

Town of Stonewood



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From the Mayor's Office

Regretfully, we are saying farewell to Robin Depolo who recently stepped down from the Sanitary Board. Mr. Depolo served on the board for several years. Previously he was employed by the Town over 4 decades in many jobs after being honorable discharged from the U.S. Navy serving during the Vietnam Conflict. He was employed in the public works department, Police Department as well as volunteering with the Fire Department. He served in all capacities in PW before being named director, the position he retired from. Thank you for your service.

Welcome Greg DeMark, who left council to fill the Sewer Board vacancy and Kim Nicholson who was appointed to fill the remainder of the Council Term.

Thanks is extended to Jeff Schrader who has served on council to fill an unexpired term.

Farewell to Councilmember Kenneth "Sarge" Gorby who will not be seeking re-election. Mr. Gorby has also served our City as Mayor and Municipal Judge. He once sponsored an employee of the year award. He served our County and State in the following Magistrate positions: Chief, Senior Status, Juvenile referee and was twice appointed to fill vacancies. In addition to his service of City, County and State, he served his Country in the Coast Guard, Marine Core Reserve and Army where he retired honorable with 23 years of service at the Rank of Master Sergeant. He was in the Coast Guards during the Korean Conflict. When he was in the Army, he was sent to Vietnam on the 4th of July 1967 to the 30th of June 1968. He was also the recipient of many State and National awards from the VFW. Thank you.

The 75th Anniversary will take place in 2022 and needs volunteers and any photos that you may have. Interested persons should call or stop by City Hall and sign up.

-James K. Terango

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

COUNCIL MEETING

STONEWOOD CITY HALL
APRIL 2ND 2019
7 P.M.

COUNCIL MEETING

STONEWOOD CITY HALL
APRIL 16TH 2019
7 P.M.

COUNCIL MEETING

STONEWOOD CITY HALL
MAY 7TH 2019
7 P.M.

COUNCIL MEETING

STONEWOOD CITY HALL
May 21ST 2019
7 P.M.

COUNCIL MEETING

STONEWOOD CITY HALL
JUNE 4TH 2019
7 P.M.

COUNCIL MEETING

STONEWOOD CITY HALL
JUNE 18TH 2019
7 P.M.

COUNCIL MEETING

STONEWOOD CITY HALL
JULY 2ND 2019
7 P.M.

COUNCIL MEETING

STONEWOOD CITY HALL
JULY 16TH 2019
7 P.M.

SEWER BOARD MEETING

STONEWOOD CITY HALL
APRIL 2ND 2019
4:30 P.M.

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4:30 P.M.

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Feature Department Police Department



Chief Mike Secreto (501) has 27 years Law Enforcement experience. A graduate of the 85th basic class, he spent several years with the Shinnston Police Department where he served in many capacities including Chief. Additionally, he serves as the department's firearms instructor. In addition to our training, he assists other agencies with range qualifications. The Chief has been the recipient of numerous investigative, patrol, administrative and crime prevention awards. In 2013 he joined our force and was promoted to Chief in 2017.



Officer Casey Mitchell (502) is a graduate of the 169th basic class. With a 4 year Criminal Justice Degree from Fairmont State University, she comes to us from the WVU Campus Police with 3 years experience. Additionally, Officer Mitchell worked as an Emergency Dispatcher and Corrections Officer with the Department of Corrections. She's been with our force since 2018.



Officer Robert Willis (503) is a graduate of the 114th basic and a U.S. SP Air Force Veteran of the Gulf War. Willis worked with the Clarksburg Police Department as well as the Salem Police Department where he was promoted to Chief. He has been a member of our force since 2013.



Officer Matt Fogg (504) successfully completed the 172nd basic. His Law Enforcement career started with the Shinnston Police Department. He joined our force in January. He previously served the Department of Correction as a Corrections Officer.

First of all, in addition to our own police force, I would like to recognize one of our own residents Sergeant Mark Kiddy of the West Virginia State Police. Additionally, Deputy Zach Kesling, who was a long time member of our police force that is now serving our entire county as well as our former Police Chief Robert G. Matheny, who is currently our Harrison County Sheriff. We are proud of all of the men and women that serve this City, County, State and Nation.

-James K. Terango, Mayor



“Life on the Beat” Spring Report

Stonewood Police Department

Chief M. A. Secreto

The spring season hopefully will bring warmer and dryer weather for our beautiful city. As a new season approaches and daylight is longer, the criminal element will always be on the prowl. The Stonewood Police Department will be protecting your property and patrolling the roadways and always has a vigilant watch for criminal activity. Police patrols and coverage will increase.

The Stonewood Police Department was very active during the winter months with several felony and misdemeanor arrests.

Please remember to always secure your storage buildings along with your vehicles, garages and residence when not attended. Be sure the yard work is current. By failing to comply, it attracts undesirables who believe your home is unoccupied. Please check with the Fire Department for parameters on burning rules and regulations. Secure your pets from running loose so roadway accidents don't occur. If you have any questions about dogs or cats please reference the City ordinances Chapter 6 Article II on dogs and Chapter 6 Article III on cats.

Remember, if you see someone or something suspicious, call 911. Have a great spring season, thank you and God Bless!

National Police Week

National Police Week starts Sunday May 12th- Saturday May 18th 2019. It dates back to a Congressional Resolution in 1962 that was declared by then President John F. Kennedy. Sadly, we must be reminded that public safety is an extremely dangerous field that can result in paying the ultimate price in their chosen profession because our Nation loses 140-160 Law Enforcement Officers in the line of duty each calendar year. During National Police week, we encourage you to get to know and help fill a need for your local police department.

Our public participation can be fulfilled with one of the following ideas:

- Putting a plate of cookies together and delivering it to the Police Station
- Arrange a day to feed the officers on their shifts.
- Provide officers with a gift card to a local restaurant.
- Make a donation to the local Fraternal Order of Police Mountaineer Lodge #78 PO Box 1338, Clarksburg, WV 26301 in the Stonewood Police Department's name.
- Correspond with the Chief about possible needs and help fill that need.

A message from Public Works

It has been a busy winter and spring is here. Our goal is to keep the grass cut in and around the city and the parks cut. The City would like to have volunteers to help with the parks to keep them clean and safe. Also, as a reminder, we cannot take grass clippings and tree trimmings. Clarksburg has a compost center for them.

Also recycling will pick up every Friday, please put your bins out on Thursday night or Friday morning before 7:00 AM.

The City wide clean up will be June 10-14. The City will be zoned off into sections. There will be a copy of the days at the office. Please stop by and get a copy. If you bring your rubbish to the roll off located at Water Street to drop off, please have your ID as well as a water bill for proof of residency. **WE WILL NOT ACCEPT PAINT CANS WITH PAINT IN THEM, OIL, CAR BATTERIES, FREON APPLIANCES OR TIRES.**



Building Inspector

As the spring time approaches, daylight increases, the grass will start growing. The ordinance for height is set at 8 inches. Let's make sure to keep the grass cut and our properties looking nice. Some spring cleaning can be done as we can get outside more with the extended days. Let's make the city look good this year.

We have been pretty successful in getting rid of the illegal and unlicensed vehicles. There are still a few out there and I am working with the owners to make them legal or get them removed. If anyone has a vehicle that has no license plate or one that has expired, please get a legal plate for the vehicle or remove it from the city.

Even though it is a slow process, we are still working to get the dilapidated and unsightly structures in compliance, demolished or improved. A few have plans set in place to continue improvement. We will continue to monitor violations as well as trying to reach out to other owners to make improvements to structures need them.

Building permits are required when conducting work. If you have any questions as to whether you need to get a permit for what you are doing, feel free to call City Hall at (304) 623-2919. Thank you. – Robert Leonard

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

8095 Hazelwood Avenue

(304) 622-7256

Oasis Worship Center

8556 Cost Avenue

(304) 918-9110

Bible Baptist Temple

1450 Cost Avenue

(304) 623-2630

Christian & Missionary Alliance

8301 Hazelwood Avenue

(304) 624-5966

Pentecostal Church of

Living God

8144 Stout Street

(304) 884-8154

Happy Birthday to our Residents 90 and over!

Betty Harper **4/19** **92**

Louis Bartos **6/09** **94**

Lawrence Metzner **7/29** **93**

If you are not listed above and would like your birthday listed, please contact City Hall at (304) 623-2919 ex. 3



Ron Woods, Fire Chief

I would like to take this time to remind **ALL CITIZENS** that we are at that time again of the **FIRE SEASON**. I know after a long winter and the smell of spring is in the air it drives all of us to get out and begin those tasks that have been lying dormant all winter. I would like to urge you to be cautious and take the time to read the WV Burning Laws. Doing so could save you and others from a devastating fire event.

WEST VIRGINIA FOREST FIRE LAWS

The periods of each year between March 1 and May 31, inclusive, and October 1 and December 31, inclusive, are hereby designated as Forest Fire Seasons.

No person shall during ANY such fire season, except between the hours of 5:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m. prevailing time, set on fire or cause to be set on fire any forest land, or any grass, grain, stubble, slash, debris, or other inflammable materials. Any fire set during this time shall be extinguished prior to 7:00 a.m. prevailing time. Such prohibition of fires between 7:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. prevailing time shall not be construed to include (1) small fires set for the purpose of food preparation, or providing light or warmth around which all grass, brush, stubble, or other debris has been removed for a distance of ten feet from the fire, and (2) burning which may be conducted at any time when the ground surrounding the burning site is covered by one inch or more of snow.

No burning may be done unless all inflammable material has been removed from around the material to be burned as a safety strip for a distance which insures that the fire will not escape, and which is not less than 10 feet. If fire escapes beyond the safety strip, the person responsible shall be guilty of misdemeanor.

- Before leaving ANY fire for ANY period of time, it must be totally extinguished.
- Commercial permits to burn during the prohibited periods may be issued by the Division of Forestry.
- All sawmills, power shovels, or an engine or machine capable of throwing sparks must be provided with an adequate spark arrestor if operating on land subject to fire by any cause.
- All inflammable waste disposal areas on ANY land must annually have removed all grass, brush, debris and other inflammable material adjacent to such disposal areas to provide adequate protection to prevent the escape of fire to adjacent lands.
- The State shall recover from the person or persons, firms or corporations whose negligence or whose violations of any provisions of this article cause ANY fire at ANY time on any grass or forest land the amount expended by the State.
- A landowner must take all practicable means to suppress ANY fire on his property. If he fails to do so, the State shall collect from him the amounts expended by the State for such purposes.

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