



At the Library in April

- **Sturgis Area Arts Council Meeting** - April 9 at 7:00pm at City Hall.
- **History at High Noon** - April 17 featuring Memories of Neighborhood Grocery Stores. Attendees are encouraged to bring photos and memories to share.
- **Wisdom Begins in Wonder Walk** - April 18 9:00am until noon. In celebration of National Library Week, the library is hosting a walking tour in the downtown area. Start at the library with a list of locations, gather the required information by visiting various businesses and return to the library for lunch & prizes.
- **Featured Artist(s)** - The April Artists of the Month are from the Black Hills Art Association. BHAA is a group of amateur and professional artists of the Northern Black Hills and surrounding area whose goal is to encourage and promote the arts in our area.

Other News & Upcoming Events

Sturgis City Council: April 6 and 20 at 6:30pm at the Erskine Building.
Planning and Zoning: April 7 at 5:30pm at City Hall.
City Council Election: April 14. Voting takes place at the Sturgis Community Center 7am - 7 pm and City Hall 8 am - 5 pm.
Park Board: April 14 at 7:00pm at the Meade County Extension Office.
Library Board - April 29 at 4:00pm in the Library.



Officials

Mayor

Mark Carstensen 490-1044

Council Members

Ward One:

Mike Bachand 490-1054

Kelly Vasknetz 490-0361

Ward Two:

David Hersrud 347-5061

Marcia Johnston 347-2483

Ward Three:

Jason Anderson 490-1618

Ron Waterland 720-5010

Ward Four:

Branden Bestgen 644-6005

Tim Potts 720-4233

City Manager

Daniel Ainslie 347-4422



Our Mission: To provide an attractive, growing community being served by a professional staff that offers reliable, quality municipal services.

2015 City Council Election April 14

The City of Sturgis will hold a municipal election on Tuesday, April 14. The election will include races in Wards 1, 2 and 4. Ward 3 Alderman Ron Waterland is running unopposed. The Mayoral election is not scheduled to take place until 2016.

- Ward 1 incumbent Kelly Vasknetz is not running. Candidates for that seat include Rod Bradley and Dave Rhoden.
- Ward 2 Incumbent Marcia Johnston is running against candidate Tony Dargatz.
- Ward 3 Alderman Ron Waterland is unopposed.
- Ward 4 Incumbent Tim Potts is running against candidate Adam Martin.



A sample ballot is available on the City website. Polls will be open at the Sturgis Community Center, 1401 Lazelle, from 7:00am until 7:00pm. All voters will need to show a valid form of Identification. You may only vote for candidates in the ward where you are registered. To see a Ward Map, visit the City website at www.sturgis-sd.gov and click on the Ward Locator link found on the left side of main menu on the home page.

Absentee voting is also available at the City Finance Office during regular hours until 5:00pm on the day of the election. All unofficial results will be posted on the City website as soon as they are available. Results will be made official following a canvas of the votes by the City Council within seven days of the election. All winners will be sworn in at the May 4 City Council meeting. Terms for Mayor and City Council representatives are three years.

SEDC Breaks Ground for New Career & Technical Education Machinist Program Building at the Sturgis Industrial Park

On Monday, March 9, members of the Sturgis Economic Development Corp. (SEDC), along with school representatives, business owners and the public held a ground breaking ceremony at the Industrial Park.

The site, located at the entrance to the Industrial Park, will be home to a new 5,110 sq. ft. building which will house the new Business Incubator and Sturgis Brown High School CTE Machinist Program scheduled to start in the fall of 2015. Other space within the building will be available for emerging businesses and will be finished to suit their requirements.

For more information about this project, contact Pat Kurtenbach, President of SEDC at 605-347-4906.



New CTE and Business Incubator site. Photo courtesy of Bob Davis.

J&P Cycles Announces Permanent Sturgis Retail Center

J&P Cycles recently announced plans to open a permanent, year around, retail center at 1650 Lazelle. J&P has operated a seasonal retail store at this location for over 30 years during the annual Motorcycle Rally.

The Sturgis Retail Center will feature a wide assortment of motorcycle parts and accessories, leather, apparel and more. They anticipate hiring approximately 14 year around employees. The anticipate a June opening.

According to Sturgis City Manager, Daniel Ainslie, "J&P Cycles will provide an exciting and valued service to local and traveling riders".

J&P is the world's largest retailer of aftermarket parts, accessories and apparel for Harley-Davidson and V-Twin Cruiser motorcycles.

Utility Bill Q&A...



Q. What are the items identified as surcharges that appear on my water bill?

A. The following is a list of surcharges and fees that may or may not be assessed to individual utility accounts depending on the account type and location:

#1 \$1.59 surcharge to repay a bond put in place in 2010 for a water line replacement in Murray Addition. (term 10 yrs water/20 yrs sewer)

#2 \$3.79 surcharge for a new well and other water improvements. (term 40 yrs)

#3 \$3.80 surcharge for the Lazelle Street water improvements that took place in 2013 and 2014. (term 20 yrs)

#4 \$25.00 surcharge for Murray Addition residents to cover the cost of a new sewer line in 2010. (expiration varies by individual account and payments made)

#5 \$1.05 Recycling fee.

Q. What's a surcharge vs. a fee?

A. A surcharge is established to pay for loans or bonds. When federal funds are used, each individual surcharge must be shown on the utility bill as an additional charge. Federal funding is used because it carries the lowest possible interest rate which saves money for residents. Fees are set by resolution and are allocated to a specific expense. Fees remain in place as long as services are provided.

City Park will Hold Events During 2015 Motorcycle Rally

The City recently announced a one-year partnership with Synergy Global Entertainment, Inc. (SGE) to host family friendly entertainment at the City Park during the upcoming Sturgis Motorcycle Rally.

The goal of the partnership is to promote family friendly activities during the Rally that will enhance the Rally experience for younger attendees as well as those who have been coming to the Rally for many years.

Entertainment at the park will include AMA Supermoto racing, freestyle motocross, stunt riding and motorcycle shows.

In addition to a variety of entertainment offerings, many first time exhibitors will be set up at the venue. These exhibitors will include large fortune 500 companies as well as small niche, apparel, parts and accessory companies.

Synergy Global Entertainment, Inc. (SGE) specializes in producing music events and music marketing programs benefiting brands, artists, consumers, partners and attendees alike. SGE has produced thousands of branded music festivals, concerts, tours, and events throughout the world playing to millions of applauding fans. SGE was required to post a \$250,000 bond to cover any accidental damage that might occur to city property.

In a recent constituent survey, 93% of responders indicated they support the City when leasing city owned assets which help fund community projects.

A full schedule of events will be posted on the city website at Sturgis-sd.gov as it is developed.



The 2014 Sturgis Water Quality Report was published in the Meade County Times on March 25 and is available at the Finance Office in City Hall and on the City website.

The annual report contains information about monthly usage, rates, and future water projects.



spring cleanup May 4 - 8

The Sturgis City Wide Spring Clean Up is scheduled for May 4 - 8. During this time, you may put your unwanted items near your trash totes prior to your normal pick up day and the City will pick them up for disposal.

Please sort your items into separate piles.

- **White Goods: Metal, Appliances, Bicycles etc.**
Appliances **must** have a signed EPA form attached and all freon **must** be drained from freezers and refrigerators, etc. (EPA Forms are available at the Public Works Department.)
- **Lumber**
- **Rubble: Furniture, Building Materials, Etc.**

Please take branches to the Rubble Site free of charge (with a copy of your water bill) during normal Rubble Site hours.

Several trucks will be sent out to collect items. Each category of items will be picked up by a separate truck. They will try to follow your regularly scheduled pick up day, but please take into consideration that they have a lot to pick up and may run behind. If you need assistance in getting items moved out to the curb, contact the Sturgis Police Department at 347-5070.

Some restrictions apply - branches, tires, paint, appliances containing freon and batteries will not be picked up. For a complete listing of the items that qualify for removal, visit the Public Works web page at sturgis-sd.gov or call the Public Works Office at 347-3916.



6th Annual Green Thumb Gala May 4 - 8

Donate a decorated pot with a patio plant, house plant or any garden related item to the Sturgis Public Library by May 4 to be exhibited and bid on during the week long silent auction which ends on May 8 at 4:00. All proceeds from the auction go toward various library programs.

The Gala will be on May 8 from 3:30 until 5:00 p.m. at the Library. Refreshments will be served. This is a great place to pick up a special Mother's Day gift!

Contact Information

City Hall 347-4422
City Attorney 347-4422
Code Enforcement and Inspections 347-4422

Finance Office 347-4422
Human Resources 347-4422
Rally Department 720-0800
1040 Harley-Davidson Way

Community Center 347-6513
5:00 - 8:00 Mon. - Fri.
8:00 - 5:00 Sat.
Noon - 5:00 Sun.
1401 Lazelle Street

Fire & Ambulance 347-5801
Emergency 911
7:00 - 5:00 Mon. - Fri.
1901 Ballpark Road

Library 347-2624
8:00 - 7:00 Mon. - Thur.
8:30 - 5:00 Fri.
8:30 - 4:00 Sat.
1040 Harley-Davidson Way

Liquor Store 347-5983
8:00 - 10:00 Mon. - Sat.
10:00 - 6:00 Sun.
1075 Lazelle Street

Parks Department 347-9018
8:00 - 5:00 Mon. - Fri.
1920 Ballpark Road
Shelter Reservations call
347-4422

Police Department 347-5070
Emergency 911
1400 Main Street

Public Works 347-3916
7:00 - 4:00 Mon. - Fri.
1057 Dudley Street
Rubble Site 347-5605
8:00 - 4:45 Mon. - Sat.
20492 Avalanch Road

Water Department 347-4422
8:00 - 5:00 Mon. - Fri.
1040 Harley-Davidson Way
After Hours Emergency call
Police Dispatch 347-2573
Payment Drop Box:
1040 Harley-Davidson Way