

# Town of Stonewood



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## Front Office News

The City of Stonewood can now take payments for all services. You may go to [www.cityofstonewood.com](http://www.cityofstonewood.com) if you need to make a utility bill payment. Other payments include citations, building permits, business licenses and other fees. The fee for this service is 3.5% plus .15 for each transaction. The City of Stonewood does not receive the processing fee. If you should have any questions, please feel free to contact City Hall at (304) 623-2919 and press 3 for the Office Manager when prompted.

We also want to let the residents know that we now have a new automated phone system. Please listen to the message and follow the prompts to get to the correct department. If you should have an emergency, please call 911.

The 5<sup>th</sup> of each month the water bill is sent out to residents. It is due on the 25<sup>th</sup> day of each month. Per Public Service Commission rule 1.7.b.3 on the 21<sup>st</sup> day the bill is subject to a late charge or 10% penalty and is delinquent after 20 days. On the 22<sup>nd</sup> day the Water utility sends written notice that bill is delinquent and service will be discontinued no sooner than 10 days from the date of notice (Rule 4.8.a.1). **Any customer that is past due .01¢ or more will receive a shut off notice because it is a Public Service Commission rule that the Utility provider do so.** We are also required by the Public Service Commission to make two attempts to notify

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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### COUNCIL MEETING

STONEWOOD CITY HALL  
DECEMBER 18<sup>TH</sup> 2018  
7 P.M.

**\*STONEWOOD CITY HALL WILL BE CLOSED ON DECEMBER 24<sup>TH</sup> & 25<sup>TH</sup> 2018 IN OBSERVANCE OF THE CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY AS WELL AS ½ WORK DAY ON DECEMBER 31<sup>ST</sup> 2018 AND CLOSED ON JANUARY 1<sup>ST</sup> 2018 FOR NEW YEARS. \***

### COUNCIL MEETING

STONEWOOD CITY HALL  
JANUARY 2<sup>ND</sup> 2019  
7 P.M.

### COUNCIL MEETING

STONEWOOD CITY HALL  
JANUARY 15<sup>TH</sup> 2019  
7 P.M.

### COUNCIL MEETING

STONEWOOD CITY HALL  
February 5<sup>th</sup> 2019  
7 P.M.

### COUNCIL MEETING

STONEWOOD CITY HALL  
FEBRUARY 19<sup>TH</sup> 2019  
7 P.M.

### COUNCIL MEETING

STONEWOOD CITY HALL  
MARCH 5<sup>TH</sup> 2019  
7 P.M.

### COUNCIL MEETING

STONEWOOD CITY HALL  
MARCH 19<sup>TH</sup> 2019  
7 P.M.

### SEWER BOARD MEETING

STONEWOOD CITY HALL  
DECEMBER 18<sup>TH</sup> 2018  
4:30 P.M.

**\*DATE CHANGED FROM TUESDAY TO WEDNESDAY DUE TO NEW YEARS HOLIDAY\***

### SEWER BOARD MEETING

STONEWOOD CITY HALL  
JANUARY 15<sup>TH</sup> 2019  
4:30 P.M.

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by personal contact made on two separate business days at least 24 hours prior to the scheduled termination (Rule 4.8.a.3) **Every customer who is past due will receive first a written notice, either by mail or delivered to your door, and two phone calls from our automated phone system. It is your responsibility to make sure we have up to date information so that we may contact you.** These reminders are sent for simply that reason, as a reminder that you have a bill due that has not been paid yet. **You may come in up to the day before disconnection to set up payment arrangements if you have not voided a contract in the past year. 50% of past due bill is required in order to set up contract. The disconnection past due policy is of PSC regulations of time allowance.** If your water is shut off due to non payment, you will also be required to pay a \$25.00 reconnection fee in order to get the water service turned back on. If you have any questions in regards to this information, please contact our office at (304) 623-2919 ex. 4.

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## **“Life on the Beat” Winter Report**

### **Stonewood Police Department**

#### **Chief M. A. Secreto**

The Police Department has been busy handling numerous calls, monitoring traffic and patrolling endlessly to keep the Stonewood community as safe as possible. Several street lights have been repaired to get as much illumination on our streets during these dark foul weather months. The holiday season is “high crime time” for the criminal element. Please secure your vehicles, outbuildings, garages and residences. Be sure your vehicles are winter ready with tires, wipers, lights, exhaust systems and windshield defroster operational. Please drive slowly on ice and snow covered roadways and give as much space as possible between your vehicle and the vehicle in front of you. Do not travel during inclement weather when possible.

Special thanks to the following:

- Governor’s Highways Safety Program and local representative Patrick McCarty, which has provided computers for the cruisers.
- Fraternal Order of Police Mountaineer Lodge 78 for donating computer vehicle stands
- Sheriff Robert Matheny for his assistance with helping to equip the new cruiser.

Please remember if you see someone or something suspicious to call 911. Happy Holidays, thank you and God Bless!

## **Feature Department**

### **Front Office**



Crystal Johnson came to us over two years ago. She is the Office Manager as well as the Payroll and Municipal Court Clerk. She has 6 years banking experience as well as 2 years in human resources and 4 years working in retail. She has a Specialized Business Associates degree from West Virginia Junior College. She has attended several State Auditor trainings that are focused on budget training, ethics, and various laws along with embezzlement issues. She also attended the West Virginia Municipal League 50<sup>th</sup> Annual conference and West Virginia Municipal League Court Clerk training. Crystal is also a Notary Public.



Tammy Clark has been with the City for nearly two years. She is the Utility Billing Clerk. She was previously employed with the Greater Harrison PSD with 6 years utility experience. She has attended the Utility Office Works Seminar sponsored by the Public Service Commission several years which provides updated rules and regulations through the Public Service Commission to ensure we are on track with utility billing.

Both enjoy serving the community. Each day getting to see the residents and know them personally has become a highlight for them. They work very hard to help all residents with any issues they are experiencing. In the event help is needed with above mentioned issues, faxing, making copies or notary service, please call to schedule a time to come in.

## A message from Public Works

1. Garbage
  - Winter is upon us. When roads are bad, they are priority. Garbage pickup may be irregular.
2. Roads
  - With snow coming, the roads may be unsafe. Our priority is
    - Fire Department – They must be able to get out in the event of an emergency.
    - Hills: Examples include Elk Avenue, 4th Street, Indiana Catalpa Heights, etc. Emergency vehicles must be able to make it up the hills.
    - Flat streets and areas
    - Alley's
    - If the snow continues, we start the rotation over
  - Please bear with us we do our best to keep the roads clear and safe for the residents and emergency vehicles.

Please check on your elderly and handicapped neighbors. Contact us if we can be of assistance.

Have a wonderful and safe winter.

### Building Inspector

#### Raze or Repair

Total issued: 7  
Total pending: 4  
Total non-compliant: 3  
Total completed: 0

#### Building Permits

Total issued this year: 97

#### Illegal Vehicles

Total violations: 7  
Total pending/contacted: 5  
Total Completed: 39

#### High Grass Violations

Total violations: 0  
Total pending/contacted: 0  
Total completed: 35

#### Garbage Violations

Total violations: 1  
Total pending/contacted: 1  
Total completed: 10

If you see any issues related to high grass, vehicles with expired tags, business operating in the City without a license, etc., please report to City Hall. If you are doing work on your home, make sure to obtain a building permit. If a contractor is doing work, make sure they are licensed. If neither are obtained and work is being done, the job will cease until proper paperwork is obtained.



We are constantly working on ways to improve our recycling program. Our garbage truck holds 7 tons. We pay \$256.20 for a full load at the land fill for solid waste. The cost at the recycling center is \$6.25 per load regardless of weight. Currently we have at least 25% of the truck not occupied with recycling. Furthermore, as a consumer, you could save on the cost and use of additional trash bags, if you focus on recycling. Going forward, recyclable items that are left out with regular trash will remain in place and picked up on the following Friday (Example: cardboard, plastic, etc.). Blue bins are available at City Hall. Please stop by to pick one up if needed or call to have one delivered to you.

Acceptable materials: Pourable plastic containers with #1 or #2 on bottom (ex. Plastic soda bottles, plastic milk jugs, etc.) newspapers, aluminum cans, bi-metal and steel cans and corrugated cardboard.

Unacceptable materials: Foam, plastic grocery bags, pizza boxes, egg cartons, butter tubs and glass and oil containers.

**PICKUP IS EVERY FRIDAY. PLEASE HAVE RECYCLING OUT THURSDAY EVENING OR FIRST THING FRIDAY MORNING.**

### Stonewood Volunteer Fire Department

- The Fund Drive is currently going on. Any donations would be greatly appreciated. Checks can be made payable to Stonewood Fire Department. All donations can be mailed to Stonewood VFD 8081 Plainwood Avenue, Stonewood, WV 26301
- Santa Claus will be driven around Stonewood Vol. Fire Department to hand out candies and collect can goods to 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 and end whenever we reach the entire town.
- The Fire Department responded to a total of 475 calls and 228 were in City limits



## 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!

<b>Francis Kopshina</b>	<b>4/08</b>	<b>92</b>
<b>Louis Bartos</b>	<b>6/09</b>	<b>93</b>
<b>Lawrence Metzner</b>	<b>7/29</b>	<b>92</b>
<b>Virginia Folio</b>	<b>10/6</b>	<b>102</b>
<b>Robert Wagner</b>	<b>10/08</b>	<b>91</b>
<b>Jean Hyman</b>	<b>11/28</b>	<b>91</b>
<b>Marie Folio</b>	<b>12/11</b>	<b>98</b>

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

## General Announcements

- Stonewood's 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary will be in 2022. We are looking for volunteers to be a part of a planning. Please contact City Hall at (304) 623-2919 ex. 3
- The City of Stonewood would like to welcome Pastor Doug Sands and Oasis Worship Center to Stonewood. They are located at 8556 Cost Avenue at the former Stonewall United Methodist Church.
- We bid farewell to Ritchie Zorick as the recorder for the City. He served for 3 years and was an active

member and officer with Stonewood Volunteer Fire Department. Danny Phares has since been appointed to fill that position. He has been a member of council for 3 years. Jeff Schrader has been appointed to fill council position. Welcome Jeff!

- The City would like to extend a special thanks to Stonewood Volunteer Fire Department for their donation of old fire hose to the Norwood Elementary school along with the assistance of the Police Department. This helps secure interior doors in the event of an emergency lockdown.
- Filing for the June 11, 2019 Municipal election of Mayor, Recorder and Council runs from Monday, January 14th, 2019 through Saturday, January 26th, 2019. Forms will be available at City Hall. A filing fee of \$50.00 will be due for Mayor, \$25.00 for Recorder and \$25.00 for Council. Fees are due at the time application is turned in.



- The City of Stonewood now has a display in the front office. If you are a local business, church, school etc. and would like to have your information displayed, please bring any pamphlets, flyers or business cards you may have. This wall is for informational purposes only. The City of Stonewood, in no way, by offering this space, endorses any one business, church and or organization over any other. And, the City of Stonewood does not warrant the work of any business advertised on this wall.
- We would like to extend a very special thank you and a heartfelt goodbye to Mrs. Stutler. She worked at Norwood Elementary for 8 years and was the Principal. She is now the Supervisor of Personnel at the Harrison County Board of Education. Mrs. Shields has since filled the Principal position and we are sending a warm welcome from Stonewood City Hall. Thank you both for all of your hard work and everything you do for the children. We are very lucky to have had Mrs. Stutler and have Mrs. Shields.

## **12 WAYS TO CONSERVE WATER AT HOME**

### **1. Evaluate your water habits.**

Do you leave the water on while brushing your teeth?  
Do you take extra long showers?

### **2. Look for leaks and repair them right away.**

Check faucets and pipes for dripping water. Replace washers and replace/repair fixtures, if needed.

\*Add food coloring to the tank and check toilet bowl in 15 minutes. (Don't flush) If there is color in the bowl, there is a leak.

### **3. Install water-saving devices.**

- Aerators
- Low flow fixtures
- Tank displacement devices (Make sure all are properly installed)

### **4. Save water while preparing food.**

- Use brush and bowl to clean food instead of letting the water run.
- Thaw frozen food in your refrigerator or microwave, not under running water.
- Reuse water when you can. Cooking water for vegetable can be used as water for soup stock.

### **5. Flush the toilet only when necessary.**

(Don't use the toilet to dispose of trash.)

### **6. Know the proper settings on your washer.**

When buying a washer, be sure it has such features as:

- A load size selector or automatic load sensor
- Variable water temperature controls

### **7. Wash dishes wisely.**

- Soak pots and pans before washing, unless you use a dishwasher.
- Don't run water continuously.
- Limit your use of the garbage disposal.

### **8. Be efficient in the shower and bath.**

- Plug the drain before running water for baths.
- Shut off water while soaping up and shampooing.

### **9. Use less water to clean your home.**

- Use a pail or basin instead of running water.

### **10. Check hoses and irrigation systems.**

Use a hose nozzle that you can shut off or adjust to a fine spray.

- Check hoses and connectors
- Consider a drip irrigation system.
- Keep irrigation systems running efficiently.

### **11. Minimize watering outdoors.**

- Water when the sun is down (to avoid evaporation) and when it is not windy.
- Let grass grow taller in hot weather. Use mulch to save moisture.
- Plant shrubs and other plants that don't need a lot of watering.
- Obey any watering restrictions in your community.

### **12. Keep up with pool and hot tub care.**



