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# Town of Stonewood

8052 Southern Avenue, Stonewood, WV 26301

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### From the Mayor's Office



Jarrod West, a local resident, just completed 4 years at Marshall University. There, he excelled on the courts and in the classroom. Jarrod was a multi-time honoree by Conference USA on the league's all-academic team. He was the State High School Player of the Year in 2017 and led Notre Dame to a Class A State Championship. West' statistics put him among rare company in college basketball. He is tied for 5th in the Marshall's history with 126 games played. Jerrod wrapped up his Herd career with 1,204 points, 424 assists, 254 steals and 202 three-pointers. His final year will be played at the University of Louisville in Kentucky.

I would like to make a special acknowledgement to those who showed the Christmas spirit by supporting residents in need and paying their utility bills at City Hall. We were very thankful for these kind acts.

Stonewood Lions Club completed their annual cleanup of Cost Avenue and Rt. 58 on April 17<sup>th</sup>,2021. Vice President Angie Sipko, President Jeff Lawrence, Tami Lawrence, and volunteer Marty George assisted in the cleanup. They collected 34 bags of trash and car parts.

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The Lions Club is seeking new members to participate in events like these. Please contact City Hall for more information.

I cannot thank them enough for their service. Much time and hard work goes into a project like this one. To honor this effort please follow Ordinance 22-38 about littering.

Per this ordinance, no person shall, without lawful authority, place or dispose of in any manner, upon any public property or upon the premises of another, any paper, trash, garbage, waste, rubbish, refuse, junk or any substance or material which is or may become noxious, offensive, injurious, or dangerous to the public health, comfort, or safety. No person shall cause or allow trash, garbage, waste, rubbish, refuse or any other noxious or offensive materials or substances to be collected or remain in any place to the damage or prejudice of others or of the public, or unlawfully obstruct, impede, divert, corrupt, or render unwholesome or impure, any natural watercourse.

This carries a minimum fine of \$50.00 up to a maximum fine of \$1,000.00 plus court fees.



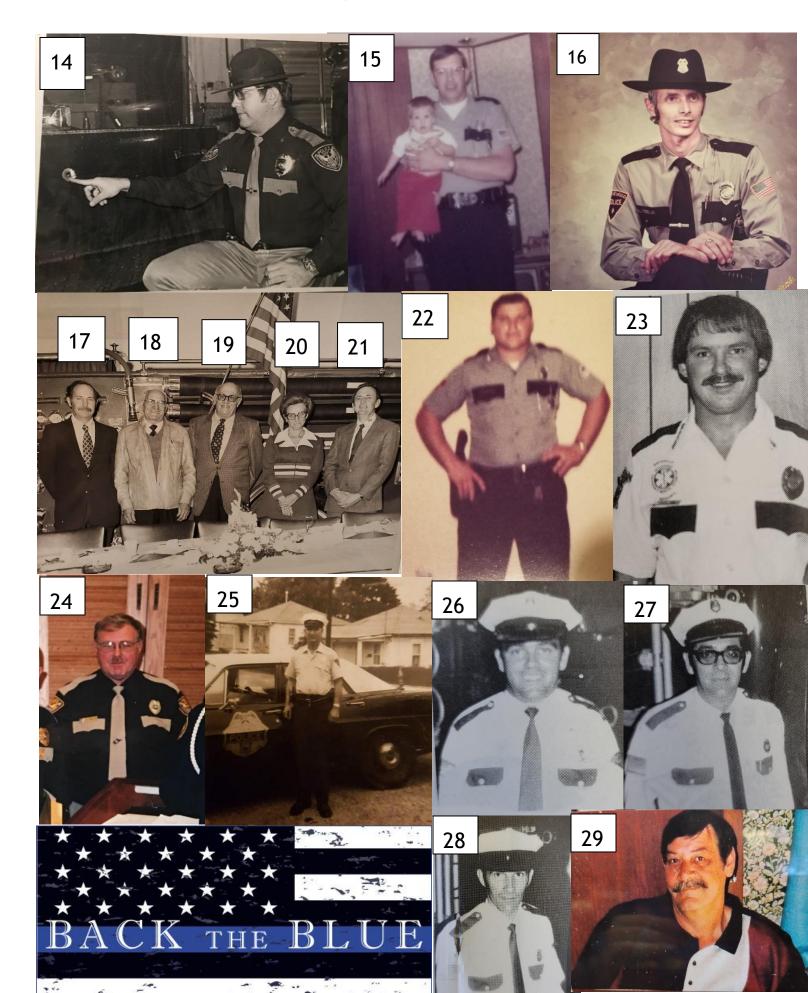
The Lions Club will also be selling household items, brooms, mops, and hotdogs during the City-wide Yard sale.

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# Police Department

On behalf of the current Stonewood Police Department, Chief Michael Secreto, Lieutenant Robert Willis, Officer Casey Mitchell, and Officer Matthew Fogg, the following is our tribute to Police Week as we honor those who previously served our fine community. See how many past officers you can name and submit back to City Hall by mail, fax or email. (Continued on page 3)





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#### Life on the Beat

#### **Chief Secreto**

Springtime is here along with warm weather, 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 anything they can. 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 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 until we are in the station. Seconds are everything when apprehending the criminal element.

I would like to take a moment to personally thank FOP Lodge #78 for assisting us with a generous donation to help equip the new cruiser!

Chief M. A. Secreto

#### 2020 vs 2019

+17% calls for service -28% investigations -10% arrests

-32% warrants served +17% domestic violence orders

-50% animal citations 7849 premise security checks

-1% court appearances same amount training hours

-54% vehicle crash reports -40% traffic citations issued

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

I would like to start this letter by 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 directly 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 the process.

The City has adopted Section 8-21 Street Address Number Ordinance. Please take a moment to read the ordinance and make sure your house number is properly displayed. This helps in many ways, but most importantly, if there is an emergency. We need to be able to respond without hesitation of location. Every moment is critical when a call comes in.

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

In closing, <u>"Stay Safe"</u> and most importantly <u>"Stay Home"</u>.... We have your back from here!!

Ron Woods Fire Chief Phone: (304) 623-2919 Email: <a href="mailto:cityofstonewood8052@aol.com">cityofstonewood8052@aol.com</a>

The Stonewood Volunteer Fire Department will be hosting a benefit dinner, gun raffle and silent auction on May 1st, 2021 from 11:30 AM to 5:30 PM to benefit Senior Fire Fighter and Sewer Board member Greg DeMark. 100% of the proceeds will go to Greg to assist him with expenses due to a medical emergency.

The spaghetti dinner will include salad, bread, beverage, and a desert for \$10.00, children under 12 for \$5.00.

#### The gun raffle includes:

Bundle \$50.00 per ticket: Anderson AR15 5.56 and Sig Sauer 365 Cerakote choice.

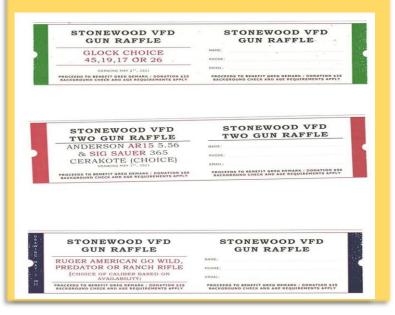
Single gun \$25.00 per ticket: Ruger American Go Wild, Predator or Ranch Rifle (choice of caliber based on availability).

Single gun \$25.00 per ticket: Glock choice of model 45,19,17,26.

\*\*Must be eligible to own a gun and pass background check.\*\*

\*Must be of age to own a gun.\*\*

To purchase tickets, contact a member of the Stonewood Volunteer Fire department.



# **Public Works**

THIS YEAR, THE CITY-WIDE YARD SALE WILL BE JUNE 11<sup>TH</sup> AND 12<sup>TH</sup>. THEN, THE CITY WIDE CLEAN UP WILL BE THE FOLLOWING WEEK, JUNE 14-18, 2021. WE WILL PROVIDE MORE INFORMATION AS WE GET CLOSER THROUGH FACEBOOK AND THE WEBSITE.

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We recently purchased a 2021 Kenworth Garbage truck. It comes equipped with an arm for contactless disposal of garbage. Public works is in the process of gathering information on where the garbage cans can be purchased from. Please be on the lookout for more information.



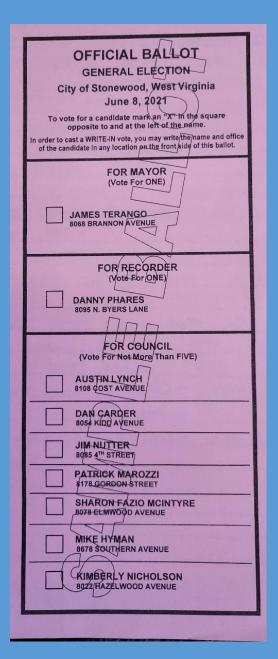




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The Municipal Election will be held on June 8<sup>th</sup>, 2021 from 6:30 AM to 7:30 PM. If you are not already registered to vote, you may do so in person at the West Virginia Secretary of State's or Harrison County Clerk's offices, by visiting their websites, or calling (304) 624-8614. The last day to register to vote is May 18<sup>th</sup>. Absentee ballots are available from April 23<sup>rd</sup>- June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2021. Early voting will be conducted from May 26<sup>th</sup>- June 5<sup>th</sup>, 2021. Please note our office will be open on May 29<sup>th</sup> and June 5<sup>th</sup>, 2021 from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM for early voting. Last day to receive a hand delivered absentee ballot is June 7<sup>th</sup>, 2021. Should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the front office.

-Danny Phares, Recorder



#### THE CODE NOTICE

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As we come into the spring season, grass can become an issue. Please remember that once the grass exceeds 8 inches it becomes a violation. Repeat violators will be immediately summonsed to court. We would like everyone to maintain their property and make our city look its best.

With the arrival of spring and summer vastly approaching, please remember to purchase building permits for those warm weather projects. If you have any questions or concerns, contact our front office for assistance. Contractors are required to have a city license. It is your due diligence to make sure you obtain the proper permits and licenses. In the event these items are not obtained, stop orders will be issued to immediately cease work and obtain the required items.

Please keep your properties free of garbage and debris and do not store excess junk around the property. We recently passed Ordinance Chapter 8 Article 1 Section 2 Outdoor Storage of Material to help regulate this issue.

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.

-Robert Leonard, Building Inspector/Code Enforcement Officer



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#### Calendar of Events

**Council Meeting** 

May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2021

7 P.M.

Council Meeting

**Sewer Board Meeting** 

May 18<sup>th</sup>, 2020

May 18th, 2020

7 P.M.

4:30 P.M.

Council Meeting

June 1st, 2020

7 P.M.

**Council Meeting** 

Sewer Board Meeting

June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2020

June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2020

7 P.M.

4:30 P.M.

Council Meeting

July 6th, 2020

7 P.M.

Council Meeting

**Sewer Board Meeting** 

July 20th, 2020

July 20th, 2020

7 P.M.

4:30 P.M.

## Happy Birthday to our Residents 90 and over!

Betty Harper 4/19

Ruby Casto 4/23

Fran Defazio 6/15

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

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



Planning has begun for the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the founding of Stonewood. The tentative dates for the event are July 1-3, 2022. A formal announcement regarding the dates and tentative activities will be made early this summer. Ideas under consideration include an Ecumenical Service, city-wide potluck dinner, street fair with carnival rides, fireman's parade, car show and fireworks display. We are currently looking for individuals to lead several of our committees, such as fundraising, logistics and others. If interested, please contact Patrick Folio at pfolio49@gmail.com or Mayor Terango.

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#### CHURCHES AND LOCATIONS

#### Our Lady of Perpetual Help

8092 Third Street

(304) 623-2334

Service 5:00 PM every Saturday (304) 623-2630

8:00 AM and 10:00 AM

every Sunday

### **Bible Baptist**

#### Temple

1450 Cost Avenue

Service 11:00 AM

and 6:00 PM

every Sunday

#### **Church of the Nazarene Christian & Missionary**

9254 Cost Avenue

(304) 624-0430

Services 10:45 AM and

6:00 PM every Sunday

#### **Alliance**

8301 Hazelwood Avenue

(304) 624-5966

### **Congregational Missionary**

8095 Hazelwood Avenue

(304) 622-7256

Service 10:50 AM every Sunday 8144 Stout Street

#### **Pentecostal**

Church of

**Living God** 

(304) 884-8154

Service 10:30 AM every Sunday

#### **Oasis Worship Center**

8556 Cost Avenue

(304) 918-9110

Service 10:30 AM every Sunday

#### **EVENTS**

Oasis Worship Center, formally Stonewall United Methodist Church, will open 100 year time capsule from the first service on May 4<sup>th</sup>, 1920. It was delayed due to COVID and has been rescheduled to May 16<sup>th</sup>, 2021. You can visit their website at www.oasiswy.org, Facebook at

https://www.facebook.com/search/top?q=0 asis%20Worship%20Center or by calling the church office at (304) 918-9110 for more information and activities planned for the event.

