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Local Announcements



City of Stonewood

Street Levy and Parks and Recreation Special Levy Election 2026

April 29- May 9, 2026 – Early Voting in person

- **General Service Building** – 229 S. 3rd Street, Clarksburg, WV – 3rd Floor
 - 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM Monday – Friday
 - 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM Saturdays
- **Meadowbrook Mall** – 2399 Meadowbrook Road, Bridgeport, WV – Old Torrid Store
 - 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM Monday – Friday
 - 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM Saturdays

May 6, 2026- Deadline for Absentee Ballot Applications

May 9, 2026- Deadline for Early Voting in Person

May 11, 2026 – Deadline for hand-deliver absentee ballot to the Clerk’s office

May 12, 2026- ELECTION DAY

CITY OF STONEWOOD LEVY ONLY PRECINCT: 4

A general election to authorize additional levies for the fiscal years beginning July 1, 2026, July 1, 2027, July 1, 2028, July 1, 2029 for **Street Maintenance and Construction in the amount of \$113,716 annually and \$454,864 during the term of the levy; Parks and Recreation in the amount of \$20,067 annually and \$80, 268 during the term of the levy**, according to the order of the Municipal Council, of the City of Stonewood, entered this 16th day of February 2026.

That the additional rate of levy in cents per one hundred dollars of assessed valuation on each class of property shall be:

Class I	6.25 cents	Class III if any	25.00 cents
Class II	12.50 cents	Class IV	25.00 cents

In the event the separate and aggregate assessed value of each class of taxable property within the **City of Stonewood** increases during the term of the special levy, the funds generated in excess of \$115,690 per year shall be apportioned proportionately to the same purposes.





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**Election Information...
continued**

I am writing to strongly urge my fellow citizens to vote FOR the upcoming Street/Park levy renewal. This is not a new tax—it is a continuation of the current investment that has allowed our city to maintain safe, reliable streets and essential services. If this levy is not renewed, the consequences will be immediate and significant. Our city will face a sharp reduction in paving and repairs, leading to deteriorating roads, higher long-term costs, and avoidable damage to vehicles and infrastructure. This funding is critical. It supports snow removal that keeps our roads safe in winter, addresses drainage issues that prevent costly damage, and ensures a consistent, well-planned approach to maintaining and improving our residential streets. Delaying or cutting this investment will only make future repairs more expensive and more disruptive. We cannot afford to fall behind. Let's protect the quality, safety, and reliability of our streets. Please vote YES for the Street/Park levy renewal.

Danny Phares, Recorder

I am writing to strongly urge the residents of Stonewood to vote YES on the Street/Park levy renewal—especially for the continued support and improvement of our city parks. This levy is not a new tax. It is a continuation of the investment that has allowed us to care for and improve the three parks our community depends on. Without it, the progress we've made—and the quality of our parks—will be at risk. Because of this funding, we've been able to make critical equipment updates and keep up with ongoing maintenance that ensures our parks remain safe, clean, and welcoming for families. Most notably, we were able to install brand-new playground equipment at Third Street Park, upgrade fencing for added safety, and replace aging swings. These are not small improvements—they directly impact the safety of our children and the quality of life in our community. Losing this funding would mean fewer upgrades, delayed repairs, and a gradual decline in the spaces so many of us rely on. Our parks are an essential part of what makes Stonewood a great place to live. Let's continue to invest in them, protect them, and improve them for future generations. Please vote YES on the Street/Park levy renewal.

Ryan Morgan, Council Member- Park Board Chair



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Code Notice

As we welcome the warmer months, we encourage all residents to maintain their properties in accordance with the Town’s ordinance requiring grass and vegetation to be kept under 8 inches in height. We appreciate the community’s continued cooperation this year in obtaining permits for property upgrades and repairs. Additionally, to assist the Fire Department in responding quickly and efficiently to emergencies, please ensure your four-digit address is clearly displayed on your home. Thank you for your attention to these matters. We wish everyone a safe, enjoyable, and code-compliant summer.

Recycling today helps build a more sustainable tomorrow. It plays an important role in keeping our waste management costs low and helps prevent unnecessary rate increases by reducing the volume of garbage sent to the landfill.



Recognizing those we have lost in the community



- **Thomas Glen “Tom Slick” Monroe**
- **Winifred “Cookie” Marie Parsons**
- **Thomas John “Tom” Harris**
- **Charles L. Wilcox**
- **Roger Goodwin**
- **James A. “Hooker” Terango**
- **Kathryn Elizabeth Brooks Williams**
- **Charles Shafer**
- **Reverend D. Kent Durig- Previous Pastor of OLPH Church**





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Community Acknowledgements



In December 2025, the Stonewood Volunteer Fire Department proudly escorted Santa Claus through the community, bringing joy to residents of all ages. In the spirit of giving, residents were invited to donate food items in exchange for a Hershey bar from Santa.

Thanks to the generosity of our community, the Volunteer Fire Department delivered three truckloads of food to the OLPH food pantry. In addition, the Stonewood Lions Club contributed a generous \$500 donation to support those in need.

We are incredibly proud of how our community comes together to support one another—especially during times when some may be facing hardship or struggling to put food on the table. Stonewood truly embodies its motto, “Working together for a better community.”

The Stonewood Lions Club recently held their annual food drive collecting non-perishable and shelf stable foods to benefit those in need. All donations were made into family-style meal packs and donated to Our Lady of Perpetual Help located in Stonewood. Drop off areas included: Stonewood City Hall, Town and Country Drug Store, Hair Etc. II, Badazz Blondes Salon. Pictured right: members were set up on April 25th, 2026 across from the T&C Drug Store for drop off as well.



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Many of you knew my father as “Hooker,” but to me, he was simply Dad. James A. “Hooker” Terango, 89, a lifelong resident of Stonewood, passed away on March 26, 2026.

He graduated from Roosevelt Wilson (Norwood) High School in 1954, where he was active in so many ways—playing halfback in football, catching for the baseball team, serving as Vice President of his senior class, and taking part in the Thespians Club. Stonewood was always home to him, and he carried that pride throughout his life.

Dad worked at Pittsburgh Plate Glass in Stonewood until it closed, volunteered with the Stonewood Volunteer Fire

Department, and served on City Council. He also spent many years coaching baseball alongside Louie Leroy in Little League and Babe Ruth. One of his proudest moments was helping lead his team to the West Virginia Little League State Championship in 1984, with his son Michael behind the plate. He loved the game, but even more, he loved the kids he coached.

He was a lifelong member of St. Bridget’s Catholic Church and Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church, and his faith was an important part of who he was.

From the bottom of my heart, thank you to everyone who has reached out, sent flowers, or offered kind words. Your support has meant more than we can say. We are truly blessed to be part of such a caring community.

Reverend D. Kent During passed away on December 19, 2025. He served as Pastor of Our Lady of Perpetual Help from 2010 to 2019, and his time here left a lasting impact on both the parish and the wider community.

During his tenure, he led a meaningful renovation and beautification of the church, reflecting his deep respect for sacred spaces and his commitment to creating a welcoming place for worship and reflection. His leadership was thoughtful, steady, and rooted in a genuine care for the people he served.

Communities don’t grow or improve without individuals who are willing to step forward and make a difference. Reverend Kent was one of those people. His contributions helped shape our community in ways that will be appreciated for years to come.

It would be impossible not to pause and recognize his efforts and to offer our sincere thanks for all he gave during his time here. He will be remembered with gratitude and respect.



July 6th - 10th City wide cleanup. July 10th will be catch-all day. No tires, freon appliances, paint cans with paint in them. Paint cans may be set out if they have CAT LITTER to dry them.

Zone 4 July 9th

Zone 3 July 8th

Zone 2 July 7th

Zone 1 July 6th

Zone 1 July 6th



Switch map



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City-wide Clean-up and Yard Sale

The city-wide yard sale will be held on June 12th and 13th, 2026. The city-wide cleanup, normally held in June, will be held July 6th-10th, 2026. The pickup map is on page 6 of the newsletter.

Zone 1 includes:

Cottonwood Drive, Crestview Circle, Oliverio Drive, N Byers Lane, S Byers Lane, Hillcourt Lane, Brannon Avenue, Husky Court, Loria Street, Snider Lane, Maple Avenue, Holden Street, Star Lane, 3rd Street, Kidd Avenue, Gordon Street to Cost Avenue

Zone 2 includes:

Montana Avenue, Heavner Avenue, Powell Avenue, Grasselli Avenue, Cost Avenue (Holden to Pine Street), Gordon Street, Arby Lane, Stout Street, Patriot Lane (Holden to Grasselli), Lightner Avenue, Southern Avenue (Holden to Powell), Upper Elmwood

Zone 3 includes:

Norman Street, Cost Avenue (Water to Norman Street) 2nd Street (to Ventura), Folio Lane, City Hall Lane, 4th Street (to Ventura), Elk Avenue (Water to Norman), Ventura Avenue, Hazelwood (Third to Fifth)

Zone 4 includes:

Memphis Street, Indiana Avenue, N 5th Street, Claypool Road, Amarillo Avenue, Blair Lane, Beechwood Avenue, 4th Street (Hazelwood to Blair) Elmwood Avenue, Woodland Avenue, Dillon Lane, Kodiak Lane, Oakwood Avenue, Via Di Scalise Lane, Defazio Lane, Third Street (Hazelwood to Woodland) Plainwood Avenue, 1st Street, Water Street, Leonette Lane, Hazelwood Avenue.

If you or someone you know, who is a resident of Stonewood, is turning 90 or older, please call into City Hall at (304) 623-2919 ex. 3, to have your name listed in the newsletter. We would love to celebrate you!

Churches and Locations

Our Lady of Perpetual Help

8092 Third Street
(304) 623-2334

Service 5:00 PM every Saturday
8:00 AM and 10:00 AM every Sunday

Church of the Nazarene

9254 Cost Avenue
(304) 624-0430

Services 10:45 AM and 6:00 PM every Sunday

Congregational Missionary

8095 Hazelwood Avenue
(304) 622-7256

Service 10:50 AM every Sunday

Oasis Worship Center

8556 Cost Avenue
(304) 918-9110

Service 10:30 AM every Sunday

Bible Baptist Temple

1450 Cost Avenue
(304) 623-2630

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

Stonewood Fellowship Church

8301 Hazelwood Avenue
(304) 624-5966

Service 10:30 AM every Sunday

Wanda Seti 2/17

Willa Jean Green 3/20

Kenneth "Sarge" Gorby 3/23

Louis Jean Scott 3/24

Francis Kopshina 4/8

Jamie Gorby 4/11

Juanita Fisher 9/10



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Festival NEWS



We're excited to bring you another year of FREE entertainment at the Stonewood Firefighter's Festival! Following the children's pageant, Stonestreet—the ultimate party band from Charleston—will kick things off Friday night at 7 PM on July 31. Get ready for a high-energy show full of music, dancing, and crowd participation you won't want to miss.

Saturday, August 1 starts at 12:30 PM with Johnny Staats and the Project Band (back by popular demand). A recent inductee into the WV Country Music Hall of Fame, Staats and his band bring a mix of bluegrass, country, rock, and more—something for everyone.

That evening at 7 PM, Erich Cawalla and the Uptown Band take the stage, blending pop, soul, and classic sounds into a performance that will have you dancing all night.

Enjoy local performances from Layne Studio 4 Dance and In-Step Dance & Fitness Studio, plus a wide variety of food trucks featuring Italian, Mexican, Puerto Rican, American favorites, and plenty of sweet treats.

The Stonewood Firefighter's Festival is proud to offer top-notch entertainment for all ages—come join the fun!

Pastor's Corner

The older I get, for some reason, that old cliché, "Time Flies," seems ever so true. I can't believe that we are one-third of the way through 2026. I would like for us to consider the following play on words as we enter the month of MAY:

MAY the day never come when....

- We fail to put God first in our lives.
- We lose our hope and trust in God.
- We turn our back on the Holy Spirit.
- Our fear becomes greater than our faith.
- We compromise what it means to be a Holiness people.

MAY the day come when....

- EVERYTHING we do and say honors God.
- No matter what crosses our path or comes our way, we truly surrender it to God.
- Our every move, decision and action comes from listening to God.
- Life's trials and tribulations don't relinquish our faith in God.
- Holiness is our watch-word and song.

What will **MAY** bring you?



Rev. Gary John Smith, pastor

