

## Town of West Milford Newsletter, May 2025

**RETIREMENT ANNOUNCEMENT:** If you see Ruth Ann Messenger out and about, please congratulate her on her retirement from the town. Ruth was a great asset and will be missed in the office. We wish Ruth many years of rest, relaxation and more BINGO's!!

### TOWN WATER PROJECT: WATER CONSERVATION IN EFFECT UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION:** The Water Tank is being drained and placed out of service. This is to allow for the painting and cleaning of the inside of the tank. The town will be receiving water from the Kirby Hill Tank with both Master Pits on the Liberty St and Main Street side providing water to the town. Pressure amounts will be affected. We are asking everyone to be courteous to your neighbor and NO WASHING OF VEHICLES, WATERING OF LAWNS, FILLING OF POOLS OR EXCESS OR UNNECESSARY WATER USE. By doing so, everyone will still have water. The contractor will be working 7 days a week (weather permitting) which will allow for the tank to be placed back in service soon. Fire hydrants will be bagged during this phase of the work.

All water meters will be changed out with radio read meters. This feature will allow the town to know if a water leak is present much sooner. Fire hydrants will be replaced along with 10 valves in the water system which will allow for leaks to be repaired and isolated. This will prevent the system from being completely shut down to repair leaks, providing for a more favorable water supply to the residents in time of a water leak or line break.

Phase 1 of the project started on April 28, and the master pit along Main Street was completed on April 30<sup>th</sup>.

It is highly recommended that if you haven't done so yet, to please sign up for the Emergency Alert that can be received via text and/or email in the event we need to update or notify our citizens.

#### **Emergency Notification System**

The town now has a way to Mass communicate with residents and or family members who reside in West Milford or out of state who want to be kept up to date on various activities in the town. These can be notifications for ***Water Breaks, Boil Water Advisories, Weather related emergencies, Neighborhood Watch, Weather related emergencies and General activities in the community***. The system is called WENS-Wireless Emergency Notification System. This is a **FREE** service. However, you will need to sign-up for this free service. You will receive email and/or text messages to what is occurring in our community. To signup, Type the following into your browser to get started:

***alerts.harrisoncountywv.com***

This will bring up a screen showing “Harrison County Alerts” choose West Milford, you will then receive a screen that will allow you to enter your information, then click on the items that you would like to receive emails or text messages to alert you to whatever is occurring in the community. Once you have completed the items you are interested in receiving information for, scroll down and complete your registration.

Emails and text messages will come from an acronym WMWS-Which is short for West Milford Water System.

This service is being provided to us by Harrison County Commission and the Harrison County Office of Emergency Management.

**Town Website:** We are happy to announce that the town now has an official Website: It is a work in progress with things being updated on a daily basis, Please check out the website and if you see something that needs added, please contact us via email:

[contact@townofwestmilford.com](mailto:contact@townofwestmilford.com) which is also the town new email address. Website address is [www.townofwestmilford.com](http://www.townofwestmilford.com) Make sure you sign up to receive Alerts from the Town. Make sure to check back often for updates.

It’s that time of year when we start the projects around the home; as a reminder, per town ordinance anyone doing work to their home, remodel, addition or demolition, roofing, siding, painting, etc are required to obtain a Building Permit also if utilizing a contractor, the contractor is required to Obtain a License thru the town, these can be obtained Monday-Friday 8am-4pm at the Community Center. Any questions can be directed to Code Enforcement Officer Vincent Smith at 304-476-0070

Grass Cutting: Please do not blow grass on the sidewalks or the streets. Grass clippings on the street cause clogging or backup of drains. Please sweep and help maintain the sidewalks in front of your property. The town also has an ordinance in effect for Property Maintenance. Code Enforcement will also be enforcing this ordinance

PLEASE KEEP DOGS ON A LEASH; ANY DOG CAUGHT OFF THE LEASH WILL BE PICKED UP BY ANIMAL CONTROL AND THE OWNER WILL BE FINED per town ordinance

**Council Meeting:** Tuesday, May 20, 2025 at 7:00 pm all citizens are encouraged to attend

**SPRING CLEANUP-Wednesday, May 7,2025** Items that will not be picked up include: Tires, Paint cans, Liquids of any kind, Construction Material, Any items that have Freon, such as Refrigerator, Freezers, or AC units, car and mechanic equipment and no glass doors or any glass items. For more information call the office at 304-745-3131

**Town office Closing:** In Observance of the Memorial Day Holiday, town offices will be closed on Monday, May 26 Trash Pickup will be Tuesday, May 27<sup>th</sup>

**WEST MILFORD LIONS CLUB-ALL-U-CAN EAT-PANCAKE/SAUSAGE BISCUIT GRAVY BREAKFAST**

Saturday, May 31 7:00am-10:00am This will be a great breakfast to start you off for the Float the Fork Come and support the Lions Club

**Old Mill & Float the Fork Festival Information: BRING LAWN CHAIR-**

**SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR SPONSORS:** Harrison County Commission, Village Pharmacy, Harrison County Bank, West Milford Lions Club, Country Roads Leasing, Marple Heating & Cooling, Barnhart Financial Services, WV DNR, US Fish & Wildlife, & Ameri-Corp

-The Old Mill & Float the Fork Festival will be Friday, May 30 & Saturday, May 31, 2025, located at the Island Park, Mill Street,

Friday evening 4pm-8:30pm Live music begins at 4pm-6pm by Top Shelf Band, 7pm-8:30pm Rick K and the Allnighter's will be performing. Food Trucks, Crafts/Vendors, Inflatables, Face Painting, Duck Pond and much more,

**\*\*Friday night Kayak, canoe drop off at Good Hope 5pm-8pm**

Saturday is the Float the Fork from Good Hope to West Milford-Shuttle service provided from West Milford UMC, West Milford Grade School, West Milford Community Center and West Milford Baptist Church Shuttle Service will begin at 9:00am-10:00am taking participants to Good Hope. In town shuttles will be provided also to the festival grounds at the Island Park. Saturday activities also provide Food trucks, Inflatables, Duck Pond, Face painting and more.. Live Music Noon-1pm Gigi McDaniel Buterbaugh 1pm-2pm Silas Matheny, 2pm-3pm Andy Benson, & 3pm-5pm Johnny Bryan and Lauren Starkey

**TRAFFIC PATTERN CHANGE-SATURDAY, May 31--ONE WAY STREET-LIBERTY STREET-MILL STREET, MILL STREET (from Liberty St) -MAXWELL FROM MILL TO MAIN STREET This will allow for One way traffic flow to allow the float participants access to pickup kayaks and then exit to Main Street. This will also allow for a smooth flow of traffic in the event of an emergency situation. The traffic flow will be monitored by Harrison County Sheriff's Office**

Parking for the festival will be West Milford UMC, West Milford Grade School, West Milford Community Center and West Milford Baptist Church Shuttle service will be provided for public transportation

**Rack Cards with additional festival information will be available at the Post Office, B & S One Stop, Dollar General, & municipal building**