

## City Prepares for Upcoming Election on April 14

On April 14, elections will be held for Mayor and one Ward 3 City Council position. Candidates for Mayor are incumbent Maury LaRue and Bill Cissell. The Ward 1 Council position, which has been vacant since February, has been filled by Joe DesJarlais who was running unopposed. Ward 2 features incumbent Dave Hersrud who is running unopposed. Ward 3 has incumbent Jamie McVay running against challengers Randy Lavoisier and Danny Winter. Ward 4 incumbent Bernadette Usera is running unopposed. Mayoral and City Council positions are two year terms.



Absentee and sample ballots can be obtained at the City Finance office up to 15 days before the election. A sample ballot is also posted on the City website at [www.sturgis-sd.gov](http://www.sturgis-sd.gov). Voting will take place at the Sturgis Community Center located at 1401 Lazelle Street. Polls will open at 7:00 a.m. and will close at 7:00 p.m. Voters need to show a photo ID when they go to the poll. An unofficial winner will be declared after votes are counted the evening of April 14. The official winners will be announced at the City Council meeting on April 20.

## Need a Ride - Catch a Bus

Have you ever needed to get to Rapid City or Spearfish and had no ride? Prairie Hills transit is offering connections to and from Sturgis, Spearfish, and Rapid City. Prairie Hills Transit is an easy way to save money, time, and wear and tear on your vehicle. A one way trip from Sturgis to Rapid City is \$3.75 and a one way trip to Spearfish is just \$3.00.

Tickets may be purchased by calling Prairie Hills Transit in Spearfish at 642-6668 or you may purchase a ticket directly from the driver if you have exact change. Pick up locations in Sturgis are at Heritage Acres 2340 E. Avenue and at the High Rise at 1220 Cedar Street. This service is available to everyone, however, if you are under 12 years of age you must be accompanied by an adult. For more information on schedules or to make a reservation call (605)394-6631 or visit [www.rapidride.org](http://www.rapidride.org).

## Announcements and Meetings

**Forestry:** April 1 at 7:00 p.m. in the downstairs conference room at City Hall.  
**Sturgis City Council:** April 6 and 20. Council meetings are held at 6:30 p.m. at the Sturgis Community Center 1401 Lazelle Street. Council agendas and minutes can be viewed on-line at [www.sturgis-sd.gov](http://www.sturgis-sd.gov).  
**MUB Board:** April 8 at 8:00 a.m. in the downstairs conference room at City Hall.  
**Arts Council:** April 9 at 7:00 p.m. in the downstairs conference room at City Hall.  
**City Offices will be closed on April 10 in observance of Good Friday.** Trash collection will take place on Thursday, April 9.  
**City Elections:** April 14 from 7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. at the Community Center.  
**Park Board:** April 14 at 7:00 p.m. at Morman Law Firm 850 Main Street.  
**Planning and Zoning:** April 14 and 28 at 6:30 p.m. in the downstairs conference room at City Hall.

## Officials

### Mayor

Maury LaRue 347-4422

### Council Members

Ward One:

Mark Chaplin 720-3792  
 Joe DesJarlais 347-7928

Ward Two:

Sherry Scudder 720-2768  
 David Hersrud 347-5061

Ward Three:

Clint Brengle 720-0171  
 Jamie McVay 720-5780

Ward Four:

Dane Sundstrom 490-1172  
 Bernadette Usera 720-9424

### City Manager

Dave Boone 347-4422

## In This Issue: Community Survey

This edition of the Sturgis Information Publication includes a community survey. It is the goal of the City Manager's Office to collect feedback from citizens of Sturgis regarding several different issues. Quality of life, City response to citizen requests, the condition of City facilities, and special topics of interest, just to name a few.

Citizen surveys are commonly used in the planning process for municipalities throughout the nation. Personal information associated with the survey is kept confidential. As an incentive to take the 5-10 minute survey, residents will receive a \$3.00 credit to their June sanitation bill. Surveys will need to be completed and turned in to the Water Department at 1040 2nd Street no later than May 1.



Completed surveys may also be faxed to City Hall at (605)347-4861.

A summary of the survey results will be available in the July issue of the Sturgis Information Publication and on the Government page of the City website at [www.Sturgis-sd.gov](http://www.Sturgis-sd.gov).

## Sturgis Welcomes Two New Businesses

Sturgis is pleased to welcome two new businesses, both located on Lazelle Street.

Landsport is located at 1035 Lazelle Street, previously occupied by the Mr. Tire Store. They will manufacture a variety of aluminum ramps. According to Manager Randy Tinnell, this year round business will employ eight workers. Landsport will be open for business in early April.

The Early Childhood Development Center owned and operated by Tonia Kissinger will be located at 1881 Lazelle Street. The Childhood Development Center will offer daycare services Monday - Friday as well as preschool education. The Center will be a year round business and currently employs six people. Opening date is set for April 6.



## Fire Safety - Focus on Cooking

Fires resulting from cooking continue to be the most common type of fire experienced by U.S. households. Cooking fires are also the leading cause of civilian fire injuries in residences. These fires are preventable by simply being more attentive to the use of cooking materials and equipment.

Don't become a cooking fire casualty. Learn the facts about cooking fire safety today!

In 2006, hospital emergency rooms treated 8,460 burns caused by cooking equipment. Ranges accounted for 62% of these thermal burns and grills 28%. Microwaves accounted for 41% of the scald burns. (Source: NFPA)

Because microwaves are the leading cause of scald burns, be extra careful when opening a heated food container. Heat food in containers that are marked 'microwave safe.' Since foods heat unevenly in the microwave, make sure you stir and test the food before eating.

For more information on fire safety, visit the U.S. Fire Administration at [www.usfa.dhs.gov/citizens/focus](http://www.usfa.dhs.gov/citizens/focus).



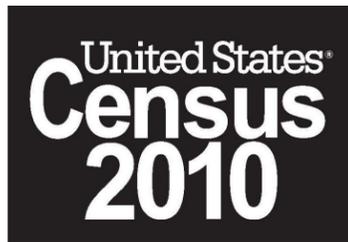
## Preparations Underway for the 2010 Census

2010 seems like a long way off, but census workers are already preparing for the big count. The Census takes place only once every 10 years and an accurate count is essential.

In the last census, only one in six households received a long questionnaire asking for detailed socioeconomic information. In 2010, every residence will receive a short questionnaire that is simple and takes only about 10 minutes to complete. The questionnaires are then mailed back to the Census Bureau. More detailed information will be collected annually from a small percentage of the population through the American Community Survey.

This spring, Census employees will be going door-to-door to update address lists. Next spring, the questionnaires will be mailed or delivered to households and recipients will be asked to fill them out and return them by April 1, 2010.

For more information on the 2010 Census visit the City web site at [www.sturgis-sd.gov](http://www.sturgis-sd.gov) click on the Government and U.S. Census links.



## Between Fences Exhibit Opens

Beginning April 6, the Sturgis Public Library will be hosting "Between Fences" an exhibit from the Smithsonian Institution.

Between Fences is about homes and the land on which they're built. It's the story of settling the United States and the creation of communities. It's about fences, where they're used, and the materials used to make them.

This event is open to the public. The Between Fences exhibit is sponsored by the Sturgis Area Arts Council (SAAC) it will be at the Library April 6 - May 18. A complete listing of all the SAAC events can be found at [www.sturgisareaartscouncil.org](http://www.sturgisareaartscouncil.org)

## I-90 Reconstruction Underway

Both lanes of Interstate 90 are being reconstructed from mile marker 28 to 32. The existing pavement will be removed and replaced with new concrete pavement. All eight of the bridges on the project will get new approach slabs. Four of the bridges will be getting epoxy chip seal overlays and the other four will be getting a concrete overlay. The westbound structure at Exit 30 will be widened. New guardrail will be installed at various locations throughout the project.

Construction to the eastbound lanes is scheduled to begin in April, during this time, traffic will be routed to the westbound lanes. During this phase, a three week closure of the eastbound on-ramp from Exit 30 will be necessary, but will be re-opened by May 21, 2009. During the closure, a temporary eastbound on ramp will be constructed from Short Track Road. To assist with traffic flow, Junction Avenue will be open to truck traffic from April 1 until May 20.

The westbound lane reconstruction and bridge work will begin in the spring of 2010, with traffic flowing in a one lane configuration in the eastbound lanes. A three week closure of the westbound off-ramp to Exit 30 will be necessary, with a reopen date of May 21, 2010. During the closure, a temporary exit ramp on to Avalanche Road will be used. Junction Avenue will be open to truck traffic during this period as well.

Temporary ramp removals, minor grading and seeding will continue after the 2010 Sturgis Rally, using lane closures. Both lanes in each direction will be open during the Sturgis Rally from July 23 - August 10, 2009, and from July 29 - August 16, 2010.

The overall completion date for the project is October 1, 2010. During construction, the speed limit will be reduced to 55 mph through the construction zone and motorists are encouraged to allow extra time for travel delays.

For maps showing traffic flow, visit the DOT web site at [www.sddot.com/exit30/index.asp](http://www.sddot.com/exit30/index.asp) or for more information contact Brenda Flottmeyer with the South Dakota Department of Transportation at (605) 394-1638.

## Deadline Approaching for Homes Requiring Flood Insurance

The City of Sturgis, recently received the new Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRM) from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). The new maps come as part of a project that originated on July 16, 2002, when the City of Sturgis entered into an agreement with FEMA to update the existing FIRM maps.

Once the Engineering Study was completed and submitted to FEMA, the City held several public forums to give property owners a chance to review the areas affected by the new mapping. The 100-year-floodplain classification indicates that a particular land area possesses a 1 percent chance of becoming flooded. Based on engineering data, the new FIRM will increase the 100-year-floodplain areas in Sturgis.

Sturgis property owners who have not checked to see where their homes and other buildings are located on the new 100-year floodplain maps, can contact the Community Development Office located at 1040 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, to view the new maps. The new FIRM maps are also available in PDF format.

If property owners want to take advantage of lower flood insurance rates for their property, they should start applying for flood insurance now so their policy is in place before the new effective date of April 16, 2009. By having insurance policies in place before the new FIRM is adopted, property owners in the 100-year floodplain will have their policies grandfathered with lower rates than those who wait until after the FIRM adoption. For more information on FEMA's grandfathering policy visit: <http://watermark.nfipstat.com/grandfathering.htm>

Federal law requires that a flood insurance policy be obtained as a condition of a federally-backed mortgage or loan that is secured by the building, however everyone can, and should, have flood insurance. Even if you don't live in a designated flood zone you can purchase flood insurance if your community participates in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). Any property can get flooded, and anyone can buy flood insurance. Flood damage is not covered by a standard homeowner's insurance policy. You can protect your home and contents with flood insurance. For more information about FEMA Flood Maps go to [www.fema.gov/hazard/map/firm.shtm](http://www.fema.gov/hazard/map/firm.shtm) or [http://www.flash.org/resources/files/HGCC\\_Fact03.pdf](http://www.flash.org/resources/files/HGCC_Fact03.pdf).

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For example, if you like to know when a new activity is announced at the Library, simply sign up as an E-Services Subscriber and you will receive an E-mail alerting you each time the Library Staff posts a new event to the Events Calendar.

Signing up is easy, simply go to the City web site at [www.sturgis-sd.gov](http://www.sturgis-sd.gov) and from the home page click on the E-Services menu item on the left side of your screen. Then click on the Notify Me page. Fill in your E-mail address, choose the item(s) you would like to receive notification about and submit. You can change your selections or un-subscribe at any time.

Give it a try and stay 'in the loop' by signing up as an E-Services Subscriber!

## Contact Information

City Manager 347-4422  
Community Development 347-4424  
Finance Office 347-4422  
Human Resources 347-4422  
Rally Department 720-0800  
8:00 - 5:00 Mon. - Fri.  
1040 2nd Street

Community Center 347-6513  
5:00 - 9:00 Mon. - Fri.  
8:00 - 8:00 Sat.  
Noon - 8:00 Sun.  
1401 Lazelle Street

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

Library 347-2624  
8:30 - 7:00 Mon. - Thu.  
8:30 - 5:00 Fri.  
8:30 - 4:00 Sat.  
1040 2nd Street

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

Parks Department 347-9018  
8:00 - 5:00 Mon. - Fri.  
1040 2nd Street  
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  
8:00 - 5:00 Tue. - Fri.  
8:00 - 12:00 and 1:00 - 5:00  
Mon. and Sat.

Water Department 347-4425  
7:00 - 5:00 Mon. - Fri.  
After Hour Emergency call  
Police Dispatch 347-2573