



Town of Stonewood

8052 Southern Avenue, Stonewood, WV 26301

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From the Mayor's Office



We have lost a landmark in our community with the closing of Norwood School. Many of our residents have attended throughout the years. In the early days, my grandparents were students, followed by my dad, myself, and my children. After four generations in our own family, to say we are going to miss it is an understatement. As the heart of our community, Norwood will forever be remembered.

Chief of Police Mike Secreto has recently retired. Chief Secreto retires after 30 years' experience in law enforcement. He joined our force in 2013 and exemplified the true meaning of community with his consistent visibility for residence and business. It was extremely effective in deterring crime. Additionally, his investigative skills and persistence enabled the department to take many dangerous criminals off our streets. Farewell Chief. You did an exceptional job serving this community. Enjoy your retirement. We are grateful for your service.



PUBLIC WORKS NEEDS YOUR HELP! PLEASE SEE PAGE 5.



Congratulations to Steve McIntyre who is now serving as Clarksburg's Fire Chief. Steve was born and raised here in Stonewood and attended Norwood. He was in the last class that went through until the 9th grade. Steve became a junior fireman in 1985 then enlisted in the US Army upon graduation from RW in 1987. When returning home for leave, he immediately rushed to Company 12 to answer as many emergency calls as possible during his short stay. Upon his honorable discharge, Steve returned to volunteer for the department and was appointed to the rank of Lieutenant. Taking his training to the next level, Steve earned paramedic certification and started his career with Clarksburg in 1993. We are beyond proud of this accomplishment. Congratulations!

Special thanks to Simon Harvey and Pastor Sherman Goodwin for assisting us in the managing our wild animal population.



**The Town of Stonewood
Presents The 2023**

*Stonewood
Christmas Parades and Trees Lighting*

**Saturday December 2nd at 6:30pm
Parade proceeding down Cost Ave.
ending at Water St. The Tree
Lighting Site. Staging of all walking
units on Grasselli St. Drivable units
to be staged at Bible Baptist Church
with guidance to the parade route.**

Please plan to attend

**Area businesses, churches, youth
groups, organizations, bands, etc.
welcomed and encouraged to
participate by contacting:**

304-623-2919 Ext.3

***All events are subject to change
due to circumstances beyond
our control**

Playground and Parks Committee

The playground and Parks Committee was established by ordinance that city council passed on August 20th, 2019. It's made up of seven members; Jeff Lawrence serves as chair, Jan VanOoyen as secretary and Tim Allen as Treasurer. The remaining members are Mary Jordan, Christy Teague, Justin Lung and Pastor Gary Smith.

The following is a list of accomplishments:

Theodore Teddy Shingleton Park/Rt. 58 Park

- Public Works Director Richard Cox and his crew built and installed ADA accessible picnic tables at all three parks at a massive discount.
- Added mulch to all play areas.
- The dedication of the Route 58 Park to fallen marine and Stonewood native Theodore Teddy Shingleton who lost his life in Vietnam.
- Resurfaced the basketball court and added new back board, rims, and nets.
- Painted lines on the basketball court.
- Refurbished and painted all the park equipment. Thanks to volunteer Steven Shingleton (brother of our lost marine).
- Installed new flagpole with lights.
- Upgraded and repaired pavilions and painting of the parking lot lines thanks to Pastor Doug Sands and The Oasis Church.
- Cut and trimmed grass on a regular schedule thanks to Tim Allen, Kevin Lowther, Tony Knoll and our Public Works Department.

Sammy C. Guzzo on Third Street

- Refurbished and painted park equipment.
- Purchased and installed three new pieces of park equipment.
- Painted lines on the basketball court and installed additional gate to the court.
- The horseshoe association continues to maintain a solid league and takes care of their portion of the park.
- Thanks to Mary Jordan and the Lions Club for donating swings.
- Consistent cutting, trimming, clean up and spot painting, etc. thanks to Anita and Greg Lemasters.

DF Oliverio/ Maple Park

- Refurbished and painted equipment.
- Installed walkway.
- New backboards, rims and nets on the basketball court.
- Removed dilapidated merry go round.
- Repaired restrooms
- Mowing and trimming was done regularly thanks to Marty George and the Public Works Department.

Our future goals include adding a pickleball court to the Shingleton Park. Crystal Johnson, City Clerk, is in the process of applying for grant funding for improvement of our parks with the assistance of Mike Hyman, City Council Member, who also serves on the Region VI board as the city's representative.

The board meets on the third Thursday of each month at 6:00 pm in council chambers. The public is urged and welcomed to attend. The next meeting is January 18th, 2024.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are seeking more volunteers to participate in picking up trash on our streets. We will provide bags, gloves, vests, and pickers if needed. The following have agreed to assist:

- **Maple Avenue- Marty George**
- **Route 58- The Lions Club and Marty George**
- **Gordan- Shawna and Patrick Marozzi**
- **Pine- Frank Cherubino**
- **Byers- Amanda and Danny Phares**
- **Oliverio- Vanesa and Tim Defazio**
- **Elk- Ryan Morgan and Jimmy Paugh**
- **Kidd- Dave Sutton**
- **Stout and Cost from Stout to Pine- Pastor Doug Sands and The Oasis Church**
- **Cost from Water to 4th- Austin Lynch**
- **Cost from 4th to Stout- Jason Spatafore**
- **Plainwood- Linda and Tim Radcliff**
- **First- John Cascarelli**
- **Ventura- Shannon and Tom Lopez**
- **Third- Drew, Christina and Gary Paugh**
- **Southern- Ned Bocco/ Denise and Mike Hyman**
- **Hazelwood- Kim and Bucky Nicholson/Tammy and Jeff Lawrence**
- **Elmwood from 2nd to 4th- Terri and Bub Boyer**
- **4th from Cost to Elk- Jamie Carvelli**
- **Hillside- Tim Allen**
- **Woodland- Mary Jo Arbogast**
- **Dominick- Arissa Smith**
- **Tennessee- Michael Phillips**
- **City Hall Lane- Tammy Mcnemar**
- **Beechwood- Regina Defazio**

It's our hope to have each area completed no later than the first Saturday of every month. Of course, the weather will always play a factor. Let the rule of reason guide us.

Code Notice

As we finish up the 2023 year, it has been another good year for the city. We had one house demolished. 115 permits have been acquired to do upgrades and repairs to properties. The amount of high grass and garbage notices has taken a downturn, so we appreciate the compliance and continue striving to improve the city.

In the event that you observe a potential code violation, please contact me at (304) 672-6773

With the holiday season coming, we ask that you keep your properties clear of garbage and debris. We hope everyone has a great holiday season and enjoys the parade on December 2nd.

-Robert Leonard, Code Enforcement

Front Office Notes

Per Public Service Commission Rule 6.1.5.b, Any change in the identity of the contracting customer at a premises will require a new application for water, and the utility may, after reasonable notice, discontinue water service until such new application has been made and accepted, but the former customer shall remain liable for water furnished to said premises until the customer has given notice in writing to the utility to discontinue water service. In the event the customer of record has died or become incapable of being responsible for water service, the individual's spouse may become the customer of record without being required to complete a new application for water service or paying a new deposit. Residents will be receiving notices regarding the update of their account information and if not completed within the 30-day notice, will be discontinued until application has been made.

Residents are also advised, in talking with the Public Service Commission and at the advisement of the city attorney, we are not allowed to discuss any accounts unless, the person inquiring is listed on the account. If you would like to discuss an account you are not listed on, please make arrangements with the account owner to be listed on the account.

From the Public Works Department

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Recently, you may have noticed the Public Works crew working in the water meters around the city. If you recall, in 2023, there were houses within the city limits of Clarksburg that tested positive for lead contaminates in their water. Stonewood (and many other local municipalities) purchase our water from the City of Clarksburg. Recently, the Environmental Protection Agency mandated that a Service Line Inventory must be developed to identify water service line materials. What this means is that we are in the process of checking every water meter to determine what material (copper, galvanized, plastic, etc.) carries water from the meter to your residence.

You can help by checking the line supplying water to your home and emailing the information back to:

publicworks@cityofstonewood.com

Please provide your name, address and water line type. If you are unsure of the type of line in your home, you can email a picture or text it to Rick, Public Works Supervisor, at (304) 641-8694.

In the event we are not able to identify your water line material, we may be knocking on your door or calling you in the future to accurately identify the type of line servicing your house.

The city regularly completes tap sampling in Stonewood to monitor our water systems and ensure that we follow the federal drinking water standards. Please provide your line type so we can be sure water is safely being delivered to your home.



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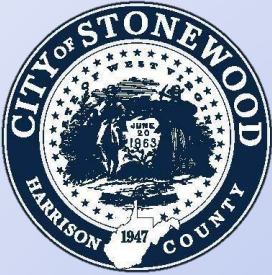
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We would like to remind the residents that there is a required “BURN PERMIT” ordinance within the City of Stonewood. Please apply for that permit through City Hall or the Fire Department, and we will assist with the process.

Ron Woods, Fire Chief



Letter from the Office of Chief of Police

To: All Stonewood Residents
Date: 11/27/2023
RE: Newsletter, Police Dept.

Dear Citizens,

We have recently celebrated the former Chief of Police Mike Secreto for his retirement following 30 years of dedication to law enforcement in Harrison County, WV, and a decade of law enforcement service to the City of Stonewood. I was sworn in as Chief of Police and assigned to the North Central West Virginia Law Enforcement Council where I was nominated by the NCWV LE Council as their representative on to the Harrison-Taylor 911 Advisory Board.

We have also onboarded two Police Officers, Mark Waggamon and Tara Hodge. Mark is retired from the WV State Police, is a home confinement investigator for the Harrison County Sheriffs Office and will be in a parttime capacity for our Police Department. Tara is a WV State Police Academy graduate and will be assigned to afternoon shift as a full time Police Officer.

The Police Department urges all residents to call 911 rather than the office, See Something Say Something. 911 is a recorded line and is what the Harrison County Prosecutors Office encourages so that it captures and saves the audio for potential future judicial proceedings.

Double check when locking your vehicle doors. There have been several vehicle break-ins involving unlocked vehicles throughout the surrounding municipalities.

The Stonewood Christmas Parade is on December 2nd at 6:30PM. All traffic on Cost Ave. & paralleling streets will be stopped and all vehicles will be parked at 6:15PM. Plan accordingly.

Respectfully,

Chief Matheny

Calendar of Events

December 5th, 2023

Council Meeting 7:00 PM

December 19th, 2023

Council Meeting 7:00 PM

Sewer Board Meeting 4:30 PM

January 2nd, 2023

Council Meeting 7:00 PM

January 16th, 2023

Council Meeting 7:00 PM

Sewer Board Meeting 4:30 PM

February 6th, 2023

Council Meeting 7:00 PM

February 20th, 2023

Council Meeting 7:00 PM

Sewer Board Meeting 4:30 PM

Happy Birthday to our Residents 90 and over!

Loretta Hyman 11/28 96

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

Visit website for other services offered

Church of the Nazarene

9254 Cost Avenue

(304) 624-0430

Sundays at 10:45 AM and 6:00 PM

Congregational Missionary

8095 Hazelwood Avenue

(304) 622-7256

Sundays at 10:50 AM

Oasis Worship Center

8556 Cost Avenue

(304) 918-9110

Sundays at 10:30 AM

Our Lady of Perpetual Help

8092 Third Street

(304) 623-2334

Saturdays at 5:00 PM

Sundays at 8:00 AM and 10:00 AM

Stonewood Alliance

8301 Hazelwood Avenue

(304) 884-8154