



Town of Stonewood

8052 Southern Avenue, Stonewood, WV 26301

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From the Mayor's Office

This last year we have sadly said goodbye to the following Stonewood residents: Scott Yeager, Rita May Blake Fragmin, Army Veteran & Retired SVFD firefighter Frank Defazio, Danette Carder, Leighton Kelley, Ronnie Kelley, Judy Romano Boyce, and Jody Westfall. Our condolences go out to their families as they will be greatly missed.

The recently installed streetlights on Cost Avenue have drastically improved visibility. We are hoping for upgrades from the power company to improve rest of the town in the near future.

I want to give a shoutout to Nora and Steve from Town and Country. At a recent doctor's visit, I was told that they were the best business and pharmacy to deal with in Harrison County. Our town appreciates all those who work at Town and Country. It is part of what makes Stonewood so special.

We also want to give a special welcome to a new business that is dear to my heart. Sweet Sisters Manor Airbnb and Antique shop is open for overnight stays and shopping. Please check Sweet Sisters Manor LLC Facebook page for more information. Many others and I will remember this place as the old Folio's Store, and to say that house is bursting at the seams with memories is an understatement. With this new business, there are bound to be many more in the years ahead.

In other news, The Lions Club once again picked up trash in the community. The group only filled a small number of bags compared to the past. The consistent effort from the Lions, Marty George, and others have significantly decreased the amount of trash along the roads. New volunteers Dee Collins Allevato, Frank Cherubino, Sandy Dumire, Arissa Smith, and Debbie and Paul Douglas have all adopted a street or will be assisting to contribute to the effort. Sienna Hixon and Katie Arbogast, who at only 10 years old also helped the team. It is great to see young people wanting to get involved! Thank you all for the work you are doing!

This major improvement also comes from our police's constant patrolling with the assistance of the Stonewood Volunteer Fire Department and our public works, who pick up trash during down times. Many streets are still available, so contact city hall to be added to the group.

Thanks to Dave Sutton too, who in addition to picking up trash in town has also agreed to attend meetings of the Solid Waste Authority.

The Church of the Nazarene recently treated the city council and staff to plates of delicious cookies. Additionally, they have assisted two local families with upgrades to their homes. Paster Gary Smith said they are in the works to beautify the route 58 welcome sign. We are so excited to see that project come to life and appreciative to all the efforts from the church so far.

Stonewood will also be having a community-wide revival meeting. Evangelist Lane Loman will be preaching on 5/6 at the First Church of Nazarene, on 5/7 at Oasis Worship Center, and on 5/8 at Congressional Missionary Church. All services will be held at 7pm and all are welcome!

The city-wide yard sale will start on Friday 6/7 and go through Saturday 6/8. The city cleanup will be the following week starting on 6/10.

Happy Birthday to Kenneth Sarge Gorby - 91, Louis Jean Scott- 91, and Willa Jean Frazier!! Willa Jean recently celebrated her milestone 90th birthday at the Congregational Missionary Church with a party that had a massive turnout that I was honored to attend. *(continued on page 2)*

From the Mayor's Office

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Congratulations to lifelong resident Terrance Hill who recently graduated the WV State Police Academy and is now serving as a trooper stationed at the Bridgeport Detachment.



Code Notice

As we approach the summer months, it is again time to remind residents to keep their yards maintained. Any grass above 8 inches in height is a violation of the code and will be sent notice. I will be patrolling to check any properties having high grass or weeds.

Any time you construct, enlarge, alter, repair or demolish a structure within the City of Stonewood, you will need to get a building permit. When using a contractor, the contractor doing the work will need to have a business license with the City of Stonewood. If you have any questions as to whether something requires a building permit or if your contractor has a city business license, you can call the city and we will advise you.

Please refrain from keeping any excess junk or debris on your property. We will be having the city-wide pickup around June. If there are any things that you have been trying to get rid of, that would provide a great opportunity. I hope all residents enjoy the summer months and keep their properties looking nice.

-Robert Leonard, Code Enforcement Officer

Stonewood Lions Club

The Stonewood Lions Club motto is "we serve". Our club members are dedicated to serve people in need. As Lions we do fundraisers and community services throughout the year. Our club offers a \$500 scholarship to one graduate that lives in Stonewood. Food baskets are also distributed to those in need in our community.

Lions have an annual yard sale and hot dog sale in conjunction with the Stonewood community yard sale. Our club also has an apple sale in the fall, and we sell brooms, mops and dishcloths year-round.

This year Lions has a food drive for the backpack program at Nutter Fort School. The Stonewood community along with Stonewood business Total Comfort and Heating generously donated enough food to take care of 170 school children for the month of April and May.

Our biggest community service is Adopt A Highway. We have participated in picking up trash in our designated area along Rt 58 for over 10 years. With continuous support from the city giving us police and fire presence and Mayor Terango, who also participates, we have been able to expand to include other streets in Stonewood.

Stonewood Lions share a passion to make a difference in our community.





Smoke Alarms Save Lives!

Working smoke alarms can cut the risk of death from home fires in half.

That's why we're rallying volunteers, fire departments and partners to *Sound the Alarm*.

Together, we're installing **FREE** smoke alarms in your community. Request a smoke alarm installation today!

Stonewood VFD and the American Red Cross to offer free smoke alarms installations on April 27, 2024 from 9am -5pm.

Please contact Stonewood FD 304- 622-1199 to request an alarm install appointment on April 27, 2024 between 9am - 5pm.

**Learn more at SoundTheAlarm.org/CAR
call Dawn Onesto at 304-943-9097
Zack Byers at 304-588-4720**



"Green Initiatives: Recycling for a Sustainable Stonewood"

By Jim Hunt, Founder of Amazing Cities

As we embrace the warmer months and the promise of renewal they bring, it's an opportune time to reflect on how we can contribute to a greener, more sustainable future right here in our beloved town. Today, I'd like to shed some light on a topic close to my heart and crucial for the well-being of our environment: recycling.

Under the leadership of Mayor Jim Terango, the City Council and staff, Stonewood has been making strides in its recycling efforts. By providing large plastic recycling bins to the residents, we're not only encouraging environmentally responsible behavior but also paving the way for tangible benefits for our community.

First and foremost, let's talk about the environmental impact. Every item we toss into the landfill contributes to pollution and the depletion of natural resources. By recycling, we reduce the strain on our environment and conserve valuable materials. From paper and cardboard to plastics and glass, every item diverted from the landfill through recycling means less waste piling up and less harm to our planet.

But the benefits of recycling extend beyond environmental stewardship. There are also financial advantages for our town. By diverting recyclable materials away from the landfill, we are effectively reducing landfill costs. These savings can then be reinvested into other essential services for our community, whether it's improving infrastructure, supporting local programs, or enhancing public spaces.

Additionally, let's consider the savings for our residents. By providing large plastic recycling bins, Stonewood is not only making it easier for you to recycle but also helping you save money on trash bags. With less waste heading to the landfill, you'll find yourself using fewer trash bags, translating into savings for your household budget.

Moreover, recycling is a simple yet powerful way for each of us to contribute to a cleaner, healthier environment for generations to come. It's about making a conscious choice every day to reduce waste, conserve resources, and protect the planet we call home.

So, let's all do our part. Let's recycle diligently, making use of the recycling bins provided by the city. Let's spread awareness and encourage our neighbors to join in our efforts. Together, we can make Stonewood a shining example of environmental responsibility and sustainability.

Thank you for your commitment to building a better, greener future for Stonewood.

From the Public Works Department

Mark your calendars once again for our
annual

CITY WIDE CLEAN UP

the week of June 10th to June 14th.

The city will be zoned off into sections. Refer to the map in the newsletter to find out what day we will pick up at your address. Please be aware that we WILL NOT ACCEPT appliances with freon, car batteries, oil or flammable liquids, tires or paint cans full of paint. You can remove the lids and fill the cans with kitty litter to absorb the paint. Place your items at the curb by the morning of your zoned pickup and they will pick up during the day.



Recycle reminder..... The Town of Stonewood has mandatory recycling of **paper, cardboard, aluminum, tin and plastics #1, #2 & #5**. If other items are put in your bin that are not recyclable, they cannot be picked up. Place your non-recycle items in your green trash bin. Thank you for continuing to recycle.



2024 Stonewood Firefighter's Festival

August 2 – 4, 2024

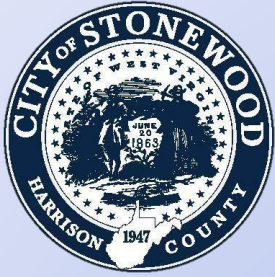
Chief James M Carvelli Building

Stonewood, WV

After raising \$28,000 for the fire department in 2023, the Stonewood Firefighter's Festival is BACK for another year. The 2024 edition is scheduled for August 2-4 at the Fire Department. The committee has been hard at work planning a weekend of family fun that will benefit the Volunteer Fire Department. Several new events have been added to this year's program including the Stonewood Volunteer Firefighter's Pageant, The Hope Gas Parade, while the Calypso Kids Zone will be transformed with carnival rides and a petting zoo. In addition to these amazing additions, the following events will be back – bigger and better than before:

- The Crafters Village
- Food Truck Alley
- Equipment Demonstration by the Fire Department
- Train Rides, Family Entertainment
- 5 Alarm 5K
- Performances by Rick K & the All Nighters and Crimson Reign
- The Harry Lynch Chili Cookoff
- Sunday's Ecumenical Service
- Community Picnic

We have also launched our own website stonewoodfirefightersfestival.com where you can the event schedule, sponsor information, vendor forms, pageant applications and much more. Please visit the page and let us know what you think. You can still visit our Facebook page at Stonewood Firefighter's Festival and get all the latest information.



Letter from the Office of Chief of Police

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To: All Stonewood Residents
Date: 05/01/2024
RE: Newsletter, Police Dept.

Dear Citizens,

The Police Department urges all residents to call 911 rather than the office for anything other than informational purposes, 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.

The Stonewood Fire Dept. 5k will occur August 3rd, 2024 and all streets in-town will be closed until the final runner/participant crosses the finish line. All traffic on paralleling streets will be stopped and all vehicles will be parked at 0750 hours. Plan accordingly.

Patrol Officer Hodge assisted United States Marshal Service with hitting a house on Maple Ave. in Stonewood and took a wanted federal fugitive into custody without incident.

A Suspect in an Internet Crime Against Children waived his right to a preliminary hearing.

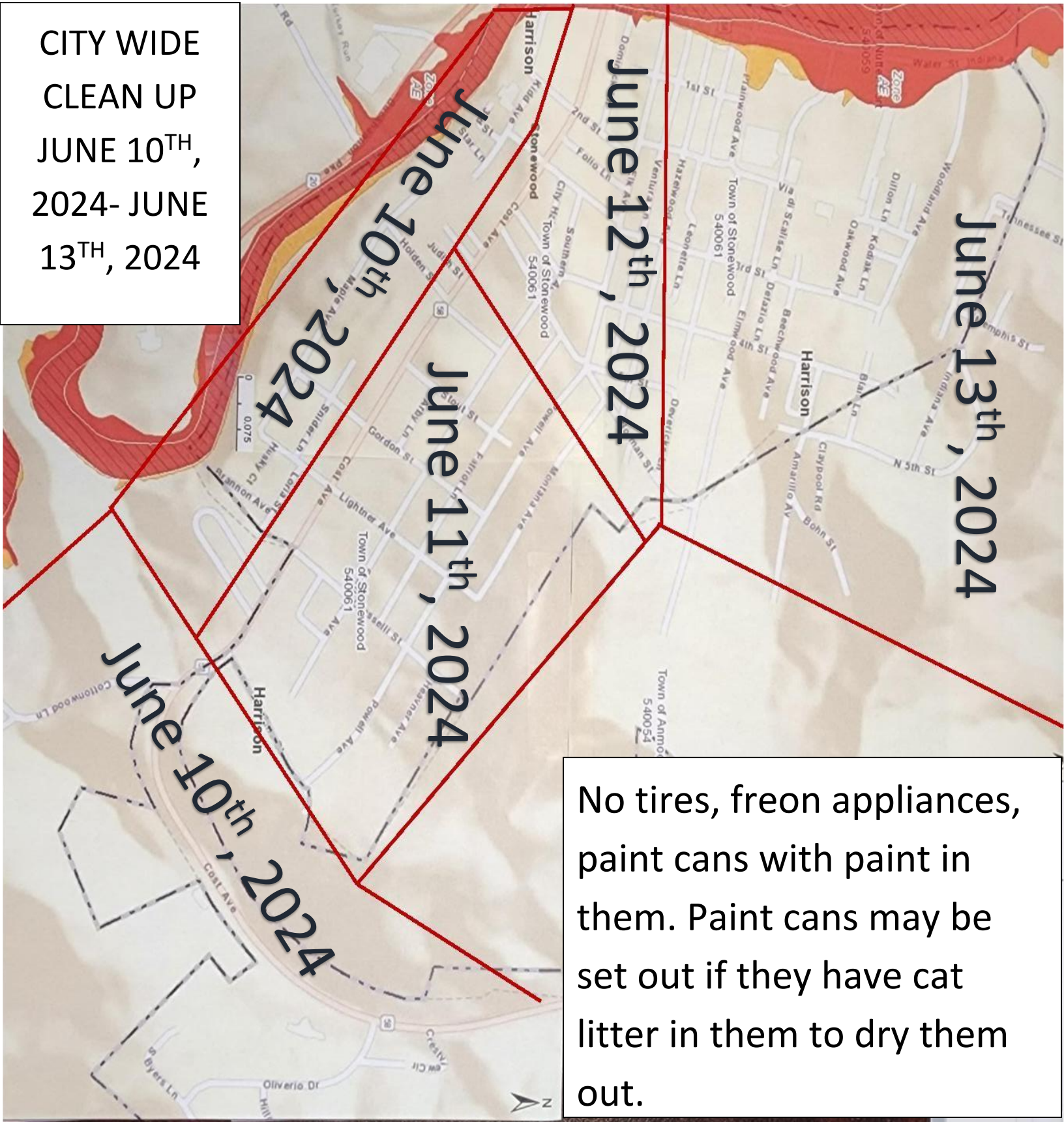
Our Automated License Plate Readers captured a stolen license plate that was being improperly displayed on an unregistered vehicle. Patrol Officer Moore initiated the investigation.

Check out Stonewood Police Departments new Facebook Page!

Respectfully,

Robert Matheny, Chief

CITY WIDE
CLEAN UP
JUNE 10TH,
2024- JUNE
13TH, 2024



No tires, freon appliances, paint cans with paint in them. Paint cans may be set out if they have cat litter in them to dry them out.

Calendar of Events

June 4th, 2024

Council Meeting 7:00 PM

June 18th, 2024

Council Meeting 7:00 PM

Sewer Board Meeting 4:30 PM

July 2nd, 2024

Council Meeting 7:00 PM

July 16th, 2024

Council Meeting 7:00 PM

Sewer Board Meeting 4:30 PM

August 6th, 2024

Council Meeting 7:00 PM

August 20th, 2024

Council Meeting 7:00 PM

Sewer Board Meeting 4:30 PM

Happy Birthday to our Residents 90 and over!

Kenneth "Sarge" Gorby 91 3/23

Louis Jean Scott 91 3/24

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