



## PREP FOR SPRING

Last month we talked about spring cleaning in the home but it is also a great time to prep the outside of your home as well. Here are some things to keep in mind for seasonal changes. Remember April showers, bring May flowers; but we also want to help prevent flooding and pollution.

### YARD WASTE

There are many ways to deal with yard waste but why should you worry about it? If yard waste (grass clippings, leaves, brush, trash) is left along streets, driveways, and sidewalks, then when it rains all of that waste is washed to storm drains. This can cause storm drains to become blocked and risk flooding. Plus, grass clippings and leaves can add too much nitrogen and phosphate into our water ways. Excess phosphorous and nitrogen added to surface waters can lead to cloudy, green water from accelerated algae and weed growth. Decay of this extra organic matter can depress oxygen levels, killing organisms.

Try these uses for grass clippings and leaves: add them to your compost, use them as mulch, use them as a filler for raised garden beds, leave grass clippings on your lawn to add nutrients back into it, or even use grass clippings to naturally dye fabric or Easter eggs!



#### And please remember this ordinance!

**953.11** - No person shall throw, place or scatter any garbage, rubbish, trash, grass clippings, leaves or yard debris or other refuse over or upon any premises, street or alley, sewer or drainage basin, either public or private, or adjacent thereto...

### VEHICLES

With warmer weather comes wanting to wash winter grime off your vehicles. Opt for an environmentally friendly soap and wash your car in the grass or at a car wash verses in your driveway or the street.

Always clean up vehicle leaks promptly and dispose of oil, anti-freeze and other vehicle waste properly! You can call WV DEP to ask about hazardous waste disposal options at 304-558-5938.

### CHECK YOUR GUTTERS

Your home's gutters are very important. Gutters are responsible for funneling the water off of the roof and away from your home (but ideally not onto your neighbors or sidewalks).

Cleaning your gutters regularly, even if you have gutter guards, is a great way to prep for those spring showers. You can hire a service to clean your gutters or doing it yourself can save you \$100 or more. Plan to clean gutters at least twice a year—more often if the roof is directly beneath trees or you live in a region with frequent storms. But only take on this task if you can work safely from a ladder or the roof. If your roof is higher than a single story, you're better off hiring a gutter-cleaning pro.

### PET WASTE

Yes, it has been cold outside so maybe you slacked on cleaning up pet waste over winter. So, get out there and clean them up! But why, you ask? Pet waste is more than just stinky, it contains bacteria and parasites, as well as organic matter and nutrients, notably nitrogen and phosphorous. The organic matter and nutrients contained in pet waste can degrade water quality by using up oxygen and releasing ammonia. Low oxygen levels, increased ammonia, and warm summer water temperatures can kill fish.

**THANK YOU FOR HELPING TO  
KEEP OUR WATERWAYS CLEAN!**

### DID YOU KNOW?

Spring fever is a real syndrome. When the temperature rises during a warm spell after a long winter, there is a dilation of the blood vessels so blood can be carried to the body surface where heat can be lost quickly. People experience an energetic feeling when this happens.



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# WHAT'S HAPPENING IN SA?

## St. Albans Historical Society Monthly open House

Sat. April 4th 10AM - 2PM  
404 4th AVE adjacent to the  
historic C&O Depot.  
Come see & share SA history!

## The Alban Theatre Long Days Journey Into Night

April 24th, 25th 8PM  
May 1st, 2nd 8PM  
April 26th, May 3rd 2PM8

## The Alban Theatre AtriGras

April 18th. 2020 2PM - 10PM  
Vendors, Parade, & Contests!  
Bring the family for a fun art  
filled event in the heart of St.  
Albans!

## ST. ALBANS WRITES

St. Albans Library - Community Room  
April 7th 6:30PM

The Advisory Board of the St. Albans Branch Library is proud to  
present St. Albans Writes...a monthly speaker series featuring  
local authors. The series is presented on the 1st Tuesday of each  
month at 6:30 pm in the community room of the library. The speak-  
er on April 7, 2020 will be Mr. Bill Currey. Mr. Currey, the founder  
of The Coal River Group, is the author of It's a Road Trip and Coal  
River Rising. You are sure to be informed and entertained at this  
presentation.

## Take a Walk on the Wild Side Earth, Wind, and Fire

St. Albans City Park  
April 4th, 2020 8AM - 12PM

A free outdoor family event!  
2020 theme is Earth, Wind, and Fire so come out with the whole  
family to learn, hike, and have fun! Many activities such as WV  
Conservation Soil Tunnel, WV Forestry, Rain Barrels, Door Prizes,  
and more!

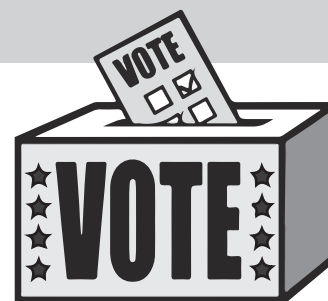


## St. Albans Drug Take Back and Shredding Event Sat. April 25th 10AM - 2PM

Come shred sensitive documents and dispose of unused medications (will not be collecting liquids  
or sharps). \*\*\*Also collecting cell phones and iPads for Soldiers.

# EARLY VOTING

The Kanawha County Clerk's Office will be using City Hall/MUC,  
1499 MacCorkle Avenue, as a satellite office for early voting for the  
Primary Election on May 12th. Our City candidates for Mayor &  
Council (only in precincts for St. Albans) will also be on the ballot  
(both early voting as well as election day).



**VOTE EARLY: April 29th - May 9th**

**MON - FRI: 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. & SAT(5/2 & 5/9): 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. (SUN:CLOSED)**

*Election Day will be at their regular voting precincts with the polling place hours 6:30 a.m. - 7:30 p.m.*

# ONLINE PAYMENTS

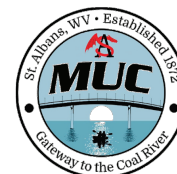
## CITY SERVICE



Go to  
**WWW.STALBANSWV.COM**  
or call **1-833-208-7484**  
to make a payment!

You will need your account number on hand.  
\$1.50 fee applies to ALL credit card payments.

## WATER BILL



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