



Town of Stonewood

8052 Southern Avenue, Stonewood, WV 26301

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From the Mayor's Office

It is our hope that everyone is aware of the upcoming 75th Anniversary celebration on July 1st-3rd, 2022. The planning committee has been working diligently on an action-packed family, friendly event. We are grateful for the outpouring of photos that have been sent in. They will be used in either our book, that will be for sale, or slide show that will be available for viewing at our local churches. We have had several folks that have expressed interest in assisting. Someone will be in contact with you soon for your respective work assignments.

National Police Week will be observed from May 15th-21st, 2022. President John F. Kennedy implemented it in 1962. This enables us an opportunity to acknowledge our local officers who protect and serve us all year long. Please take time during this week to stop by and visit with the officers and thank them for their service.



We have a special visitor roaming the neighborhood. If you see our special friend, grab a picture. Albino Gray squirrels are the rarest form of white squirrel. Mammologists estimate that the odds of a female gray squirrel giving birth to an albino offspring are 1 in 100,000.

Dee Collins, local resident, had an opportunity of a lifetime. She was invited to participate in a fashion show as a featured designer during New York Fashion Week. Her shop, Little Black Designs, feature designs in black and works with mainly matte jersey fabrics because they are so versatile.



Congratulations to Brynn Sickles, 4th grader at Norwood, for being a county winner of the 2021 Young Writers Contest.

The Code Notice

As we enter the spring of another year, we want to thank all our residents for being so diligent in keeping their grass in compliance. We look forward to continued success in the future. Many residents have cleaned up on and around their properties and it is helping to make the city look better.

There are some dilapidated structures in the city that will be demolished within the next few months. We are excited to have these properties cleaned up and hope that this leads to new opportunities. If any residents are thinking of doing projects on or around your properties, remember to secure a building permit from the city office. If there are any questions as to whether you need a permit, feel free to call us at 304-623-2919.

Thank you for your compliance.

-Robert Leonard, Building Inspector



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From the Public Works Department

Spring is here and the snow is finally behind us. It is the busy season for your Public Works Department. Within the next few weeks, all residents will be receiving new 96 gallon Recycle Bins and Trash Bins thanks to Grant funds



GARBAGE



RECYCLING

Once the new bins are delivered to your house, it is important to use the new bins and be sure to have them at the curb on your scheduled pickup day. The new bins are much safer and faster to unload. The old blue bins that you currently have need to be set out on the curb to be picked up.

The city will once again have the City Wide Clean Up the third week of June. The city map will be posted on website and Facebook page showing the dates your neighborhood will be picked up.

We are also including a form with this newsletter regarding lead and copper pipes. Please take time to fill this form out and either drop off or mail back to City Hall before June 30th, 2022. If you have any questions, please contact City Hall.

We look forward to seeing you at the 75th anniversary celebration in July!



Stonewood 75

July 1-3, 2022

Benefiting Stonewood's First Responders

Spring has arrived and since our last communication, the Stonewood 75 Planning Committee has been busy finalizing plans for the 75th. We are excited for the event and so is the community, as we now have over six hundred members on our Stonewood 75 Facebook page. The enthusiasm we see via your posts is amazing and we are happy that the community is using the page to share memories of past and present Stonewood!

The Stonewood Volunteer Fire Department and surrounding neighborhood will be our main venue for the event, with other activities hosted at local venues. Following is a tentative schedule of events:

Friday – July 1, 2022

- 4:00 pm Opening Ceremony (Invocation, National Anthem & Welcome)
- 4:00 – 10:00 pm Marketplace Open (over fifty craft and eleven food vendors)
- 4:00 – 9:30 pm Children's Village Open (inflatable games and other activities)
- 8:00 – 9:30 pm Queen City Funk and Jazz Performs
- 9:30 pm Fireworks

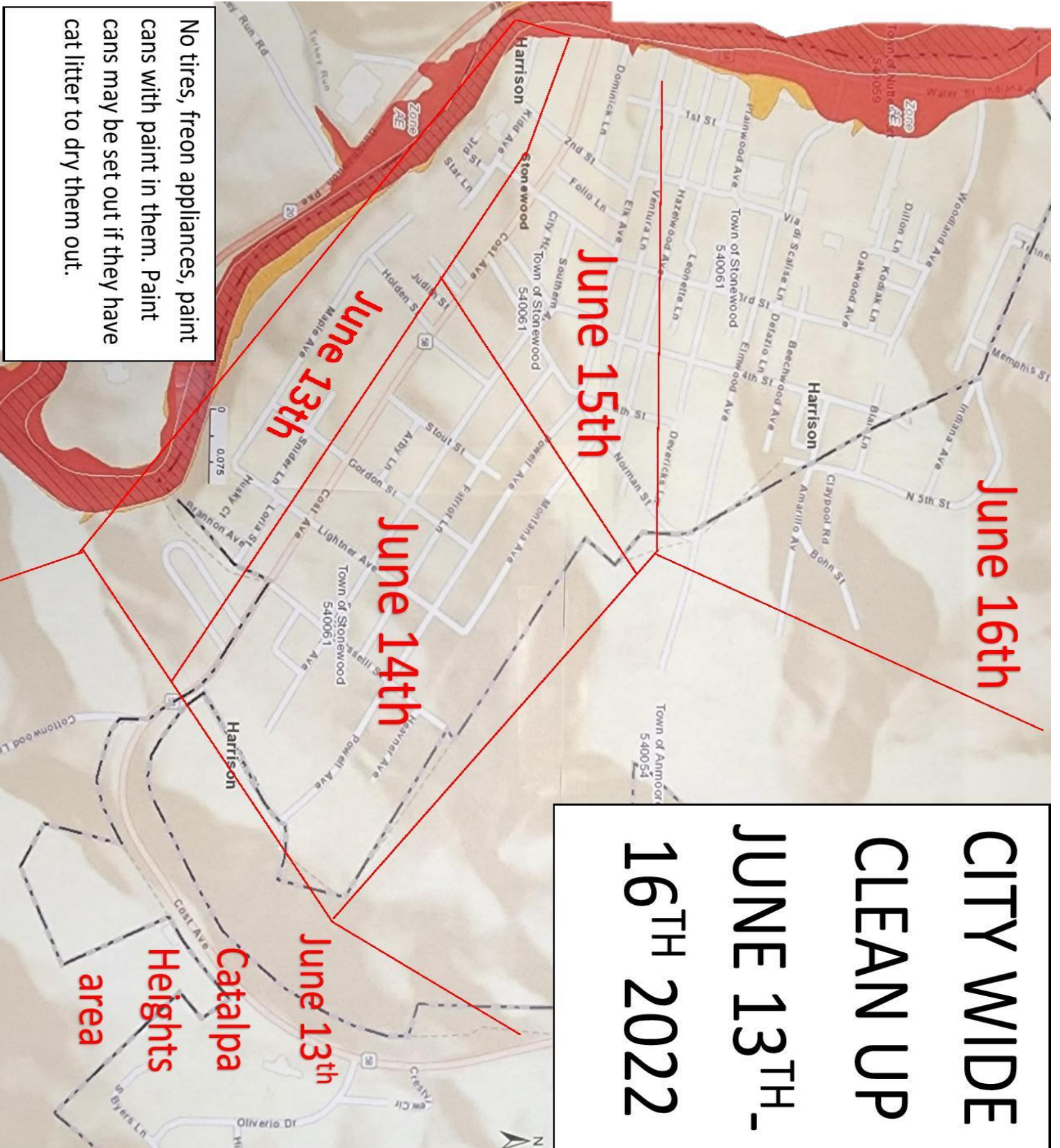
Saturday – July 2, 2022

- 8:30 – 9:30 am Park Dedication (Rt 58) in honor of Veteran Teddy Shingleton
- 10:00 am – 10:30 pm Marketplace & Children's Village Open
- 10:00 am – 2:00pm Batman & Wonder Woman Visit
- 10:30 – 11:30 am Fireman's Parade with Batman
- 11:30 am – 1:00 pm Touch a Truck (kids get to interact with first responder vehicles)
- 11:45 am – 12:30 pm Firefighter's Parade Awards & Presentation
- 12:00 – 5:00 pm Tours of school & local churches (Stonewood video will be playing at churches)
- 6:00 – 8:30 pm The Stone Creek Band Performs
- 8:45 pm Family Movie Night – "Paw Patrol" with the Paw Patrol characters on site)

Sunday – July 3, 2022

- 11:30 am – 12:30 pm Ecumenical Service hosted by local Stonewood Churches
- 12:30 – 2:30 pm Community Picnic hosted by local Stonewood Churches at Congregational Missionary Church
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The committee wants to thank local churches and citizens who have offered their assistance with the event. If you are interested in volunteering to assist during the event, please contact us at Stonewood75@cityofstonewood.com. or on our Facebook page Stonewood 75. We look forward to seeing you this July!!!



LIFE ON THE BEAT**STONEWOOD POLICE DEPARTMENTS'****SEASONAL REPORT****Chief M. A. Secreto**

Everything is busting with life as Spring dominates the Stonewood area. However, the criminal element will always be on the prowl. Make sure your doors and windows are secured. Do not hide spare keys in mailboxes and/or under doormats. Illuminate all darkened areas around your residence and use motion lights if you can afford them. Make sure all vehicles, storage buildings and residences are always secured as well as bicycles, toys, and other items. Be aware of scams from unlicensed contractors offering to do work for you by checking with the City of Stonewood for license status (304-623-2919). When your residence is unattended for days at a time, have someone to pick up your mail and maintain the residence. Always, if you observe someone suspicious or suspicious activity, please dial "911".

Covid-19 Tips

Covid-19 and variant precautions: Please sanitize your hands before wearing masks. Make sure it covers both your nose, mouth, and chin. After removing your mask, store it in a plastic container and wash it every day. Don't use masks with valves. Always wash your hands with disinfectant when touching items in public. Try not to touch your face until you are sure your hands are sanitized.

Jogging Tips

When jogging, there are safety in numbers. Carry your ID! Do not run with your phone or other valuables in sight and avoid devices that may distract you. Avoid jogging after dark in poorly lit areas. Jog in familiar places but vary your route. Wear bright colored clothing to improve your visibility. Avoid using MP3 players and cell phones while jogging. These devices distract victims from being aware of their surroundings and make you a prime target for the criminal element.

Please stay safe and God Bless!

Introducing your Stonewood Police Department



Officer Roger Cunningham (504) has 25 years of law enforcement experience. A graduate of the 99th basic class at West Virginia State Police Academy and a graduate of Glenville State College with a 4-year BA degree, Officer Cunningham has served in many capacities. He was a substitute teacher for Marion County schools, a former member of the Marion County Sheriff’s department-where he served 12 years- and head of the Marion County Court Security. He is a certified SWAT member and Deputy First Class. Officer Cunningham joined the Stonewood Police Department in August of 2021.



Officer R.G. Matheny, II (503) is a graduate of the 143rd Basic Class- West Virginia State Police Academy. Matheny has been a certified law enforcement officer since 2010, receiving two Sherlock Holmes awards and a Medal of Merit. Matheny is an active member of the Fraternal order of Police since 2011 and elected in 2019 to serve as President of the Fraternal Order of Police, Lodge 78. Officer Matheny is also an active member of the Stonewood Volunteer Fire Department.



Officer J.W. Smith (505) was born and raised in Clarksburg, WV, graduating from Liberty High School in 1987. After graduation, he entered the US Air Force as a Security Police Officer where he served five years- three of which was spent in Germany. Upon returning to West Virginia, he was employed by the Clarksburg Police Department from 1995 to January 2000 having the opportunity to work on the Harrison, Upshur, Lewis County Drug Task Force as an investigator. In January of 2000, he was employed by the West Virginia State Police where he served in Lewis County for five years and then transferred to the Bureau of Criminal Investigations division as an investigator where he remained for the duration of his State Police Career. In October 2021, he was employed at the Harrison County Sheriff’s Department as an Evidence Technician and subsequently hired as a part time Officer in Stonewood.

**Chief Michael A.
Secreta

(501)

2013- current**



**Officer Casey
Mitchell

(502)

2018-current**

MAYOR
James K. Terango
FIRE CHIEF
Ron Woods
POLICE CHIEF
Michael Secreto
STREET SUPERVISOR
Richard Cox
CITY CLERK
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EPA's new Lead and Copper Rule requires water systems to remove more lead service lines than the old rule. To meet the new requirements the water system must identify and have a record of all water lines in the system including the customer's private lines. The state of West Virginia has given the water system until October 16, 2024, to complete the inventory of all water lines. With your help, we hope to complete this requirement well before the deadline. The questionnaire below will help us identify and record said data.

1. Physical Address? _____
2. What year was your home built? _____
3. Were the water lines ever replaced? _____ If yes, what year? _____
4. What type of water line is in the home? Pex/Plastic -Copper -Grey Metal -Unknown

Note: If the pipe in your home is a grey metal we must determine if it's Galvanized steel or Lead.
If you scratch it with a screwdriver and it's hard, check here
If you scratch it with a screwdriver and it's soft and shiny when scratched, check here

5. Was the Private Service Line (water line between the home and water meter) ever replaced? _____
If yes, what year? _____ and what type of pipe was used? Plastic - Copper

Printed Name _____

Signature _____ Date _____

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Public Service Line Type:

Plastic Galvanized Copper Lead Unknown

Pigtail/Gooseneck Line Type:

Plastic Galvanized Copper Lead Unknown

Year installed or replaced _____

5:00 P.M. BURNING LAW

MARCH 1—MAY 31
5:00 P.M.—7:00 A.M.

OCTOBER 1—DECEMBER 31
5:00 P.M.—7:00 A.M.

**MAXIMUM FINE: \$1,000.00
FOR VIOLATING THE BURNING LAW**

BURNING LAWS IN BRIEF

- * NO BURNING FROM 7 A.M. UNTIL 5 P.M.
- * FIRE MUST BE ATTENDED AT ALL TIMES
- * AREA MUST BE CLEARED DOWN TO MINERAL SOIL FOR A MINIMUM DISTANCE OF 10 FEET AROUND WHAT IS BEING BURNED.
- * IF YOUR FIRE ESCAPES, YOU ARE LIABLE FOR THE COSTS OF FIGHTING THE FIRE AND ANY DAMAGE THE FIRE MAY CAUSE TO OTHERS.

**WILLFULLY SETTING FIRES IS A FELONY AND PUNISHABLE
BY FINE AND/OR IMPRISONMENT!
(WEST VIRGINIA ARSON HOTLINE 1-800-233-FIRE)**

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We would like to remind the residents that there is a required "BURN PERMIT" ordinance within the City of Stonewood. Please apply for that permit through City Hall or the Fire Department, and we will assist with the process.

Ron Woods, Fire Chief

Calendar of Events

May 3rd, 2022

Council Meeting 7:00 PM

May 17th, 2022

Sewer Board Meeting 4:30 PM

Council Meeting 7:00 PM

May 19th, 2022

Park Board Meeting 6:00 PM

June 7th, 2022

Council Meeting 7:00 PM

June 21st, 2022

Sewer Board Meeting 4:30 PM

Council Meeting 7:00 PM

June 16th, 2022

Park Board Meeting 6:00 PM

July 5th, 2022

Council Meeting 7:00 PM

July 19th, 2022

Sewer Board Meeting 4:30 PM

Council Meeting 7:00 PM

July 21st, 2022

Park Board Meeting 6:00 PM

If you or anyone you know are 90 and over and would like your birthday to be featured in the newsletter, please contact City Hall.

Churches and Locations

Bible Baptist Temple

1450 Cost Avenue

(304) 623-2630

Service 11:00 AM and 6:00 PM every Sunday

Church of the Nazarene

9254 Cost Avenue

(304) 624-0430

Services 10:45 AM and 6:00 PM every Sunday

Congregational Missionary

8095 Hazelwood Avenue

(304) 622-7256

Services 10:50 every Sunday

Oasis Worship Center

8556 Cost Avenue

(304) 918-9110

Services 10:30 AM every Sunday

Our Lady of Perpetual Help

8092 Third Street

(304) 623-2334

Service 5:00 PM every Saturday

8:00 AM and 10:00 AM every Sunday

Stonewood Alliance

8301 Hazelwood Avenue

(304) 884-8154

Services 10:30 AM every Sunday

**Don't miss this
once in a lifetime
event!**

Stonewood

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1947-2022

**Games, Music,
Entertainment,
Fireworks, fun
for all!**