



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



### Upcoming Meetings and Closures

**Sturgis City Council:** January 9 and 17 at 6:30pm at the Erskine Building, 1300 Sherman Street. (Note change of dates due to holidays.)  
**Planning & Zoning:** January 10 at 5:30pm at Sturgis City Hall.  
**City offices will be closed on Monday, January 16 for Martin Luther King Day.** Trash normally collected on Monday will be picked up on Tuesday this week.  
**History at High Noon:** January 20 at noon in the Library's Program Room. Randy Bender will be presenting a program on the CCC Camp Fetchner at Ft. Meade and also on the German prisoners of war that were detained at Ft. Meade during World War II.

#### At the Library in January

- 2 - Closed for New Years
- 5 - Armchair Travelers at noon
- 7 - Donuts with Dad
- 16 - Closed for Martin Luther King Day
- 18 - Wii Wednesday
- 20 - History at High Noon
- 21 - American Girl Tea. 1:00 Bring your favorite doll and dress for tea. RSVP by January 18 to attend.
- 28 - Vintage Clothing soiree from 2:00 until 3:30. Come dressed in your favorite vintage outfit. Location tbd. For a complete listing of activities, visit the Library Facebook page.



Reminder - Sturgis Police and Meade County Sheriff's Department officers will be conducting DUI checkpoints at various locations in the community during the holidays.  
**Play it safe and use a designated driver.**

### 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 Martinson 720-5299

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

Ward Four:  
 Steve Keszler 206-1500  
 Rhea Crane 490-8615

City Manager  
 Daniel Ainslie 347-4422

### Main Street Moving Forward Despite Frigid Winter Weather

Despite frigid temperatures and snow over the last few weeks, Heavy Constructors are still moving forward with work on Main Street. Sections between Junction and Harley-Davidson Way have been opened to limited traffic and sidewalks are under construction in several areas. On December 14, several parking spaces were also opened.

So far, the following items have been completed:

- A new 8" water main has been installed from Junction west to 4<sup>th</sup> Street.
- New service lines have been installed between Junction and 4th Street and are operational.
- New storm sewers have been installed between Junction and Harley-Davidson Way and crews are continuing to work on installing the remaining lines to 4<sup>th</sup> Street.
- New curb & gutter has been installed on Main Street from Junction to 4<sup>th</sup> Street with some work remaining on cross streets.
- Landscape irrigation sleeves have been installed.
- The first two lifts of asphalt are complete. The remaining lift will be done in the spring.
- Street light foundations and new electrical services have been installed from Junction to Harley-Davidson Way and new lights will be installed soon.
- Sidewalk is being installed on the south side of Main Street in 100' long sections. It is anticipated that every 3 days 100' of sidewalk will be completed.

The project is scheduled for completion by July of 2017. The construction crews will continue working during the winter as weather allows.



### Broken Bean Now Open

The Broken Bean Coffee House, located at 1125 Junction Avenue, has re-opened.

After a five-year hiatus, owners Deborah and Robert Quinonez have renovated the interior dining areas to include a gift shop. Exterior renovations to the historical structure include a paved surface drive-thru and porch seating.

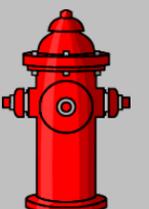
Hours for the drive-thru, dining area and gift shop will be Monday-Saturday 7:00 am – 1:00 pm; closed Sundays.



### Important Safety Reminders

Sturgis Emergency Responders would like to remind home owners to please make sure your home is clearly identified with your correct house number. This information should be easily viewed from the street.

If you have a fire hydrant near your home, please make sure snow is removed from around the hydrant so it can be seen and accessed in the event of a fire emergency.



## Feline Distemper Causes Temporary Closure of Animal Shelter

Following an outbreak of feline distemper in November, the Sturgis Animal Shelter is once again taking in cats on a case by case basis. The Shelter suffered an outbreak of feline distemper which required the facility to stop taking cats in order to complete a lengthy and costly sanitization process. Normal operations will resume once the facility can ensure that new cats will not be in danger of exposure to the deadly distemper virus. Fortunately, dogs were not in any danger of becoming ill from the feline virus.

The sanitizing process required tearing out old wall coverings and replacing sheetrock with washable wall boards; removing all bedding materials, toys and food dishes and washing/sanitizing of all surfaces. A huge Thank You goes out to all the individuals and businesses who donated time and materials to help get the facility up and running again.

The shelter serves both Sturgis and Meade County. So far in 2016, the shelter has taken in over 200 cats and 300 dogs. Additionally, rabbits, prairie dogs, parakeets and doves were housed at the shelter.

The Shelter is staffed by two full-time employees, one part-time employee and numerous volunteers. Donations of bleach, laundry soap, litter and pet food are always appreciated. You can follow the Sturgis/Meade County Animal Shelter on Facebook.

## Police Athletic League Hopes to Reduce Juvenile Related Crime Through Athletics

Sturgis Police Athletic League (Sturgis PAL) is a 501 (c)(3) non-profit organization that was established to prevent juvenile crime, including drug and alcohol abuse, along with crimes of violence. The goal of the organization is to prevent crime by utilizing recreation-oriented activities including athletics, recreation, education and community service programs for youth. The program provides an engaging, safe outlet for all children to reach their potential and to be involved in the Sturgis community in many ways.

Sturgis PAL has chosen to establish a working relationship with the Sturgis Youth Boxing Club as a pilot program. There are currently 25 members in the Youth Boxing Club and they meet daily for 2 to 2 ½ hours after school.

Sturgis PAL recently received a generous donation of a rent-free building from Sturgis Guns in Sturgis that will provide space for many of the activities associated with the organization. Unfortunately, the building has only been used for cold storage so some remodeling is required prior to use by Sturgis PAL members.

At this time, Sturgis PAL is actively seeking monetary donations, along with the donations of needed materials to allow the completion of the remodeling project. To see a list of needed materials or to learn more about the Sturgis PAL, visit their Facebook page: *Sturgis PAL*.

If you or your business has an interest in donating to Sturgis PAL, please feel free to contact Sturgis PAL Executive Director, Geody Vandewater or Program Coordinator, Joe Leveque at the Sturgis Police Department 347-5070. Monetary donations on behalf of Sturgis PAL can also be dropped off at Simply Service Federal Credit Union at 1111 Lazelle St., located inside Lynn's DakotaMart.



## Employees and Volunteer Recognized for Service

The City of Sturgis recently recognized employees and volunteers for outstanding performance, dedication and commitment in 2016. While many employees and volunteers were nominated for their outstanding efforts, only one employee and one volunteer received the top awards.

The Chief Jim Bush Lifetime Service Award was given to Jeanie Shyne, Administrative Services. Jeanie began her City career 45 years ago working in the Library. She has also worked for several years in the Finance Department and most recently in Administrative Services.

Employee of the Year was awarded to Pam Nash, Animal Control Officer. Pam has proven her dedication to the Shelter and the animals she cares for by providing exemplary community engagement through daily interaction and social media outreach.

The 2016 Volunteer of the Year Award was given to Dave Fischer, Sturgis Volunteer Fire Department. Dave has provided over 20 years of dedicated service to the Volunteer Fire Department including over 15 years on the Board of Directors. He is not only a capable fire fighter, but Dave is also an EMT-B. Dave is always there to provide support in emergency situations and at community events such as open houses, fireworks displays and parades.

Each year, the City accepts nominations from employees and the public for Outstanding Employee of the Year and Volunteer of the Year. Awards were also given to employees celebrating 5, 10, 15, 20 and 25 year service anniversaries.

## The Sturgis Area Arts Council

In 1978, an organization named "Why Not Sturgis?" was formed to promote the presentation of and participation in the arts in the Sturgis community.

As an evolution of that group, in 1979, the Sturgis Area Arts Council was founded and officially recognized by local government.

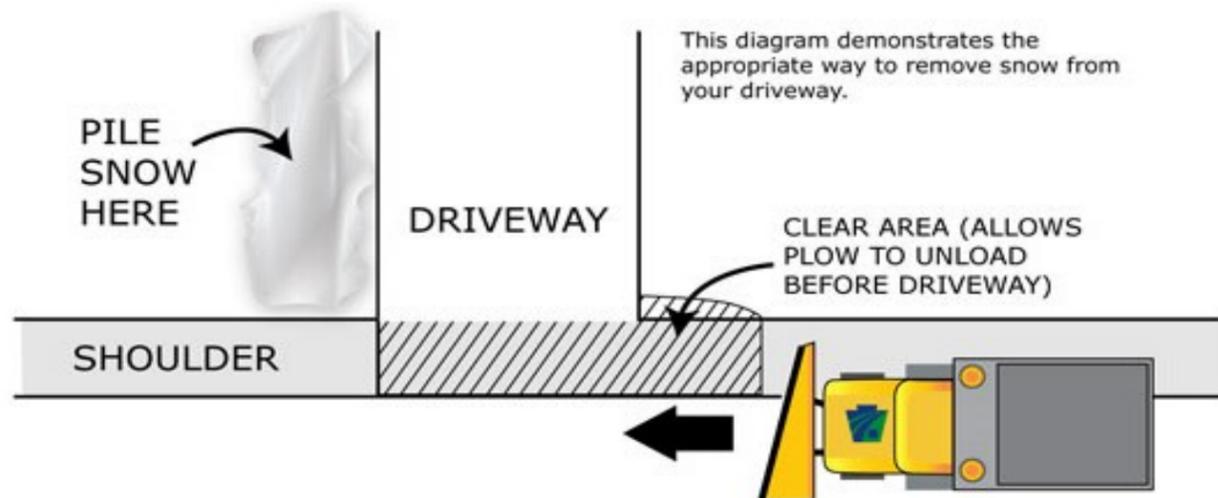
The mission of the Sturgis Area Arts Council is "to initiate, sponsor, and conduct public programs to further the development and awareness of and interest in the arts". The organization achieves this goal by working closely with all facets of our community, especially the Sturgis Public Library. Programs including History at High Noon, the Armchair Travelers Book Club, monthly art exhibits, Teddy Bear Series Story Times and many traveling exhibitions are a direct result of efforts put forth by the Arts Council partnership with the Library.

In November, the Sturgis Area Arts Council donated \$565 to the Library to help continue the many free programs offered to the public. These funds were made possible from the Council's annual membership drive. The Arts Council relies upon donations and sponsorships from local individuals and businesses to provide quality programs within the community.

To learn more about how you can support the Sturgis Area Arts Council, visit their Facebook page.



## 'Tis the Season to Plow...



## Contact Information

City Hall 347-4422  
All offices 8:00 - 5:00 Mon. - Fri.  
Planning & Permitting 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

Police Department 347-5070  
Emergency 911  
1400 Main Street  
Animal Shelter 347-8310  
1140 Otter Road

Public Works & Parks 347-3916  
7:00 - 4:00 Mon. - Fri.  
1057 Dudley Street  
Rubble Site 347-5605  
8:00 - 4:45 Mon. - Sat.  
20492 Avalanch Road  
1057 Dudley Street  
Shelter Reservations call  
347-4422

Water Office 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 accept credit cards.

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