



# Town of Stonewood

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## From the Mayor's Office

A big thank you goes to Quentin Gabriel of Cost Avenue for sharing memorabilia that we are hoping to use at our 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Quentin's wife, Grace, served as our recorder and spent many years working in the front office.

I would like to take this time to acknowledge our Police Chief Michael Secreto and Fire Chief Ron Woods for their appointment on the Harrison Taylor 911 emergency board.

Congratulations goes to James Larry "Rabbit" Snider on his recent retirement from coaching. His coaching careers spans nearly 5 decades, and I even played Jerry West for two teams he helped coach in the 70s. He has served our City in many capacities. He was Mayor from 1979 to 1981. He was also appointed recorder on two different occasions during Biafore and Leonette administrations. He served on City Council during numerous terms as well. Additionally, he served as Municipal Judge, Chairman of Sanitary Board, worked in front office as administrative assistant to Mayor Oliverio, worked in the Public Works department, Supervisor for numerous years of summer youth and a member of the Volunteer Fire department. In addition to service to the youth as a teacher, coach, and supervisor, he served our country in the U.S. Navy during the Vietnam conflict. Please congratulate him on a job well done.

I had the pleasure of being a presenter at the Best of Harrison County. I'm proud to say that the following received rewards: Residents Regina and Billy Jo Defazio for Thelma's Restaurant, Resident Dave Christopher and his brother Paul for Sandy's Hardware, Businesswoman Linda Fowler who owns and operates Bonnie Belles Bakery and is a businessowner in Stonewood, and our own community drug store, Town and Country, Steve Toompas and his staff.



Let us all congratulate Mrs. Dora Stutler on being selected as interim Superintendent for Harrison County Schools. She was the Principle at Norwood Elementary before accepting a position as the Supervisor of Personnel for Harrison County. The City was truly fortunate to have her during her time at Norwood Elementary and we would like to wish her luck in her future endeavors.

# Congrats!



# Congrats to the Class of 2020



Kristen Loudin RCB



Hunter Hardesty

Lincoln High



T'ah A. McGary RCB



Kathlene "Drew"  
Mitchell

RCB



Alex Stanzione

RCB



Tyler Livingston RCB



Courtney Beeson RCB



Keeleyonna McGary RCB

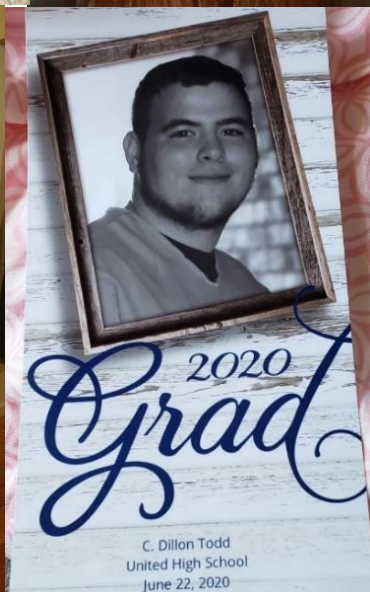


Sophia Gorby

Bridgeport High



Matthew McGary RCB



2020  
Grad

C. Dillon Todd  
United High School  
June 22, 2020



Alexa Rosalie Ficca RCB



Brittany Hardman

RCB

Not pictured: Matthew Simons Bridgeport High



## Public Works

SUMMER IS HERE. We want to let you know that we have now resumed normal recycling pick up as of July 2<sup>nd</sup> 2020. If you have any questions about what can and cannot be picked up, please reach out to City Hall and they will provide you the information. We want to thank the residents for their dedication during these trying times and by keeping informed about all changes through our Facebook page as well as our website.

Stonewood Lions Club cleaned up Rt. 58 as part of the "Adopt a Highway" Program on Saturday, April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at 9:00 AM. The Club wants to thank Chief Secreto and the Police Department as well as Chief Woods and the Fire Department for their help with traffic control twice a year since April 2014.



Front Office

We would like to take a moment to thank all the residents for their cooperation during this difficult time. We are now open back up to the public. If you are not already doing so, please consider following the City of Stonewood on Facebook or going to our website as we try to provide updates on both platforms.

Recently, we had reached out to all the residents by phone call or message to extend our services in filling out the 2020 Census. Our numbers still reflect that about 32% of residents have not completed the Census.

Census results help determine how billions of dollars in federal funding flow into states and communities each year.

The results determine how many seats in Congress each state has.

Its mandated by the U.S. Constitution in Article 1, Section 2: The U.S. has counted its population every ten years since 1790.

## THE CODE NOTICE

Please remember that once the grass exceeds 8 inches it becomes a violation. Repeat offenders shall be issued a summons to appear and ordered to show cause in municipal court. We would like everyone to maintain their property and make our city look its best.

It is that time of year when folks begin home improvement building projects. Always remember to obtain a building permit from the front office. At this current time, we are closed to the public with the virus precautions. Please call in before you stop down, and the front office will work with you to obtain the permit.

Please keep your properties free of garbage and debris and do not store excess junk around the property. I will continue to monitor for junk and unlicensed vehicles. If you have any violations to report, feel free to call the City and I will make sure it gets investigated and handled in a timely manner. Remember to stay safe and take the proper precautions and hopefully we will all get to enjoy the summer months.

Be aware that we recently passed Ordinance Sec. 30-455 Additional Parking Regulations (d) that states a vehicle cannot be parked, stored or allowed to stand dormant on any City street, public property, or private property within City limits for a continuous period of more than thirty days.

-Robert Leonard, Building Inspector/Code Enforcement Officer

## Life on the Beat

## Chief Secreto

Summertime is here which brings longer days and increased crime so please adhere to these tips. The criminal element are creatures of opportunity. They will be out all-night walking and driving. They listen and see everything.

## “Tips How Not to Be A Victim”

Keep your vehicles locked: Criminals break into vehicles and steal everything. When you leave your keys in your car, it invites them to steal it.

Keep your bicycles secured: Store them inside or use a chain with a lock if stored outside.

Storage building: Always lock when unattended.

Residence: Always lock your homes when your present and especially if they are unattended.

Video cameras: Some of you may have them recording the exterior of your residence. Please don't advertise your cameras or the criminal will just disguise themselves. Always have as much illumination (motion lights) as possible so videos can be used as evidence for court.

Alarm system: please remember to always activate your alarm systems.

911: Always call 911 if you see someone or something suspicious in your neighborhoods. Please do not telephone the police station in an emergency. We won't hear the message till we are in the station. Seconds are everything when apprehending the criminal element.

God Bless and be Safe!

Chief M. A. Secreto

## 2019 vs 2018

+61% calls for service	+33% investigations	+8.5% arrests
-16.4% warrants served	-16% domestic violence orders	
+33% animal citations	2730 premise security checks	
+60.5% court appearances	+72.3% training hours	
-14% vehicle crash reports	(same) traffic citations issued	

**Stonewood Fire & Rescue****Office of the Fire Chief****Ron Woods**

I would like to start this letter in thanking all the citizens of Stonewood for working together at this trying time in our history. I want you to know that your Fire Department is here for you and will continue to do our duty during this COVID – 19 Pandemic. Should you need any assistance as to questions or concerns you can contact me direct by my cell....304-677-2269 and I will try to assist in every way possible. As always, if it is an EMERGENCY CALL 911.

I would like to also remind everyone that there is a required “BURN PERMIT” ordinance within the City of Stonewood. Please apply for that permit through City Hall or contact me and I will assist with that. We must do our part as this early spring has brought us high wind time and unforeseen weather patterns, so this is NOT THE TIME for an open burning fire to get out of control. Our manpower is concentrating on dealing with the COVID -19 Pandemic and we need your help to keep all safe.

As always, I and the members of the Stonewood Volunteer Fire Department are here to serve you and will always be. Please as I said before, contact me or one of my members with your concerns and we will do our best to assist you.

In closing, “Stay Safe” and most importantly “Stay Home” .... We have your back from here!!

*Ron Woods*

*Fire Chief*

Bible Baptist Temple will be celebrating their 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on Saturday July 26<sup>th</sup>, 2020. At 10:00 a.m., there will be special testimonies followed by the main service at 11:00 a.m. with special music, slide presentations, and a message from the founding Pastor Jack Gwinn. A BBQ buffet lunch will be served outdoors after the morning service and there will be an afternoon service at 2:00 p.m. with additional testimonies to close out the special day. Guests are welcome, but please contact the church office at (304) 623-2630 if you plan to attend, so that accurate preparations can be made.



#### Oasis Worship Center Provides Meals to Children During the Summer

The Oasis Worship Center announces their sponsorship of the federally funded Summer Food Service Program.

Lunch and snack are open to all children, ages 18 years and under, who would like to participate.

Meals will be served at the following sites: **Oasis Worship Center, 8556 Cost Avenue, Stonewood, WV.**

Lunch and snack will be provided from 11 am to 1 pm from July 6 through August 21 on Mondays and Fridays.

A nutritious meal is important for children to learn, play and remain active during the summer months. Remember, Hunger Doesn't Take a Summer Vacation! For more information about the Summer Food Service Program, please call **Lauren Lake at (304) 918-9110.**

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Persons with disabilities who require alternative means of communication for program information (e.g. Braille, large print, audiotape, American Sign Language, etc.), should contact the Agency (State or local) where they applied for benefits. Individuals who are deaf, hard of hearing or have speech disabilities may contact USDA through the Federal Relay Service at (800) 877-8339. Additionally, program information may be made available in languages other than English.

To file a program complaint of discrimination, complete the USDA Program Discrimination Complaint Form (AD-3027) found online at: [http://www.ascr.usda.gov/complaint\\_filing\\_cust.html](http://www.ascr.usda.gov/complaint_filing_cust.html), and at any USDA office, or write a letter addressed to USDA and provide in the letter all of the information requested in the form. To request a copy of the complaint form, call (866) 632-9992. Submit your completed form or letter to USDA by:

(1) MAIL: U.S. Department of Agriculture  
Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights  
1400 Independence Avenue, SW  
Washington, D.C. 20250-9410;

(2) FAX: (202) 690-7442; or

(3) EMAIL: [program.intake@usda.gov](mailto:program.intake@usda.gov).

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#### 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

Rita Fragmin 10/10

Lawrence Metzner 7/29

Jean Hyman 11/28

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.



## Calendar of Events

Council Meeting	Sewer Board Meeting
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July 21 <sup>st</sup> , 2020	July 21 <sup>st</sup> , 2020
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7 P.M.	4:30 P.M.
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Council Meeting	
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August 4 <sup>th</sup> , 2020	
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7 P.M.	
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Council Meeting	
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August 18 <sup>th</sup> , 2020	
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7 P.M.	
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Sewer Board Meeting	
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August 18 <sup>th</sup> , 2020	
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4:30 P.M.	
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Council Meeting	
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September 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2020	
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7 P.M.	
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Council Meeting	
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September 15 <sup>th</sup> , 2020	
P.M.	

Sewer Board Meeting	
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September 15 <sup>th</sup> , 2020	
4:30 P.M.	

Council Meeting	
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October 6 <sup>th</sup> , 2020	
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7 P.M.	
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Council Meeting	
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October 20 <sup>th</sup> , 2020	
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7 P.M.	
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Sewer Board Meeting	
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October 20 <sup>th</sup> , 2020	
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4:30 P.M.	
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Council Meeting	
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November 3 <sup>rd</sup> , 2020	
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7 P.M.	
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Council Meeting	
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November 17 <sup>th</sup> , 2020	
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7 P.M.	
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Sewer Board Meeting	
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November 17 <sup>th</sup> , 2020	
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4:30 P.M.	
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Council Meeting	
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December 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2020	
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7 P.M.	
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Council Meeting	
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December 15 <sup>th</sup> , 2020	
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7 P.M.	
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Sewer Board Meeting	
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December 15 <sup>th</sup> , 2020	
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4:30 P.M.	
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