



# Town of Stonewood

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## **From the Mayor's Office**

The city-wide yard sale will be held June 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023. Recycling will be Thursday, June 8<sup>th</sup> that week. Please be sure to put your recycling out the evening of June 7<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

As a reminder, the cleanup will not be the week following the city-wide yard sale as in years past but will be the last week of June 2023. A map will be included in the newsletter including the streets and dates of pickup.

Congratulations to Fire Chief Ron Woods for being selected as the President of the 911 Advisory Board.

I once again had the pleasure of presenting awards of "The Best of Harrison County" sponsored by the Exponent Telegram. Congratulations to former resident Paul Carvelli and the Amos Carvelli Funeral Home. I'd like to also congratulate the following who were 5-year award recipients: Don and Linda Fowler of Bonnie Belles, who also have business interest in town, Resident Dave Christopher and brother Paul of Sandy's Hardware, and our own hometown pharmacy, Town and Country Drug Store and Steve Toompas and his amazing staff.

The Progressive Women held a recent award ceremony for women of distinction. Local resident Barbara Dillard, a member of the group, was the host at the welcoming table and served as greeter to the event. Local and former residents of Stonewood were recognized. Amber West is married to Jarrod West and has two sons, Jarrod and Jadyn. Jarrod is playing professional basketball in Greece. Jadyn will be playing at Fairmont State University next season. She has served our veterans as a nurse at the VA Hospital for the past 23 years. Tammy Washington is recognized for her accomplishments in the cardiac unit of the United Hospital Center. She is the mother of one son, Victor Meeks. She recently made a career change now working for Hope Gas. Former Resident Angela Smith, my lifelong friend, was honored for over 30 years of service in health care and volunteering in the community. She has volunteered and continues to volunteer with special Olympics and food kitchens for the homeless.

Congratulations to resident Jim McCullough, who will be ordained as a permanent deacon in June of 2024. This will enable him to assist the priest, proclaim the gospel and perform baptisms, marriages, and funerals.

A big shout out to our own Avery Childers, who in addition to being a two-time AAA all-state basketball player at RCB High School, recently signed her letter of intent to play Division 1 at the University of Massachusetts. Your Stonewood family wishes you nothing but the best and are confident you will do us proud.

## **Listed below is a tribute to our residential veterans we've lost over the last few months.**

**John Clutter Sr. departed this life on New Years Eve. He was a lifelong resident and was the last surviving member of his immediate family. John graduated from Saint Mary's High School (now Notre Dame) and served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War. He was a lifelong member of Saint Bridgets and Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic churches where he participated in many clubs and events. He was also an active supporter of local youth sports and the Stonewood Volunteer Fire Department.**

**Joe Toothman Jr. departed this life on January 13th, 2023. He was a resident of Stonewood for nearly 5 decades. Upon graduation of Roosevelt Wilson High school, Joe was called to serve the US Marine Corps in Vietnam. He was the owner and operator of Time Out Bar and Grill for many years.**

**Robin Depolo departed this life on January 27th, 2023. Upon graduation from RW, he was called and served in the United States Navy during Vietnam. In addition to serving his country, he served his town as a firefighter, police officer, public works employee and was ultimately promoted to director. After retirement, he served as a member of the Sanitary Board. He was able to stop by our most recent Christmas party to bid farewell to the town he was born, raised, and worked in for most his life.**

**Eugene Scott departed this on February 2nd, 2023. He served during the Korean War in the US Army. He was employed for many years at the Pittsburgh Plate and served on city council. A little, known fact: in December of '66, council was charged with finding an interim mayor due to the passing of Anthony (Toots) Folio. Gene was nominated but defeated by a 3 to 2 vote for former mayor Jack Martin. Neva Mace served as recorder. Other council members were Frank Seti and Louie Payne. Blake Davis was a member but absent for the vote. (This was a secret ballot vote.) He was also a police officer and lifetime member of the FOP Mountaineer Lodge 78 and the VFW. He was the last surviving member of his lifelong Stonewood friend group that included George Mushrock, Joe Leroy and Freddy Stout.**

**Larry Huff departed this life on February 5th, 2023. He was a resident for over 4 decades and raised his family in the Catalpa Heights area of which he helped to construct and develop and ultimately purchased property and built a home with his wife, Debbie Woods-Huff. He served in the US Army and was a recipient of the Purple Heart for combat wounded veteran during Vietnam and was a board member of the Mountaineer Military Museum.**

**In addition to our veterans, we were saddened by the loss of John Ciesla. He departed this life on April 6<sup>th</sup>, 2023. He was a city council member and served as recorder from 2006-2015. After retirement, John championed environmental conservation by volunteering with the Guardians of the West Fork. He had a passion for water conservation, recycling and fostering stray cats.**

**"Bravery is being the only one who know's you're afraid"**

**-Colonel David Hackword**

## **LIFE ON THE BEAT**

### **STONEWOOD POLICE DEPARTMENT SEASONAL REPORT**

#### **CHIEF M.A. SECRETO**

The Stonewood Police Department is gearing up for the critical seasons ahead. This will be a very busy time of year for contractors so be aware of scams and unlicensed contractors offering to do work for you. Check with city hall for license status (304-623-2919).

#### **Child Safety Tips**

- Please advise children to never accept a ride from a stranger.
- Make children aware to never open their home to someone they do not know.
- Never make social media postings or tell anyone your children are home alone.
- Teach children to never play in isolated areas or abandoned buildings.

#### **Burglary Prevention**

Make sure your residence, storage building, vehicles, toys, lawn mowers and garages are always secured. The criminal element only needs seconds to commit theft.

#### **Catalytic Converter Theft Prevention Tips**

The catalytic converter is a critical component of your cars exhaust system and cost up to \$2000.00 to replace. If you must park outside of a garage, please park in a well-lit area. When possible, have someone to engrave your VIN# onto your converter and if you have the means, install an alarm.

#### **Carjacking Prevention Tips**

Please be aware of your location, keep your vehicle doors secured when driving, and be extra cautious while driving in slow moving traffic. If you should ever be carjacked, give your vehicle up and leave the scene. A vehicle can be replaced but you are irreplaceable!

The Stonewood Police Department is always on alert, looking for the criminal element especially during the night. The department has made many arrests and will continue to do so to keep this community safe. Please remember if you see someone or something suspicious, please telephone "911".

Thank you and God bless.

Chief M.A. Secreto



### The Code Notice

As we bid the cold farewell and move to better weather, we once again remind you about lawn maintenance. Any grass above 8 inches in height is in violation of the code and will be sent notice. I will be doing my duties as “lawn guard” throughout the summer seeking these violations.

Also note that anytime you construct, enlarge, alter, repair, or demolish a structure within the City of Stonewood, you will need to get a building permit. When using a contractor, the contractor performing the work will need to have a business license with the city. If you have any questions as to whether someone requires a building permit, you can contact city hall and we will advise you.

Please make sure to clean up a garage or debris on your property as well. We will be having the city-wide clean up next month. If there are things you have been trying to get ride of, that would provide a great opportunity.

Robert Leonard

Code Enforcement Officer

**The Harrison County Recycling Center has informed us that garbage has been found in the recycling product several times. Please be advised that only recycling materials are to be put in the recycling bins. If you have questions as to acceptable materials, please stop at city hall for a complete list.**

### From the Public Works Department

It has been a busy winter and spring is arriving. Our goal is to keep the grass cut around the city and the parks. The city-wide cleanup will be held June 26<sup>th</sup>-June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

The city will be zone off into sections. The map is included on page 6 of the newsletter. If you would need an additional copy, please stop by city hall to request one.

If you bring your rubbish to the drop off location, please have ID as well as a water bill for proof of residency. WE

**WILL NOT ACCEPT PAINT CANS WITH PAINT IN THEM, CAR BATTERIES, OIL, FLAMMABLE LIQUIDS, FREON APPLIANCES OR TIRES.**

### Front Office Notes

Per Public Service Commission Rule 6.1.5.b, Any change in the identity of the contracting customer at a premises will require a new application for water, and the utility may, after reasonable notice, discontinue water service until such new application has been made and accepted, but the former customer shall remain liable for water furnished to said premises until the customer has given notice in writing to the utility to discontinue water service. In the event the customer of record has died or become incapable of being responsible for water service, the individual's spouse may become the customer of record without being required to complete a new application for water service or paying a new deposit. Residents will be receiving notices regarding the update of their account information and if not completed within the 30-day notice, will be discontinued until application has been made.

Residents are also advised, in talking with the Public Service Commission and at the advisement of the city attorney, we are not allowed to discuss any accounts unless, the person inquiring is listed on the account. If you would like to discuss an account you are not listed on, please make arrangements with the account owner to be listed on the account.

## National Police Week

**May 15<sup>th</sup>- May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

The United States recognizes the service and sacrifice of the U.S. Law Enforcement and pays tribute to those who have lost their lives in the line of duty. Thousands of law enforcement officers from around the world visit Washington to participate in a number of special events. A candlelight vigil is held at the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial in honor of the law enforcement officers who have died that year. The names engraved on the memorial include fallen officers from all 50 states, the District of Columbia, U.S. territories, and federal law enforcement and military police agencies. Below is a list of ways you can recognize your local law enforcement during National Police Week:

- Put together a plate of cookies and deliver to your police department.
- Feed the department by delivering meals.
- Personally deliver a thank you card.
- Donate to the FOP in the police department's name.
- Thank a police officer by filling a need of their station.
- Coordinate a potluck lunch, gift cards, etc.

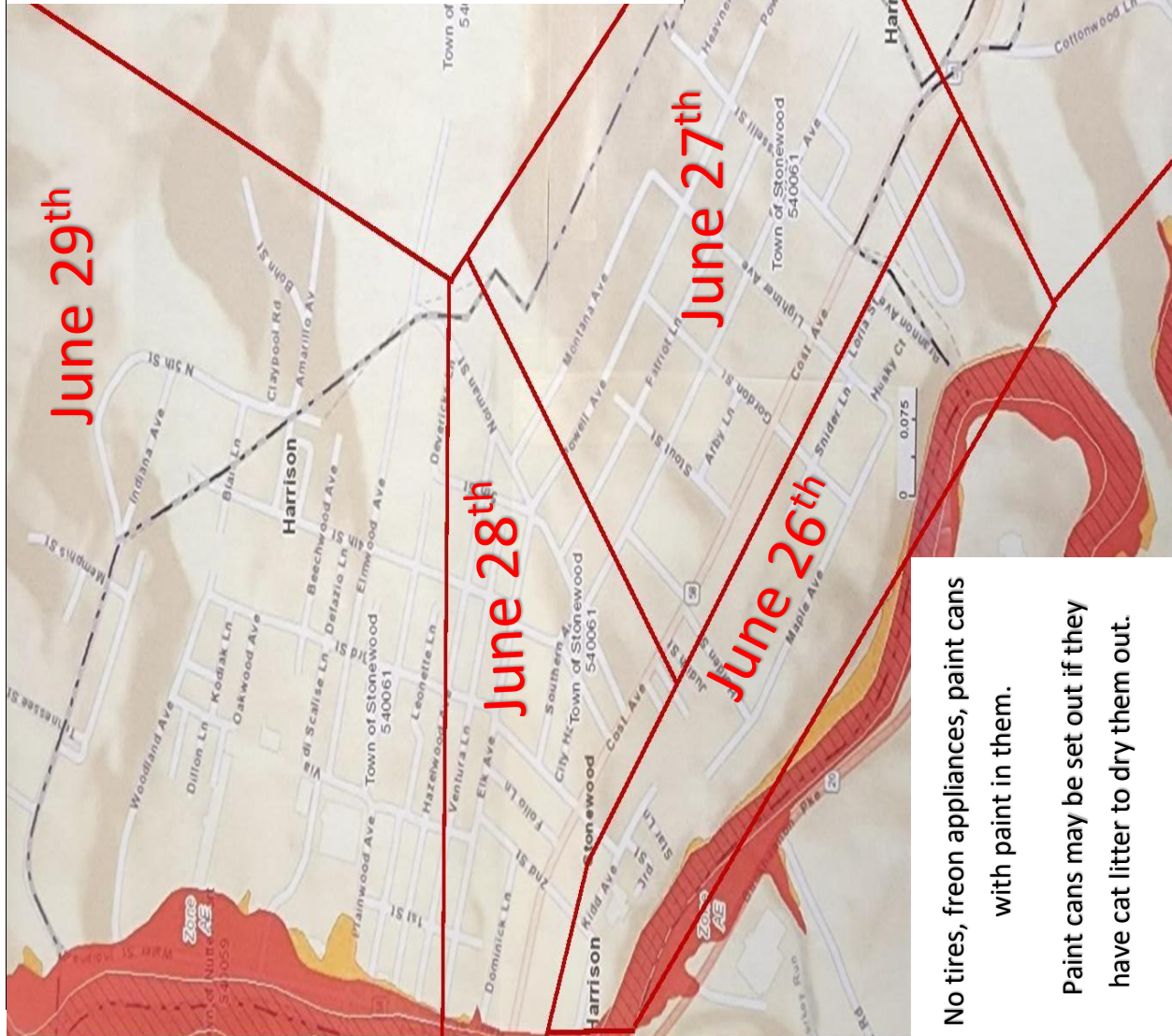


Pictured above left to right: Chief M.A. Secreto, Officer A. Moore, Officer R. Willis, Lieutenant R. Matheny II

Not Pictured: Officer N. Lanham



# CITY WIDE CLEAN UP JUNE 26<sup>TH</sup>- JUNE 30<sup>TH</sup> 2023





## Making plans for a 2023 Family Homecoming or Family Reunion Spend it with us and support the Stonewood Fire Department

We have done the work for you

### Saturday

- ✓ Traveling family members will need a place to stay. We have a block of rooms with special rates at the Hilton Garden Inn on Emily Dr., just mention the festival STONEWOOD FIREFIGHTERS FESTIVAL ([hilton.com](http://hilton.com))
- ✓ Food our food trucks will have available so many choices of delicious local meals and treats
- ✓ Entertainment for the kids, we will have some of the largest, most interesting inflatables and rock climbing wall that will be free. So children can enjoy all day fun.
- ✓ Shopping - We are blessed to have some of the most creative crafters in the state that will be blessing our Marketplace.
- ✓ Music - Our stage will host a variety of talent that can be enjoyed by all.
- ✓ Enjoy a stroll in a beautiful white horse drawn carriage.
- ✓ Saturday will wrap up as we fill the night sky with a beautiful display of fireworks.

### Sunday

- ✓ The Stonewood churches will host one of the most beautiful Ecumenical Church Services you will ever attend and hear the Ecumenical Worship Choir.
- ✓ Afterwards have lunch with everyone at the FREE COMMUNITY PICNIC
- ✓ Wrap up the festivities with the talented Josh Oldaker on the stage

# Stonewood Firefighter's Festival

## Saturday, August 19 - 20



### Calendar of Events

#### **May 16<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

Council Meeting 7:00 PM

#### **May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

Sewer Board Meeting 4:30 PM

#### **June 6<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

Council Meeting 7:00 PM

#### **June 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

Sewer Board Meeting 4:30 PM

#### **June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

Park Board Meeting 6:00 PM

#### **July 4<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

Council Meeting 7:00 PM

#### **July 18<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

Council Meeting 7:00 PM

## Happy Birthday to our Residents 90 and over!

**Kenneth "Sarge" Gorby 3/23 90 years**

**Louis Jean (Jeannie) Scott 3/24 90 years**

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