

Town of Stonewood

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Late Payments

If you are unable to pay your bill, you have the option to set up a deferred payment plan. You will be required to have half of your past due amount to be able to set up the plan. If you set up a deferred payment plan and do not honor it, you will not be able to get another plan for one year. Once your plan has been voided, your past due amount will be required in full before the disconnect date on the notice. If payment is not made by disconnect date and the water is shut off, there will be a \$25.00 reconnect fee plus any past due amount owed on the account before the water service can be turned back on. This will also cause your garbage service to cease. We can now accept Visa, Master card and Discover credit card payments over the phone or in office for water bills.

To get water service reconnected same day, payment is due before 2 P.M. that day.

Cleanup

We are hoping to provide this service free of charge in June after the City wide yard sale. If you are in need of cleanup prior to this date, we can assist you. Call City Hall to schedule an appointment before November 17th and a \$25.00 applies.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

HALLOWEEN

City wide

OCTOBER 31ST, 2017
6 P.M. – 7:30 P.M.

COUNCIL MEETING

STONEWOOD CITY HALL
NOVEMBER 21ST, 2017
7 P.M.

THANKSGIVING

STONEWOOD CITY HALL WILL BE CLOSED NOVEMBER 23RD AND 24TH. WE WILL RESUME NORMAL HOURS ON MONDAY NOVEMBER, 27TH.

COUNCIL MEETING

STONEWOOD CITY HALL
DECEMBER 5TH, 2017
7 P.M.

COUNCIL MEETING

STONEWOOD CITY HALL
DECEMBER 19TH, 2017
7 P.M.

CHRISTMAS

STONEWOOD CITY HALL WILL BE CLOSED AT 12 P.M. ON FRIDAY DECEMBER 22ND AS WELL AS MONDAY DECEMBER 25TH. WE WILL RESUME NORMAL HOURS ON TUESDAY DECEMBER 26TH.

NEW YEARS DAY

STONEWOOD CITY HALL WILL BE CLOSED ON MONDAY JANUARY 1ST 2018 IN OBSERVANCE OF NEW YEAR'S DAY. WE WILL RESUME NORMAL BUSINESS HOURS TUESDAY, JANUARY 2ND 2018.

WE WOULD LIKE TO GATHER BIRTHDAYS FOR OUR RESIDENTS WHO ARE 90 AND OLDER FOR FUTURE ANNOUNCEMENTS. WE BELIEVE VIRGINIA FOLIO IS CURRENTLY THE OLDEST RESIDENT AT 101 YEARS OLD ON 10-16-2017 AND WOULD LIKE TO WISH HER A HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

COUNCIL MEETING

Stonewood City Hall

NOVEMBER 7TH, 2017
7 P.M.

SEWER BOARD MEETING

STONEWOOD CITY HALL
NOVEMBER 21ST, 2017
4:30 P.M.

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Life on the Stonewood Beat

Chief M. A. Secreto

The Stonewood Police Department has been very active through the months of September and October with numerous calls for service. September through December is the worst time of the year for larcenies, B&Es, burglaries, vehicle larcenies and narcotic activity. Tips for avoiding and being a victim! Make sure your residence is locked, especially when it is not occupied. Make sure your residence is illuminated as much as possible. Please be sure to lock your storage buildings and garages with secure locks. Please be sure to always lock your vehicles. Alarm systems and motion lights are a great deterrent! In the event of an unusual noise late at night or in the early morning hours, check your premises from inside your residence. If the neighborhood dogs are barking, check your premises from inside your residence. If you observe something or someone, do not go outside, call 911. Law enforcement officers will respond to assist you. Please remember it is the time of year when darkness prevails over daylight and the criminal element will always take advantage of this condition. Please, always remember to dial 911!

Winter will be here soon, so get your vehicles ready for the icy and snow covered roadway conditions.

TIPS FOR YOUR VEHICLES

- 1. Make sure all lights are in working order.**
- 2. Install good tires on your vehicles.**
- 3. Install good wiper blades.**
- 4. Make sure your exhaust system is in compliance with the law.**
- 5. Please check and be sure your defrosters are working.**
- 6. Check your brakes and be sure they are in good working condition.**

- 7. Always drive slowly on snow covered or icy roadways. Stay home and do not drive on snow covered or icy roadways if possible.**

Information about Dogs

No person shall keep or harbor upon or about his premises any species of dog, which shall by barking, howling, squalling, crying or in any other manner disturb the comfort or quiet of any neighborhood within the town limits. First offense is \$50.00 and subsequent offenses shall be charged no more than \$200.00.

No dog whether wearing a license tag or not, shall be permitted, and it shall be unlawful for any dog, to run at-large within the town at any time. Any dog found running at-large in violation of this section shall be subject to impoundment. First offense is \$25.00 and subsequent offenses shall be charged no more than \$200.00.

Please be sure to pay the \$6.00 dog tax that is due each year through the Assessor's office. Should you receive a citation for any of these violations, you will be required to provide proof that the dog tax is paid and the dog is properly licensed. The fine for dog tax shall be \$25.00

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.

Stonewood Fire Department

Ron Woods

Fire Chief

The Stonewood Vol. Fire Department would like to remind everyone that it's "Fire Prevention Month". It's time once again to check and change the batteries in your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors. Also, remember that the Open Burning Law is in effect. **If you do plan on "Open Burning" the only things that can be burned are yard waste and natural vegetation. Burning Hours are from Oct. 1st- Dec. 31st 5:00 P.M. to 7 A.M.** Residents may have small fires burning natural wood for gatherings. A cooking fire is always legal and has no time regulation. Please be safe out there... we would like to see you, but we want it to be for good reasons. Thank you.

A note from the Building Inspector

Robert Leonard

Code Official

In this first year as the Building Inspector, I have focused on property maintenance issues within the city and making sure residents and contractors have permits for doing work on their properties. Most property maintenance issues deal with high grass and weeds, illegal or abandoned vehicles and garbage/debris around properties.

The ordinance for grass and weeds states that it is to be kept below eight inches. Anything eight inches and over is a violation. Notices have been sent out this year for high grass and repeat offenders will start being fined in the spring for violations.

The code for illegal and/or abandoned vehicles states that any vehicles within the city limits must not be in a state of disrepair. The vehicle cannot be unlicensed or without a current license plate and inspection sticker. I have sent notices to thirty one properties regarding this matter and will make sure they are compliant.

There were a few properties in the city with garbage and debris around their properties. We will be sending notices to those who are not in compliance with the code.

As for permits, we have issued 25 permits since July. Anyone who is doing work on or in their residence must get a building permit. If you are doing work within the City and have a question as to whether you need a permit, please contact City Hall at (304) 623-2919.

A note concerning Waste

Randy Gaston

Public Works Supervisor

If your garbage cans are cracked or broken, we will be red tagging them to let you know there are issues. You will have the opportunity to replace your cans. If the broken can is still left out, it will be picked up with the garbage. It causes waste pickup to become delayed due to the garbage bags getting stuck on the cans and ripping.

Things that are not permitted to be taken during regular waste pickup:

- 1. Metal objects**
- 2. Tires**
- 3. Air Conditioners**
- 4. Microwaves**
- 5. Wood, trees, limbs, etc.**

It is the resident's responsibility to dispose of these items properly. Please visit

<http://www.harrisoncountysolidwaste.com/recycling.cfm> for a complete list of businesses and what they accept.

Harrison County Ordinance, which can be found at

<http://www.harrisoncountywv.com/Ordinances.aspx>, requires every Harrison County resident recycle. If you should have any questions, please feel free to contact the Public Works dept.

The Public Works department would also recommend that households in higher elevations purchase and install a check valve on their water service. The check valve may be purchased at most hardware stores.

A check valve allows flow in one direction and automatically prevents back flow (reverse flow) when fluid in the line reverses direction.

5:00 P.M. BURNING LAW

**MARCH 1—MAY 31
5:00 P.M.—7:00 A.M.**

**OCTOBER 1—DECEMBER 31
5:00 P.M.—7:00 A.M.**

**MAXIMUM FINE: \$1,000.00
FOR VIOLATING THE BURNING LAW**

BURNING LAWS IN BRIEF

- * NO BURNING FROM 7 A.M. UNTIL 5 P.M.
- * FIRE MUST BE ATTENDED AT ALL TIMES
- * AREA MUST BE CLEARED DOWN TO MINERAL SOIL FOR A MINIMUM DISTANCE OF 10 FEET AROUND WHAT IS BEING BURNED.
- * IF YOUR FIRE ESCAPES, YOU ARE LIABLE FOR THE COSTS OF FIGHTING THE FIRE AND ANY DAMAGE THE FIRE MAY CAUSE TO OTHERS.

**WILLFULLY SETTING FIRES IS A FELONY AND PUNISHABLE
BY FINE AND/OR IMPRISONMENT!
(WEST VIRGINIA ARSON HOTLINE 1-800-233-FIRE)**

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