

# Town of Stonewood

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## Terry Whiteman

April 2<sup>nd</sup> 1933- January 13<sup>th</sup> 2018

Terry was born in Stonewood April 2<sup>nd</sup> 1933 to Larry and Elizabeth Panetta. Terry was a well-respected employee of the city of Stonewood from 1971 to 1994, serving in the positions of recorder, treasurer, city clerk and secretary of the Sanitation Board. She had also proudly served as secretary of the Harrison County League of Mayors. Terry retired to West Palm Beach, FL, in 1995. In 2005, she moved to Texas to live with her daughter, Robin, and son-in-law, Gene.



Terry enjoyed spending time with her family, playing games with her great-grandchildren, sewing, ironing, working puzzles of all kinds and watching her favorite talent competition shows.

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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### PRESIDENTS DAY

STONEWOOD CITY HALL WILL BE CLOSED FEBRUARY 19<sup>TH</sup> 2018 IN OBSERVANCE OF PRESIDENTS DAY.

### COUNCIL MEETING

STONEWOOD CITY HALL  
FEBRUARY 20<sup>TH</sup> 2018  
7 P.M.

### SEWER BOARD MEETING

STONEWOOD CITY HALL  
FEBRUARY 20<sup>TH</sup> 2018  
4:30 P.M.

### COUNCIL MEETING

STONEWOOD CITY HALL  
March 6<sup>th</sup> 2018  
7 P.M.

### COUNCIL MEETING

STONEWOOD CITY HALL  
MARCH 20<sup>TH</sup> 2018  
7 P.M.

### SEWER BOARD MEETING

STONEWOOD CITY HALL  
MARCH 20<sup>TH</sup> 2018  
4:30 P.M.

### COUNCIL MEETING

STONEWOOD CITY HALL  
April 3<sup>rd</sup> 2018  
7 P.M.

### COUNCIL MEETING

STONEWOOD CITY HALL  
APRIL 17<sup>TH</sup> 2018  
7 P.M.

### SEWER BOARD MEETING

STONEWOOD CITY HALL  
APRIL 17<sup>TH</sup> 2018  
4:30 P.M.

### COUNCIL MEETING

STONEWOOD CITY HALL  
May 1<sup>st</sup> 2018  
7 P.M.

## WE WOULD LIKE TO RECOGNIZE THOSE RESIDENTS WHO ARE 90 AND OLDER. HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU!

Mary S. Russell 95 years old on 10/5

Robert Wagner 90 years old on 10/8

Mae Davis 91 years old on 11/25

Francis McClung 96 years old on 11/28

Jean Hyman 90 years old on 11/28

Marie Folio 97 years old on 12/11

## Life on the Stonewood Beat

### Chief M. A. Secreto

The Stonewood Police Department has been very active during the winter months. Stonewood PD has assisted federal agencies with round ups and increased nightly patrols along with protecting the children on school crossing details. Soon the winter months will end and springtime will be knocking on our doors. The weather will get warmer and the criminal element will be on the prowl. Please be vigilant for criminal activity. If you observe someone or something suspicious, call 911. Always secure your vehicles when unattended along with your storage buildings, garages and residence. Springtime is also "clean-up time". When the weather breaks, tidy up your yards. Thank you so much and God Bless!

### Nixle

To sign up for Nixle alerts, send a text message that says YES to 888-777. It will walk you through how to receive text message alerts when we send notifications through Nixle. This will send a message anytime there is a water break and/or boil water advisory. You will also be alerted when the police department sends out notifications as well. It is a valuable asset for those who are busy and don't always have access to the news or facebook

## Churches and locations

### Our Lady of Perpetual Help

8092 Third Street

(304) 623-2334

### Church of the Nazarene

9254 Cost Avenue

(304) 624-0430

### Congregational Missionary

8086 Hazelwood Avenue

(304) 622-7256

### Bible Batist Temple

1450 Cost Avenue

(304) 623-2630

### Christian & Missionary Alliance

8273 Hazelwood Avenue

(304) 624-5966

### Pentacoastal Church of

#### Living God

8144 Stout Street

(304) 884-8154

## Stonewood Fire and Rescue

The Stonewood Vol. Fire Department would like to remind all citizens that this time of year, and with the cold weather, please use extreme caution when doing any of the following:

**Attempting to thaw frozen waterlines.** Many fires have occurred by citizens attempting to thaw a water line and in the process catching their home on fire. Please consult a professional in this case, for your safety and your families.

**Use of unvented space heaters or electric space heaters.** The unvented space heater such as propane and/or kerosene can emit dangerous hydrocarbons that will go unnoticed to your senses. These heaters can emit dangerous CO2 that is known to be a silent killer each year in this country.

**Electric space heaters can cause overloads in household wiring that can also catch close items on fire due to radiant heat if to close.** Never use an extension cord to run an electric heater unless properly rated and advised ok by the manufacturer.

**When using a wood burning fire place or heater, always make sure your chimney is clean and checked by a professional before use.** Never burn such items as cardboard in a fireplace as they can cause a chimney fire. Never leave fire place open and unattended as to hot embers shooting out causing fires.

**Just remember, your families safety and yours start with you!!!**

Thank you,

**Stonewood Fire Department**

## Code Enforcement Notice

It's getting to be that time of year. As we come near to spring time, the season of code enforcement violations will be upon us. There is usually more garbage and debris along with high grass violations that are more visible throughout the summer months. Please remember that grass in excess of 8 inches is a violation. Notices will be sent to anyone in violation of the grass code or to those with excess garbage and debris upon their property. Anyone who is a consistent violator will have their grass cut by the city and charged at a rate of \$100 an hour. The push to rid the city of illegal vehicles has been pretty successful. There are 4 properties that are still in violation of having illegal vehicles in the city. There have been 41 properties that have come into compliance with the code. We will continue to work to have everyone in compliance. *(continued on next page)*

# Special Levy Election

## OFFICIAL BALLOT SPECIAL ELECTION TO AUTHORIZE ADDITIONAL LEVIES City of Stonewood, West Virginia February 17, 2018

A special election to authorize additional levies for the fiscal years beginning July 1, 2018, July 1, 2019, July 1, 2020 and July 1, 2021 for **Street Maintenance and Construction** in the amount **\$81,582 annually and \$326,328** during the term of the levy; **Parks and Recreation** in the amount of **\$14,397 annually and \$57,588** during the term of the levy, according to the order of the Municipal Council of the City of Stonewood, entered on this 21st day of November 2017.

That the additional rate of levy in cents per one hundred dollars of assessed valuation on each class of property shall be:

Class I	6.25 cents
Class II	12.50 cents
Class III	25.00 cents
Class IV	25.00 cents

In the event the separate and aggregate assessed value of each class of taxable property within the **City of Stonewood** increases during the term of the special excess levy, the excess amount may be reduced so that the projected tax collection will not exceed ~~\$95,979~~ in any fiscal year.

FOR THE LEVIES

AGAINST THE LEVIES

**Instructions:** Those favoring the additional levy, place an (X) in the square before "FOR THE LEVIES;" those against the levy, place an (X) in the square before "AGAINST THE LEVIES."

The Levy started in 1969. The rates have not changed. Last Levy focused solely on Street Maintenance and Construction. This coming Levy, The City wanted to also focus on Parks and Recreation. This levy will break down to 85% for the Street Maintenance and Construction and 15% for Parks and Recreation. The Levy will generate \$81,582 annually and \$326,328 during the term of the Levy for Street Maintenance and Construction. It will also generate \$14,397 annually and \$57,588 during the term of the Levy for Parks and Recreation. Early Voting will be from Friday, February 2<sup>nd</sup> to Wednesday, February 14<sup>th</sup>, 2018 as well both Saturdays February 3<sup>rd</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>. Election Day is on Saturday, February 17<sup>th</sup>, 2018 from 6:30 AM to 7:30 PM.

## Code Enforcement Notice continued....

Any work to repair, remodel or add on to your property will require a building permit from the city. I will be scanning the city to ensure that people are getting the proper permits to have work done. For any questions, please call the City at 304-623-2919.

**-Robert Leonard, Building Inspector**

**We can now accept Visa, Master card and Discover credit card payments for water bills in office or over the phone. The same rates apply as making a payment online. The rate is \$3.95 for payments up to \$131.75. If it is over this amount the rate is 3%. The City of Stonewood does not receive this fee. If you have any questions, please contact our office.**

## Recycling

The City of Stonewood is working with the Harrison County Solid Waste Authority in an effort to raise awareness about recycling. In the past the City did recycling the first and third Thursday and Friday of the month. To get residents in compliance with the Harrison County ordinance that requires all residents to recycle, the City will now pick up recycling every Friday. Residents are to set their bins at the curb. If you do not have a bin, you can come to City Hall and pick one up there. You may also call City Hall to make arrangements if you need assistance with recycling. As a reminder, accepted material includes plastic milk jugs, bottles and containers, aluminum cans, metal and steel cans, newspapers and cardboard.

Unacceptable material includes foam, plastic grocery bags, pizza boxes, egg cartons, butter tubs, glass and oil containers. We will also include with the newsletter a copy of what is accepted and unaccepted material.

The City is focused on saving the environment, saving customers on the purchase of trash bags by reducing garbage waste and increasing recycling as well as assisting the city on landfill costs by reducing the weight. Please be aware that the City of Stonewood uses the Garbage truck to pick up recycling. The waste department washes the vehicle after waste is picked up to use it for recycling. In the past, using the Recycling truck required more runs to the Recycle center as well as costs per trip. Use of the garbage truck reduces the trip down to one.

**Please report water breaks to City Hall or call 911.**

## Termination Timeline

By Vicki Lemley, Consumer Affairs Technician, Water and Wastewater Division, Public Service Commission of West Virginia

The Water and Wastewater Division of the Public Service Commission (Commission), receives numerous phone calls from utilities, as well as customers, who do not always understand the timelines associated with the billing and termination process for water and sewer utilities. The table below shows a view of the billing and termination timeline for:

### Public Service Districts and Municipalities

West Virginia Code §16-13A-9 (PSD)

West Virginia Code §8-18-22, §8-20-10 and §16-13-16 (Municipal)

### Water Service Termination Timeline

Day 1	Bill issued. (Water Rule 1.7.b.1)
Day 20	Latest pay date for bill. (Water Rule 1.7.b.2)
Day 21	Bill is subject to late charge or 10% penalty and is delinquent after 20 days. (Water Rule 1.7.b.3)
Day 22	Water utility sends written notice that bill is delinquent (Water Form No. 1), and service will be discontinued, no sooner than 10 days from the date of the notice. (Water Rule 4.8.a.1)
Days 23- 27	Notice of termination posted for termination of master meter, apartment buildings or for any service where the service address is not the same as mailing address (Water Rule 4.8.a.8). This is at least five days prior to scheduled termination.
Day 32	Discontinuance may occur after two attempts to notify by personal contact made on two separate business days at least 24 hours prior to the scheduled termination. No sooner than 10 days after disconnect notice. (Water Rule 4.8.a.3)
Day 62	Written notice of pending discontinuance of service is void 30 days after the date indicated on the notice. Termination process must start again. (Water Rule 4.8.a.1)

If you haven't already done so, please contact City Hall to make sure your phone number and address are up to date.