



## News & Upcoming Events

**City Offices Will Be Closed** - Friday, July 3 for Independence Day.  
**Sturgis Library Will Be Closed** - Friday, July 3 and Saturday, July 4.  
**Fireworks** - Saturday, July 4 at dusk at the Fairgrounds.  
**Sturgis City Council**: July 6, 20 and 27 at 6:30pm at the Erskine Building. There will be no City Council meeting on August 3 due to the Motorcycle Rally.  
**Planning and Zoning**: July 7 at 5:30pm at City Hall.  
**Forestry Board**: July 9 at 7:00pm at the Fire Hall.  
**Park Board**: July 14 at 7:00pm at the Meade County Extension Office.  
**Meade County BBQ Fundraiser for the Kiwanis Food Pantry** - Friday, July 17 11am - 2pm under the tent at the Erskine Building. Sponsored by Meade County employees. Donations go to the Sturgis Kiwanis Food Pantry.  
**Northern Hills Community Band Concert** - Sunday, July 19 at 7pm in the City Park.  
**Garage Sale** - Meade County/Sturgis Animal Shelter July 25 from 8am until 2pm. The Shelter is located at 1140 Otter Road. Donations accepted until July 18th.  
**Fine Free Saturdays** - The Library now offers Fine Free Saturdays. For any overdue item you return on a Saturday, we will forgive the fine.



## Officials

**Mayor**  
 Mark Carstensen 490-1044

**Council Members**

Ward One:  
 Mike Bachand 490-1054  
 Rod Bradley 389-3209

Ward Two:  
 Tony Dargatz 490-3584  
 David Hersrud 347-5061

Ward Three:  
 Jason Anderson 490-1618  
 Ron Waterland 720-5010

Ward Four:  
 Branden Bestgen 644-6005  
 Adam Martin 499-8549

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.*

## New Construction and Sales Tax Increase City's Financial Health

2015 is shaping up to be a good financial year for the City. The most current report from the South Dakota Department of Revenue shows sales tax collections in 2015 are ahead of last year. So far, the City's General Fund is up 8% compared to 2014 and the BBB (tourism tax) Fund is up 4%.

With the recent construction boom, building permit fees are up 331%. Year to date, new construction permits are valued at \$9,811,250. This is the second highest annual amount in more than a decade. Expenses so far in 2015 are about 2% lower than budget and revenue is up about 4%.

Several new businesses, including Domino's, Big D Convenience Store, Arby's and the newly expanded Indian Motorcycles are scheduled to open in the next few weeks. These businesses along with an anticipated record tourism year will have a positive impact on the City's financial health. In the long run, higher sales tax revenues help offset the City's property tax burden.



*Scott Peterson Motors is now open in their new location at One Ford Place, off South Junction Avenue. Several other new businesses are working toward being open by the end of July.*

## City Council Make Updates to Long-Term Infrastructure Needs

On June 22, the Sturgis City Council held a special City Council meeting to tour various areas of the City and to discuss infrastructure needs. During the past few years, several major improvements have taken place such as the installation of water and sewer in the Davenport Ranch area, the reconstruction of Lazelle Street utilities and a major drainage project on Nellie Street.

Each year the Council tours the City as a group to look at and discuss problem areas. Once identified, the projects are prioritized and placed into the long-range capital improvement schedule.

According to the City Manager, funds are allocated each year for capital improvements. Some projects are so large they take up more than one year's budget. In addition to scheduled projects, there must also be enough money in the City's reserves to cover unexpected emergencies like Winter Storm Atlas that cost the City over \$1,100,000.



*Photo Caption: Public Works Director Rick Bush explains to the Mayor and Council President the importance of planning ahead for projects that may require more than one budget cycle.*

## Starline Park Construction to Begin in July

Construction will soon begin on a new neighborhood park at the corner of Starline Avenue and Oak Grove Court. The park will feature a half-court basketball court, a picnic shelter and a playground area.

A portion of the park project is funded through a grant obtained from the South Dakota Game Fish and Parks Department.

Neighborhood parks are designed to provide a recreation area that caters to a variety of ages and is easily accessible by bicycle or walking. Park amenities are determined based on input from public meetings with neighborhood residents.

The primary contractor for this project is Iverson Construction. Phase I of the project is expected to be complete by October 1, 2015. Installation of equipment will be complete in the spring of 2016.

## Fireworks Information

The Sturgis Police Department reminds residents that the use of fireworks within the City limits is limited to only the following dates and times: 8:00 a.m. until 10:00 p.m. on July 3rd and 8:00 a.m. until midnight on July 4 and from 4:00 p.m. on December 31 until 1:00 a.m. on January 1. Fireworks with open flames such as Chinese Lanterns are strictly prohibited. Fireworks are not allowed at any time in the City Parks. (Title 19 General Fire Provisions 9.04.13.)

The public is asked to clean up debris that result from private fireworks being set off in residential areas.

A public fireworks display is scheduled for July 4 starting at dusk at the Fairgrounds. The public is invited to attend this free activity which is sponsored by the City of Sturgis with support from the Sturgis Volunteer Fire Department.



## City Recruiting Daycare Providers

City officials have been working with Sturgis Economic Developers to establish a large, full time daycare and pre-school facility in Sturgis. The demand for daycare services continues to be a high priority for the Sturgis City Council.

Employers in the Sturgis area report the lack of daycare services as a roadblock when recruiting new employees. There are several in-home daycare providers but the need is still not being met.

In 2016 and 2017, up to 175 new housing units will be built. Many of these residential units will be families with pre-school age children.

The City Manager is asking any daycare or pre-school providers who may be interested in sharing ideas, resources or comments to e-mail [dainslie@sturgisgov.com](mailto:dainslie@sturgisgov.com).



## Sturgis Animal Shelter



July 25 8am-2pm

*The Sturgis/Meade County Animal Shelter will have a Yard Sale on Saturday, July 25 at the Animal Shelter located at 1440 Otter Road. All proceeds from this sale will be used for programs at the facility.*

*Donations for the sale are welcome up until July 18. Donations may also include home made bake sale items delivered on sale day. Your support is greatly appreciated!*



## Traffic Flow Will be Challenging for 75th

Each year, the City works closely with the Department of Transportation (DOT) to plan for issues related to the annual Rally. Formal meetings for this year's Rally began immediately following the Rally in 2014. With the possibility of a million visitors, the DOT is in the process of implementing some of the plans.

Off ramps at Exits 30 and 32 are being lengthened in both directions. As a safety measure, the speed limit on I-90 will be reduced to 65 mph from Rapid City to Sturgis beginning July 24.

A new temporary traffic signal will be installed on Lazelle at 11th Street. This signal will control traffic trying to enter Lazelle from 11th. Traffic will not be able to access Lazelle from the west end of Main Street by Owen's. Those wishing to access Lazelle will need to use 11th Street at the temporary signal. East bound traffic on Lazelle will be allowed to make a right hand turn onto Main Street.

As in the past, temporary traffic signals will also be installed on Lazelle at 6th, 3rd, 1st, Middle and Nellie Streets.

Temporary stop signs will be installed at the following locations:

- \* 20th and Hwy 14A
- \* 1st and Sherman
- \* Junction and Park
- \* Moose Drive and Lazelle
- \* Junction and Sherman

Second Street will be closed to all traffic from the alley at City Hall north to Lazelle.

Main Street as well as 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th will all transition to Rally mode (closures and travel/parking restrictions) at 2:00am on Wednesday, July 29. All streets will re-open to normal use on Sunday, August 9.

As veteran residents know, if you must travel during the Rally time period, it is wise to travel in the early morning hours if possible and use a route that has traffic control devices. Several maps are available on the City website showing locations of temporary traffic devices and street closures. Check the [SafeTravelUSA.com/sd](http://SafeTravelUSA.com/sd) website for additional information about travel conditions on state highways and the interstate.



## HELP WANTED

Heavy Equipment Operator  
Parks Maintenance Tech

The City is currently accepting applications for several jobs. These positions are full-time and qualify for all City benefits including vacation time and sick leave. For more information, visit the Jobs page on our website at: [Sturgis-sd.gov/jobs.aspx](http://Sturgis-sd.gov/jobs.aspx).

## Orlando Chamber Orchestra

"Teddy Bear Series"

Tuesday, July 7  
10:00am and 1:30pm

Join us at the Library for stories with music and an instrument petting zoo.

## 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  
We now accept credit cards.