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## Announcements



**City offices will be closed** on May 25 for Memorial Day. Trash collection will take place on Tuesday, May 26.

**American Heart Association – “Heart Saver CPR”** classes are being offered on the last Monday of each month at the Fire Station. Classes begin at 6:00 p.m. cost is \$25.00 per person. If you would like to register contact Mick Steffens at 605-591-9918.

The **Community Center** will begin their summer schedule on May 26 hours will be M-F 5:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m. Saturday 8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. and Sundays Noon - 6:00 p.m.

**Sturgis Sign Lighting Ceremony** will be June 4 starting at 6:00 p.m. at the Community Center parking lot. The lighting will take place at 8:30 p.m. Food, fun, and entertainment for the entire family - everyone is welcome!

For updates on **Sly Hill** visit our website at [www.sturgis-sd.gov](http://www.sturgis-sd.gov) click on the Government tab.

## Meetings

**Public Information Meeting to discuss the Wind Energy Ordinance:** May 26 at 6:30 p.m. in the downstairs conference room at City Hall.

**Sturgis City Council:** June 1 and 15. 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).

**Forestry:** June 3 at 7:00 p.m. in the downstairs conference room at City Hall.

**Park Board:** June 9 at 7:00 p.m. at Morman Law Firm 850 Main Street.

**Planning and Zoning:** June 9 and 30 at 6:30 p.m. in the downstairs conference room at City Hall.

**Arts Council:** June 11 at 7:00 p.m. in the downstairs conference room at City Hall.

**MUB Board:** June 10 at 8:00 a.m. in the downstairs conference room at City Hall.

**Sign Board of Appeals:** June 25 at 6:00 p.m. in the downstairs conference room at City Hall.

**Library Board:** June 24 at 4:00 p.m. in the Library.

## 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

## Students Celebrate Arbor Day



Tiffany Arp an Urban Forester from the Rapid City Office - SD Dept of Agriculture helps students from Mrs. Williams 3<sup>rd</sup> grade class plant trees as part of the Arbor Day celebration on May 5. The entire class helped plant a total of seven trees near the Pony baseball fields.

Students learned about the history of Arbor Day as well as the importance of trees in our community.

Dean Rasmuson, a retired US Forester and current Chairperson of the Forestry Committee, along with staff from the Sturgis Parks Department were also on hand to help with the project.

For the twenty-sixth year in a row, Sturgis has been named a Tree City USA community. Cities that are recognized with a Tree City USA designation go to great lengths to plant and care for the community forest.”



TREE CITY USA

## Sturgis Welcomes Iron Age International

Jimmy Powell and Stephanie Martin will soon be opening Iron Age International in the Sturgis Industrial Park. Their business specializes in high quality fabrication and welding. They are a major supplier of motorcycle frames to Competition Distributing and other specialized motorcycle related businesses world wide.

Jimmy and Stephanie have been in the fabrication business since 2000 operating out of Dickinson Texas. Jimmy is no stranger to Sturgis, he is an accomplished tattoo artist and for several years has done business during the Sturgis Motorcycle Rally. Iron Age International expects to initially have 3 - 4 employees.

The Industrial Park was developed by the Sturgis Economic Development Corporation as a tool to help pursue economic development by assisting new or expanding businesses and industry in Sturgis and the Greater Meade County area, and to coordinate those efforts with community entities.



The City of Sturgis is currently accepting applications for community service grants. If your community service group would like to apply for funds to be issued in 2010, please fill out a Grant Application form and return it to the City Finance Office no later than June 11, 2009. Requests will be considered at the June 15 City Council meeting. Applications are available at City Hall or you may download the application by going to [www.sturgis-sd.gov](http://www.sturgis-sd.gov) click on the Government and City Sponsored Grants tab.



## @ Your Library

The Sturgis Public Library has announced the 2009 Summer Reading Programs. This year's programs include something for everyone:

**Children's Story Hour** Program for ages 4 - 9. Held on Wednesdays June 3 - July 15 at 10:00 and 1:30 daily. Sign up starts on May 29 at the Library.

**Tween's Book Club** for ages 10 - 12. Participants discuss books they are reading and partake in creative activities. Tuesdays from 1:00 until 2:00 beginning on June 2 and ending on July 14.

**Express Yourself @ Your Library** Program for teenagers. This program is for young adults grades 7-12. In addition to great reading and fun projects, you can also earn points to use for cool prizes at the end of July. The *Express Yourself @ Your Library* Program Kick-Off is Thursday, June 4 at 3:00. This program ends on July 24. Dates and times vary.

**Family Creativity Night on the Patio** is new this year. Featuring a night of dancing on June 9, a night of music on June 23, and a night of art on July 7. Programs will be from 6:00 - 7:00 each night.

Details for all the summer programs can be found at [www.sturgis-sd.gov](http://www.sturgis-sd.gov) or you may call the Sturgis Public Library at 347-2624.

School is out for summer please drive carefully



## News from the Animal Shelter

Animal Shelter Technician Chris Oliver has been nominated *Animal Control Officer of the Year* by the South Dakota Animal Control Association. Chris is being recognized for her outstanding job of adopting and moving animals out of the shelter.

The objective of the SD Animal Control Association is to provide training and education to other Animal Professionals and to educate the public about pet responsibilities and care. They also provide guidance in creating and updating ordinances, solving animal control problems and assisting officials at the federal, state, county and municipal levels of government in animal control matters.



### Paws for a Cause

Animal Shelter volunteer Katie Melrose helps with a variety of duties at the Sturgis Animal Shelter.

If you would like to help the Animal Shelter by becoming a volunteer, call 347-8310 or stop by our facility at 1140 Otter Road. Becoming a volunteer is easy; no

experience is necessary and there are a variety of tasks that can fit your schedule and interests.

If you would like to make a donation, the shelter is always in need of dog and cat food, animal treats, kitty litter, unscented bleach, laundry detergent, and pet toys.

Stop by our booth at the BAM event in the City Park on July 11 from 10 a.m. until 9 p.m. to see the animals we have available for adoption. If you are interested in adopting a pet, you can go on-line to [www.petfinder.com](http://www.petfinder.com) and search for animals available in our area. Or you may stop by the shelter to see the pets in person and visit with our staff. The shelter is open Sunday - Thursday from 10:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m.



## Recycle Reminder

Phone Books & Newspapers can be dropped off at the recycling trailer parked at the Liquor Store lot on Lazelle Street.

## Unstable Soils Force Closure of Sly Hill

Unstable soils are to blame for the land slides that have forced the closing of Sly Hill Road. Preliminary engineering reports indicate that soil conditions and high levels of moisture over the winter months are contributing factors. The road, which has already dropped over three feet in one area, may not be done moving. Traffic or a hard rain could trigger significant movement at any time. According to American Technical Services, a firm hired to study and monitor the area, the presence of shale and lack of sandstone below the roadway to the north of the failure presents a concern for future instability and sudden failure could result. It was recommended Sly Hill Road be closed to through traffic until further study and/or repair can be conducted.

Engineers will continue to assess the slope failure and will develop options for repairs. Local residents are now forced to make a 9.5 mile detour. It is unknown when or if the road will be reopened to traffic.

If you would like to follow the progress of this project check the City website at [Sturgis-sd.gov](http://Sturgis-sd.gov) and click on the Government Tab.



## Sturgis Sign Gets a Face Lift



May 11, 2009 - Marty Plaggemeyer with the Public Works Department sprays paint onto the iconic Sturgis Sign on Sturgis Hill. The landmark was re-built last fall when the traditional white rocks that spelled "Sturgis" were replaced with 66 yards of concrete. It took 20 gallons of paint to complete the project.

The new sign will be lit with help from Black Hills Power who donated the time and materials to install a power pole near the sign

and Freeman's Electric who donated an electrical box for the connection. The property is owned by Donnie Feist who also donated the funds to make the improvements.

A lighting ceremony will be on June 4, starting at 6:00 p.m. and lighting will take place at 8:30 p.m. The celebration will be held at the Community Center parking lot. There will be food and entertainment - everyone is welcome!

## Contact Information

City Manager 347-4424  
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 - 6:00 Sat.  
Noon - 6:00 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