New Payment Option

We are now 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