



Town of Stonewood

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From the Mayor's Office

Farewell to lifelong resident Freddy Stout who recently passed away. He attended Norwood Jr. High & graduated from Roosevelt Wilson High School. Freddy served his country in the US Army (during the Korean Conflict). He was employed at the PPG and then owned & operated his own business Stout Construction upon the closure of the plant. Mr. Stout also served several terms on city council.

2022 - in review

- Unfortunately, we will be experiencing massive utility rate increases in both the water & sewer. You will be informed as we receive more information from Clarksburg's Sanitary & Water boards. As you are aware, rates are required to be adjusted from time to time. Whenever Clarksburg does a rate increase on either water or sewer, satellite sites are also required to do a rate increase to be able to sustain their normal expenses as well as the new increases incurred through Clarksburg.
- Passed 7 ordinances
- The Fire Department obtained a Class 2 ISO rating
- The Police Department has successfully continued to maintain staffing & patrol patterns which deserves acknowledgment due to the shortage of law enforcement officers in our state.
- Improvement of street lighting throughout the city
- When we started focusing on the recycling program, the city was at 9% compliance. Citizens are recycling more than ever, improving to nearly 40 % compliance thanks to the new recycling bins. Let's hope this number continues to increase. I personally want to thank the citizens for a job well done and continue to help us make this program the best it can be.
- New garbage truck with the arm to lift the new trash cans for both recycling & solid waste to reduce excess trash in the neighborhoods & enhance sanitation for both employees & the public
- Our 2nd annual Christmas Tree Lighting & Parade on December 3rd @ 6:30 pm.
- The Cities 75th Anniversary celebration was a huge success.
- The Park Board along with assistance from our public works department made major upgrades to the Sammy C. Guzzo park (Third Street)
- The Dedication of the PFC Theodore Teddy Shingleton Jr. Memorial Park. Volunteers from Oasis Church & Steve Shingleton repaired the pavilion, installed the flagpole, painted the parking curbs & recreation equipment. We could not have completed that project without your assistance. Thank you!

The Town of Stonewood Presents The 2022

Stonewood Christmas Parade & Tree Lighting

Saturday December 3rd @ 6:30 pm

Parade proceeding down Cost Ave.

ending at Water St. The Tree Lighting Site

Staging of all walking units on Grasselli St.

**Drivable units to be staged at Bible Baptist
Church with guidance to the parade route.**

Please plan to attend

**Area businesses, churches, organizations,
youth groups, bands, ect. are welcomed
and encouraged to participate by contacting:**

304 - 623-2919 Ext.3

***All events are subject to change
due to circumstances beyond
our control.**



Mike Devericks

2021 Honorary Parade Marshall



The Code Notice

As we finish up the 2022 year, we look back and had a rather successful year. We have had three dilapidated accessory structures demolished and two repaired to enhance the neighborhoods around them. We had 1 house demolished and 2 that will be demolished here soon. Eighty permits have been acquired to do upgrades and repairs to houses in the town this year. Overall, we are progressing as a town and hopefully there is more to come in 2023.

With the holiday seasons coming, we just ask that you keep your properties clear of garbage and debris. We hope everyone has a great holiday season and thank you all for your compliance.



From the Public Works Department

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It's wintertime again. Here are a few tips to help prepare you for winter. Protect indoor pipes with pipe insulation under sinks, attics, crawl spaces and along exterior walls.

Insulate attic and crawl spaces; keeping heat out of the attic may prevent damaging ice dams from forming on your roof.

Have your furnace and chimney checked by professionals to get the best heat efficiency.

Check your windows, installing storm windows creates an insulating layer of air between your windows and the cold air outside.

Clean and inspect your gutters. Clogged gutters can cause water to back up and freeze once temperatures drop.

Repair patios and pavers. A loose patio stone or paver will get worse over winter as the natural freeze and thaw creates a trip and fall hazard.

Check your trees for ailing limbs. A dead branch covered in snow can easily snap endangering your loved ones.

Secure outdoor water sources. Drain and store your garden hose or sprinklers. Shut off the water supply valve inside your house that feeds the line the open outdoor spigot so trapped water inside can drain out. If you simply shut off the spigot itself, water trapped inside can freeze and cause a burst pipe inside.

Mark paths and driveways. After a heavy snowfall, it can be tough to see where driveways or walkways end, and your lawn begins. You can use fiberglass snow poles to line the edges of these areas to provide a clear path.

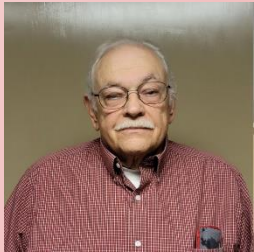
As the snow falls, please be patient. Public Works will salt/plow your street as soon as we can. Our priority is 1st, the Fire Department in case of an emergency; 2nd are the hills around the city; 3rd will be the main roads, 4th will be the alley's.

Let's have a safe winter and stay warm!

Recorder and Council July 1, 2021- June 30, 2023



Danny served on council from 2015 to 2019. He was then appointed as Recorder in 2019 and has since served in that capacity. He works with Frontier Communications and has been with the company since 2006. He is a representative on the Harrison County Economic Development Authority.



Jim has been inducted into the WV Municipal League Hall of Fame for serving more than 30 years in a municipal position. He has served in various capacities throughout his career on council and as Mayor. His many years of experience and knowledge coupled with his eagerness to help have been a great asset to the city.



Kim has served on city council since 2019. She has been a physical therapist assistant for 20 years most notably serving with Amedisys Home Health since 2008. Kim's number one priority is the health and care of her patients. Kim is a valuable part of the Stonewood Volunteer Fire Department working on the business side and serving as the treasurer.



Mike has served on city council since 2017 is a certified professional surveyor in the state of West Virginia and serves as the representative of Stonewood for Region VI council. Mike provides valuable insight on infrastructure related projects and equipment.



Austin is our newest councilperson being elected in 2021. In addition to his role on City Council, Austin is a hospice chaplain and a pastor at Congregational Missionary Church in Stonewood.



Patrick has served on city council since 2019. Patrick is the Regional Sales Manager at Advantage Technology and has been with the company since May of 2017. He is also the President of the Harrison County Pony League providing baseball and softball opportunities to our county and surrounding areas.

STONEWOOD POLICE DEPARTMENTS'

SEASONAL REPORT

Chief M. A. Secreto

Winter Season is beautiful but can be very treacherous. No matter how foul the weather is, the criminal element will always be on the prowl. Make sure all vehicles, storage building and your residence are always secured. All bicycles, toys and other items need to be secured before you retire for the night. Be aware of scams from unlicensed contractors offering to do work for you. Check with city hall for license status (304-623-2919). When your residence is unattended for days at a time, have someone pick up your mail and maintain the residence. If you observe someone suspicious or suspicious activity, dial "911".

Winterize Your Vehicle

- Please drive on good tires
- Make sure your heater and defrosters are operational
- Check all lights and windshield wipers are operational
- During the winter season, be cautious of snow and icy roadways. Speed limits are posted for normal driving conditions. During inclement weather, driving at a slower speed is recommended

Winter Crime Prevention Tips

- Burglary is a crime of opportunity
- Burglars aim for the easiest targets
- Thieves generally enter through an unlocked door or window
- Most burglars will give up and move on if they cannot gain access quickly
- Most auto burglaries occur when valuable items are visible
- Please retrieve your delivered packages from your porch as soon as possible

Be Aware of Charity Scams

Many good-willed individuals express their generosity by giving to those less fortunate. The winter months also present the opportunity for scam artists to take advantage of the kindness and compassion of others. When giving, remember to use your head as well as your heart. The Better Business Bureau offers additional information about what to avoid along with contacting the West Virginia Attorney General Office.

Chief M.A. Secreto

From the Office of the Fire Chief

With the holiday season quickly approaching, please remember cooking safety. There is nothing tastier than a deep-fried turkey but along with that comes some major safety concerns. If you are going to deep fry a turkey by either gas or electric deep fryer, make sure the turkey is completely thawed out with no moisture. If you place a turkey in a deep fryer with moisture, you will get a grease explosion which could lead to a fire and/or possibly severe burns to you. Thaw and dry the turkey before you place it in that fryer and never leave it unattended. We wish your holidays to be memorable and for good reasons.

Keep your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors with new batteries and check them regularly.

From all of us at Stonewood Fire and Rescue, have a happy and blessed holiday season!

SAVE THE DATES




August 2023 						
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13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

MARK YOUR
CALENDAR TODAY
YOU DON'T WANT TO MISS THIS!



Calendar of Events

December 6th, 2022

Council Meeting 7:00 PM

December 7th, 2022

Sewer Board Meeting 4:30 PM

December 20th, 2022

Council Meeting 7:00 PM

December 15th, 2022

Park Board Meeting 6:00 PM

January 3rd, 2023

Council Meeting 7:00 PM

January 9th, 2023

Sewer Board Meeting 4:30 PM

January 17th, 2023

Council Meeting 7:00 PM

January 19th, 2023

Park Board Meeting 6:00 PM

**Happy Birthday to our
Residents 90 and over!**

Eugene Scott Oct. 22

**If you or anyone you know are 90 and over and
would like your birthday to be featured in the
newsletter, please contact City Hall.**



Churches and Locations

Bible Baptist Temple

1450 Cost Avenue

(304) 623-2630

Service 11:00 AM and 6:00 PM every Sunday

Visit website for other services offered

Church of the Nazarene

9254 Cost Avenue

(304) 624-0430

Sundays at 10:45 AM and 6:00 PM

Congregational Missionary

8095 Hazelwood Avenue

(304) 622-7256

Sundays at 10:50 AM

Oasis Worship Center

8556 Cost Avenue

(304) 918-9110

Sundays at 10:30 AM

Our Lady of Perpetual Help

8092 Third Street

(304) 623-2334

Saturdays at 5:00 PM

Sundays at 8:00 AM and 10:00 AM

Stonewood Alliance

8301 Hazelwood Avenue

(304) 884-8154