

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



## News & Upcoming Events

**City Offices Closed for New Year's** - City offices including the Library and the Community Center will close at noon on Thursday, December 31 and will remain closed Friday, January 1. In addition, the Library will be closed on Saturday, January 2.

**Sturgis City Council:** January 4 and 19 at 6:30pm at the Erskine Building.

**Planning and Zoning:** January 5 at 5:30pm at City Hall.

**Armchair Travelers Book Club:** Sturgis Library, Thursday, January 7 at Noon. History at High Noon - Marguerite Kleven and Linda Hardenbook will present a program about Linda's family titled "We built them: The Bats, Fields, & Rinks".

**American Girl Tea Party:** Sturgis Library, Saturday, January 16 at 1:00 (bring your favorite doll and dress for tea). RSVP is required for this event. Call 347-2624.

**City Offices Closed for Martin Luther King Day:** City offices including the Library and the Community Center will be closed on Monday, January 18. The City Council meeting normally held on Monday will take place on Tuesday, January 19.

**Coloring Craze:** Sturgis Library, Thursday, January 21 from 5:00 - 6:00pm.



### Community Center Membership Drive

January 4 -10

½ Off Day Passes this week.

Sign up for a new annual membership or renew an existing membership and receive 1 Month Free!

## 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

## City Employees and Volunteers Recognized for Service

The City of Sturgis recently recognized employees and volunteers for outstanding performance, dedication and commitment in 2015. While many employees and volunteers were nominated for their outstanding efforts, only two employees and one volunteer received the 2015 top awards.

The *Chief Jim Bush Lifetime Service Award* was given to Parks and Cemetery Director, Gene Stock. Gene has worked for the City for over 31 years. He has been instrumental in the development and enhancement of the City's Parks System, the Bike and Recreational Trails Program and the Forestry Program. He has been on the front-lines coordinating clean up efforts following numerous natural disasters including Winter Storm Atlas when he snow-shoed to work to ensure snow removal for emergency services.

The *Jim Bush Lifetime Service Award* is only awarded to those who have demonstrated their commitment and outstanding performance to the residents of Sturgis throughout a lengthy career.



2015 Employee of the Year was awarded to Tammy Evan, Legal & Development Specialist. Tammy works closely with the City Manager and City Attorney to coordinate a variety of projects. She also assists constituents with building permits and code enforcement questions and is an instrumental staff member for the City Council.

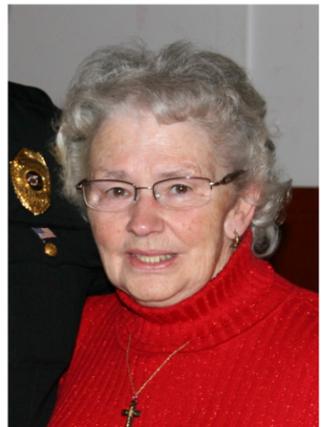
Other nominees included: Library Director Julie Moore-Peterson, Fire/EMS Administrative Assistant Julie Schmidt, Critical Care Paramedic Nicole Skouge and Parks and Cemetery Director Gene Stock.

2015 Volunteer of the Year was awarded to Joyce Kaubisch. Joyce is a long-time member of the Volunteers in Public Safety Program (VIPS) with the Sturgis Police Department. VIPS assist the police with a variety of duties including juvenile transports, traffic control, special events and public service outreach.

Other nominees for Volunteer of the Year included the following: Bob Kusser (Sturgis Volunteer Fire Department), Ed Piechal (Sturgis/Meade County Animal Shelter), Dorothy Pulscher (Sturgis Public Library) Nancy Smidt (Sturgis/Meade County Animal Shelter) and Patty Tesky (Sturgis/Meade County Animal Shelter).

The City is very appreciative of all the volunteers who provided their time and expertise during the year.

Each year the City accepts nominations from employees and the public for



## 2016 Municipal Election Scheduled for April 12

Municipal elections are scheduled for Tuesday, April 12. Ward 1 incumbent Mike Bachand, Ward 2 incumbent David Hersrud, Ward 3 incumbent Jason Anderson and Ward 4 appointee will be up for re-election. Mayor Mark Carstensen will also be up for re-election. All candidates elected in 2016 will serve three year terms.

Petitions to run for office may be picked up at City Hall starting January 29. Valid petitions must be turned in at City Hall no later than February 26 at 5:00 p.m. The number of required signatures vary by ward and are based on the number of voters in the last general election and are determined by the City Finance Officer.

Candidates for City Council must be a resident of the U.S. and must live in the ward where they are running. A full description of the duties and responsibilities of City Council representatives can be found on the City website.

Sample ballots will be available at City Hall and on the City website by March 28. Absentee ballots will be accepted at the City Finance Office starting March 28.

The deadline for voter registration is March 28. If you are not currently a registered voter, you may register at several locations including Sturgis City Hall and the Meade County Auditor's Office. If you are not sure of your registration status, you can contact the Meade County Auditor's Office at 347-2360. You can view a ward map on the City website at [Sturgis-sd.gov](http://Sturgis-sd.gov). You can only vote for candidates running in the ward where you live, except for the Mayor which is a city-wide election.

Polls will be open at the Sturgis Community Center, 1401 Lazelle Street, from 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 12. All voters are required to show a valid photo ID at the poll.



**Reminder from the Sturgis PD**

**Remember to...**

- ✓ lock your car
- ✓ take valuables with you

## Regional Health to Expand Facilities in Sturgis

For several years, Regional Health has sought to expand their Sturgis facilities. With help from the City, their plans can now move forward.

The City Council has approved the donation of 0.4 acres of City owned land located along Junction Avenue to Regional Health. The additional land will allow the hospital to expand their footprint and relocate the current facilities located at the Massa Berry Clinic to the hospital facility. With both facilities located under one roof, patient care will be greatly improved and will allow hospital staff and equipment to be utilized more efficiently.



The Nolin Monument is dedicated to Charlie 'Red' Nolin, a Pony Mail Carrier on the Sidney-Deadwood Trail. He was reportedly ambushed, killed and scalped by Indians while delivering mail on August 19, 1876.

Both the Nolin Monument and the White Plate Flat Trackers monument are currently located on the property being donated. The White Plate Monument will be relocated to another site which is yet to be named. The Nolin Monument will remain in place. The hospital has announced that it will spearhead an effort to restore and upgrade the monument in the near future.

This expansion will have a significant impact on the local economy for decades to come. In addition to providing critical care as well as daily health services to the community, Regional Health is one of the top employers in the Sturgis area. The integration of services will not result in a reduction in staffing.

The \$10,000,000 project will begin in the spring of 2016 and may take up to two years to complete.

There will be Christmas tree recycling collection areas set up on Ballpark Road near the Fire Station and at the Exit 32 recycling area. Please remove all decorations prior to drop off.



## Starline Neighborhood Park Now Complete

Starline Park is a neighborhood park featuring a half-court basketball court, play area and picnic shelter. The park is located at the corner of Starline and Oak Grove Court in southeast Sturgis.

Iverson Construction was awarded the contract to build the majority of the park at a cost of \$98,000. \$28,000 in funding was obtained through a recreational grant from the South Dakota Game Fish and Parks Department. The remaining funding was provided through the Capital Improvement funds from 2011, 2012 and 2013.



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



### Holiday Trash Schedule

New Year's Day garbage will be picked up on **Thursday, December 31** with the normal Thursday Route.

### Community Center Boys Basketball

K-6 Boys Basketball Registration December 21 - January 10. Practice will begin the week of January 18. Call the Community Center at 347-6513 for more information.



### KOHA Now Available Online

Take some time to browse for new books on the new library operating system 'KOHA'. Follow this link to learn more: <http://sturgis.blackhills.bywatersolutions.com/>.

### Thank You!

City employees, Council members and advisory committees recently donated \$2,900 to the local Toys For Tots effort. Each year the group donates funds for this worthy cause.



## 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.  
8:00 - 5:00 Fri.  
8:00 - 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.