



# Town of Stonewood

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## From the Mayor's Office

In the last newsletter, I had talked of all the council members and board members. I wanted to take a moment to thank Danny Phares, Recorder, for all the work he has done. He has been a resident since 2007 and served on Council since 2013. He took over the Recorder position in June of 2018 and has done an outstanding job.

We ask that you make an appointment for copies, faxes or notary services. Please call City Hall at (304) 623-2919 x. 3 or email at [cityofstonewood8052@aol.com](mailto:cityofstonewood8052@aol.com)

We will be closed on December 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>, 2019 for the Christmas holiday as well as December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2019 at 12 p.m. and January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020 for the New Year's holiday. Tuesday December 24<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday December 31<sup>st</sup> will be normal garbage pickup. Garbage pick up for Wednesday December 25<sup>th</sup> as well as Wednesday January 1<sup>st</sup> will be moved to Thursday December 26<sup>th</sup>, 2019 and Thursday January 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2020, respectively.

## Fire Department

Santa Claus will be driven around with Stonewood Vol. Fire Department to hand out candies and collect can goods for the pantry of our choosing. This is a great event of giving back to the community and benefiting a local food pantry. This will start at 12 pm on December 15th, 2019 and end whenever we reach the entire town.

During the Christmas season, please remember to keep live trees watered so they do not become dry and a fire hazard with lights on them. Also, inspect Christmas lights for shorts, cuts in the cord, etc.

This time of the year many residents will deal with frozen water lines. Make sure you consult a professional before attempting to thaw out your lines. Many fires have occurred while homeowners are attempting this process.

Interested in volunteering with Stonewood Fire Department or taking a tour of the renovated facility? Please stop by the station or call the business line at (304) 622-1199 to make an appointment.





## Public Works (and Rescue)

This month we feature your Public Works Department who is vital to the continued operation of the City of Stonewood. These gentlemen work daily to maintain the streets, parks, Winter snow removal, and your utilities (water, sewer and garbage). In addition to Public Works, several of the team are also members of the Stonewood Volunteer Fire Department and provide protection and aid to the citizens each day. Meet your Public Works Department:



Director of Public Works- Rick Cox (and his wife Janet) has been a resident of Stonewood for over 30 years and joined the City in February 2018. He brought years of experience and safety knowledge to the department and maintains his Water Certification Card and CDL. Shortly after joining the department, he became a Certified Fire Fighter to aid in the care of Stonewood residents.



Scott Shriver joined Public Works in May 2018. He and his wife Michelle are residents of Stonewood along with their two children who attend Norwood Elementary School. Scott also maintains his Water Certification Card and CDL. In addition, he is a Certified Fire Fighter with the Stonewood VFD.



James Ayers joined the department in August 2010 and is a long-time resident of Stonewood. Jimmy is the primary driver in the Waste Department and takes great pride in helping keep Stonewood clean. In addition, he works with the crew in maintaining parks and streets.



Daniel Ayers joined Public Works in June 2017. He and his wife Dorothy are residents of Stonewood. Danny works alongside Jimmy daily in the Waste Department to pick up garbage and recycling. He is also a vital part of the department in the maintenance of the parks and streets.



Matt Vest became a member of the Public Works team in December 2018. Matt is the proud father of two children and a resident of Stonewood. He is a Certified Fire Fighter and is currently in the process of becoming a Certified EMT to provide immediate care to the citizens of Stonewood.



The newest member of our team is Mack Mallow who joined us in May 2019. Mack and his wife Kristen have a daughter and he was previously a member of the Military Police and is currently in the Reserves. Mack is a certified Fire Fighter and is also in the process of becoming a certified EMT for the daily protection of our residents.



## DO YOU RECYCLE?

As a reminder, the Town of Stonewood has mandatory recycling of paper, cardboard, aluminum, tin and plastics #1 and #2. **WE DO NOT ACCEPT #5 MATERIALS.** The Public Works Department is dedicated to enforcing the requirement to recycle so when we're collecting your garbage, if you have recycling materials that are visible (such as cardboard boxes or plastic buckets), they will be left behind and picked up on recycling day every Friday. **Green garbage cans and dumpsters are for solid waste materials and blue cans, bins and dumpsters are for recycling material.** Though we use the garbage truck for recycling pickup, rest assured the Friday recycling is delivered to the recycling center **NOT** the landfill.

Sec. 22-39 of the codified ordinance states that no person without authorization shall dump garbage or trash, or assist in the unauthorized dumping of garbage or trash, in a dumpster or other solid waste container which is located on the property of another person and leased or otherwise owned or maintained by another person. The act of throwing isolated objects into a dumpster or other solid waste container in the prevention or elimination of litter is specifically accepted from penalties under this section.



## THE CODE NOTICE

We have concluded another year and it has been successful in the Code Enforcement department. This past summer, we had 5 less grass violations than the previous year. We are slowly getting violators to get their grass cut before having to be notified.

There have been 90 illegal vehicles moved from the Town or been made legal in the past two years. There are still several violators that have been sent notices and will be resolved and brought into compliance. I will continue to scan the area and make sure the vehicles are code compliant.

This past year we were able to get two structures demolished as well as several brought into compliance. There are still several structures out there that need repaired or demolished and I will continue to do my due diligence to get in contact with the owners and get these where they need to be. It is a process and I will continue to work on these into the coming year.

If there are questions or concerns regarding matters of code, feel free to contact City Hall and ask to speak with me.

Enjoy the Holiday season

-Robert Leonard, Building Inspector/Code Enforcement Officer



## Life on the Beat

### Chief Secreto

The winter season for the Stonewood Police Department will have a holiday theme. We will assist the Stonewood Volunteer Fire Department with the Santa and Christmas candy giveaway on the 15<sup>th</sup> of December 2019. The SWPD will have extra police coverage during the Christmas and New Year Festivities.

Winterize your vehicles with good wiper blades, tires, defroster in working order and all lights (illumination) in workable order. When driving on snow covered roadways; never tailgate, allow for extra time to arrive at your destination and don't drive unless necessary.

In the event you depart your residence for the winter months for any extended time, please arrange to have sidewalks and driveways cleared in the event of snowfall. Internal and external light timers give the appearance of presence in the home. Newspapers and mail piling up invite the criminal element to break into your residence to steal your hard-earned belongings. There are many apps, cameras and other security products available that can be a great deterrent. Always notify your local police before leaving.

Please remember to telephone 911 when you observe someone or something suspicious. Never leave your vehicles, residence, storage buildings and garages unsecured while unattended. Always secure your residence, even when they are occupied.

Please have a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. God bless and be safe.



(Pictured: Mark Kiddy being sworn in as Chief of Clarksburg Police Department)

Congratulations to resident Mark Kiddy, who was recently named Clarksburg's Chief of Police. Chief Kiddy recently retired from the West Virginia State Police as the detachment commander of the local Bridgeport office. Prior to his career with the State Police, he served with the Clarksburg Police department for 12 years where he earned the rank of Corporal and was a detective in the Investigations Division. Additionally, he served our country in the U.S. Army Reserve where he retired at the rank of Sergeant First Class (E-7).



(Pictured: Left to right, Daughter Laken Webb, Wife Barbara, Chief Mark Kiddy and Son Cole)



### *75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary*

We have two public volunteers and two members from City Council. To start our committee; John Stopiak, of Stonewood, Glenville Mayor and Stonewood native Dennis Fitzpatrick, Councilmember Kim Nicholson who's also very active with the Fire Department and Councilmember Jackie Carrico who is new to City Council and a lifelong resident. We are also privileged to have Pat Folio of Port Folio Events, LLC.

Kelly Fontaine was gracious enough to donate several photos and plaques from her dearly departed mother, Terry Whiteman. Recently, Jimmy Paugh, who serves on our Sanitary Board donated a photo that included his father, Richard, that served on City Council, who passed away in 1977.

We are still interested in adding new members to our committee. Please contact City Hall if interested. We are hoping to have our first meeting in January.

If you have any memorabilia and would like to share, please let us know whether it is a donation, or you would like it returned. If you can make copies of photographs, that would be greatly appreciated as we can use them in years to come for the history of Stonewood.

Recently, one of our longtime residents suffered a tragic loss. Janie McIntire wanted to share these words of wisdom that helped her through a devastating time.

#### **TO ACHIEVE YOUR DREAMS**

#### **REMEMBER YOUR ABC'S**

**Avoid negative sources, people, places, things and habits.**

**Believe in yourself.**

**Consider things from every angle.**

**Don't give up and don't give in.**

**Enjoy life today, yesterday is gone and tomorrow may never come.**

**Family and friends are hidden treasures, seek them and enjoy their riches.**

**Give more than you planned to.**

**Hang on to your dreams.**

**Ignore those who try to discourage you.**

**Just do it.**

**Keep trying no matter how hard it seems, it will get easier.**

**Love yourself first and most.**

**Make it happen.**

**Never lie, cheat or steal, always strike a fair deal.**

**Open your eyes and see things as they really are.**

**Practice makes perfect.**

**Quitters never win and winners never quit.**

**Ready, study and learn about everything important in your life.**

**Stop procrastinating.**

**Take control of your own destiny.**

**Understand yourself in order to better understand others.**

**Visualize it.**

**Want it more than others.**

**Accelerate your efforts.**

**You are unique of all God's creations, nothing can replace you.**

**Zero in on your target and go for it!**



### Calendar of Events

<b>Council Meeting</b>	<b>Sewer Board Meeting</b>
<b>December 17<sup>th</sup>, 2019</b>	<b>December 17<sup>th</sup>, 2019</b>
<b>7 P.M.</b>	<b>4:30 P.M.</b>

**Council Meeting**  
**January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2020**  
**7 P.M.**

<b>Council Meeting</b>	<b>Sewer Board Meeting</b>
<b>January 21<sup>st</sup>, 2020</b>	<b>January 21<sup>st</sup>, 2020</b>
<b>7 P.M.</b>	<b>4:30 P.M.</b>

**Council Meeting**  
**February 4<sup>th</sup>, 2020**  
**7 P.M.**

<b>Council Meeting</b>	<b>Sewer Board Meeting</b>
<b>February 18<sup>th</sup>, 2020</b>	<b>February 18<sup>th</sup>, 2020</b>
<b>7 P.M.</b>	<b>4:30 P.M.</b>

**Council Meeting**  
**March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2020**  
**7 P.M.**

<b>Council Meeting</b>	<b>Sewer Board Meeting</b>
<b>March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2020</b>	<b>March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2020</b>
<b>7 P.M.</b>	<b>4:30 P.M.</b>

### 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!

None were reported for the December quarter.

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

Please also let us know if it is ok to pass along your address information for those interested in sending birthday cards. Addresses will only be given out with permission of the resident.

