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Announcements and Reminders

City offices will be closed on Monday, October 12 to observe Columbus Day.

Trash pick up normally scheduled for Monday will be picked up on Tuesday.

Guest Author Elaine Marie Alphin (young adult and children's books) will be at the library on October 1 at 3:45 to discuss writing and to conduct a book signing.

Out of the Darkness Suicide Awareness Walk will be Saturday, October 17 at Ft. Meade. For more information contact Franklin Cook at 605-209-0292. Watch for pedestrians in the downtown and S Curves areas.

Road Construction Update from the DOT - I-90 from Meade/Lawrence county line to exit 32, 4.0 miles – for structure improvements in the eastbound lanes and detour route preparation, traffic will be maintained with intermittent lane closures and minor delays, expect reduced speed. A 16 foot width restriction will be in place. Completion of this phase is expected by October 16, 2009.

Parking/Storage ordinance 16.05.11 prohibits parking or storage of any trailer, RV, implement, vehicle, or other personal property on any public right-of-way. Items being stored in violation of this ordinance will be subject to fines and tow.



Meetings

Sturgis City Council: Monday, October 5, and Monday, October 19. Council meetings are held at 6:30 p.m. at the Sturgis Community Center, 1401 Lazelle Street.

Forestry: October 7, at 7:00 p.m. in the downstairs conference room at City Hall.

Arts Council: October 8, at 7:00 p.m. in the downstairs conference room at City Hall.

MUB Board: October 14, at 8:00 a.m. in the downstairs conference room at City Hall.

Park Board: October 20, at 7:00 p.m. at Morman Law Firm 850 Main Street.

Library Board: October 28, 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

Sly Hill Road Scheduled for Repair

On September 10, City officials and Department of Transportation Region Operations Engineer Todd Seaman updated area residents on the plans for repairing the Sly Hill Road.

In May of this year, the City was forced to close the road when unstable soils from heavy rain and snow caused a land slide making the road unsafe for travel. The affected area of roadway was approximately 100' long. Since the closing of the road, area residents living north of town have been forced to use a detour that added approximately 10 miles to a one-way trip into Sturgis and slowed emergency response time significantly. When the road closure occurred, the County had just begun a reconstruction project just outside of the City limits on the same road to repair another slide area that had occurred in 2008. The County project is on schedule and will be finished this fall.

In July, the City applied for a State Infrastructure Bank (SIB) loan to cover the costs of the repairs and the State DOT granted the request in September. As a condition of the loan the State DOT will manage the project.

According to DOT officials, bids are expected to be let in mid-October and construction is expected to begin in November. The repairs will include installation of a Soldier Beam and Lagging wall system to stabilize the affected section of the road.

The exact cost of the repairs won't be known until the bids are in and the finish work is complete. Engineering

estimations project a cost of approximately \$525,000.00. Funds to repay the SIP loan will be obtained from federal disaster funding and assistance from Meade County.

The project is scheduled for completion by December 19. Project updates from the DOT will be posted on the City website as they become available. You may view the updates as well as the September 10 presentation at www.sturgis-sd.gov under the Government tab.

Upgrades to Murray Addition to Begin this Fall

Residents in the Murray Addition will begin to see activity related to water and sewer upgrades in their neighborhood this fall. Phase I of the project includes the installation of new water and sewer mains and services from Dolan Creek Road proceeding north to Glenn Drive. Phase II will begin next spring and continue from Glenn Drive north to Blue Bell Loop. Once completed the residence of Murray Addition will enjoy new City water and Sewer services as well as a new overlay on all the streets. In addition, the City of Sturgis will complete the extension of East Ida Street, creating a second means of ingress and egress to the Murray Addition.

Bids for both Phase I of the project was awarded to Excel Demolition in August. The Sewer portion of the project will have an estimated cost of \$ 516,900 however, the City has received a grant from the DENR clean water SRF that will forgive \$ 218,000 of the total cost, leaving \$298,900.00 to be paid over a four year period by the residents. The water portion of the project will have an estimated cost of \$ 863,000, and the City has received a grant from the DENR drinking water SRF for \$86,300.

Weather will determine the work schedule during the winter months, but Phase I and Phase II should be both completed by the fall of 2010.

"These are major improvements for this neighborhood; the majority of the homes in this neighborhood have been using septic systems since the development was built in the early 1970's," said Rick Bush, Director of Community Development.

Fall Clean Up October 5-9

City wide fall clean up is scheduled for October 5 - 9. During this time, you may put your unwanted items near your trash totes and the City will pick them up for disposal. If you need assistance in getting items moved out to the curb, contact Brent Tungesvik at the Sturgis Police Department at 347-5070.

For a complete listing of the items that qualify for removal, visit the Public Works website at www.sturgis-sd.gov or call the Public Works Office at 347-3916.



Citizen Survey Enclosed

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. The first survey, taken in March, asked for input about safety, neighborhood problems, and recreational facilities. There were a total of 2,575 surveys returned to the City. Thank you to everyone who took the time to share your concerns.

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 complete the 5-10 minute survey, residents will receive a \$3.00 credit to their December sanitation bill. Surveys will need to be completed and turned in to the Water Department at 1040 2nd Street no later than November 1 to receive the credit. Completed surveys may be dropped off at the Water Department or faxed to (605)347-4861.

If you or someone you know requires assistance with reading or filling out the survey, please contact City Hall at 347-4422.



Surplus Property Auction

The City of Sturgis will be selling surplus property described as the Scout Hall lot located at the corner of Howard and Spruce Street at public auction on Thursday, October 15 at 10:00 a.m. The auction will take place in the main lobby of City Hall located at 1040 2nd Street, in Sturgis. Minimum bid has been set at \$2,300.00 with closing costs to be paid by the buyer. For more information, contact the City Finance Office at (605)347-4422. Terms: Cash or Cashier's Check.

Water Line Maintenance

The Water Department will be flushing, testing, and inspecting lines throughout the City in the coming weeks. If you notice low water pressure or a slight discoloration, simply let the water run for a minute and it should return to normal. The discoloration does not affect the water quality. The maintenance will not cause any disruption to service. If low pressure or discoloration continues, contact the Water Department at 347-4425.

H1N1 Pandemic

H1N1 is a highly contagious flu virus made up of genes from birds, pigs, and humans. The first caused illness in Mexico and the United States was in March of 2009. H1N1 has flu-like symptoms including:

- Fever & Cough
- Sore throat
- Body aches
- Headache
- Chills & Fatigue
- Nausea, vomiting and/or diarrhea



The virus is very contagious and spreads through coughs and sneezes or touching contaminated surfaces (such as elevator buttons, doorknobs, hand rails, and keyboards) and then your eyes, nose or mouth. Ask yourself daily before going to work: Do I have a fever, soar throat, body ache, or am I coughing, or do I feel ill? If you answer "yes" to any of these questions, do not report to work. Notify your supervisor and seek medical guidance as soon as possible.

The best prevention includes washing your hands with soap and water frequently. If soap and water isn't available, use hand sanitizer. Stay away from people who may be infected and don't travel to areas where there is an outbreak. If you work around the public, try to maintain a distance of 6 feet or more. Keep interactions as brief as possible and use the telephone or E-mail instead of a personal meeting. Avoid handshakes and crowded rooms.

According to the Center for Disease Control, a vaccine is currently in development and is estimated to be available around mid-October. Contact your local health care provider for vaccination information.

Did You Know...

- Our Purchasing Policy has saved \$63,337.03 in routine purchases and \$315,825.82 in capital purchases year to date for total savings of \$379,162.85.
- We are 67% through our fiscal year and have spent 63% of our general fund budget (4% under) and 60% of our total budget, placing us at 7% under total budget.

At the Library

On October 1 at 3:45 p.m. guest author Elaine Marie Alphin (young adult and children's books) will be at the library for a book signing. She is one of the authors from the Festival of the Book.



The library is sponsoring her reception with donations from the Sturgis Rally Charities Foundation and the Friends of the Library. The Northern Hills Reading Council will provide refreshments.

Storm Water Facts for the Sturgis Area

As storm water from rain and snow melt flows over driveways, lawns, and sidewalks, it picks up debris, chemicals, dirt, and other pollutants. Storm water can flow into a storm sewer system or directly to a stream, wetland, or, in our case, Bear Butte Creek. Everything that enters a storm water drain is discharged untreated into the water bodies we use for swimming, fishing, and providing drinking water. Polluted runoff is the nation's greatest threat to clean water.

The primary goal of the Storm Water Program is to prevent the degradation of these areas. As a homeowner you can help by practicing healthy household habits. Here are some tips you can follow:

- Use a commercial car wash or wash your car on a lawn or other unpaved surface to minimize the amount of dirty, soapy water flowing into the storm drain.
- Check your car, boat, motorcycle, and other machinery and equipment for leaks and spills. Make repairs as soon as possible. Clean up spilled fluids with an absorbent material and don't rinse the spills into a storm drain.
- Recycle used oil and other automotive fluids at participating service stations. Never dump these chemicals down the storm drain.
- Use pesticides and fertilizers sparingly.
- Don't overwater your lawn, and don't let water run off into the storm drain.
- Before starting an outdoor project locate the nearest storm drain and protect it from debris and other materials.
- Purchase and use nontoxic, biodegradable, and recyclable products.

The City is in the process of placing markers such as the one pictured above by storm drains to remind people that these drains do run directly to a creek. If you notice a discharge which may be detrimental to a stream, please notify us at 347-4425. For more information about causes and solutions to storm water pollution, visit the Natural Resources Defense Council website at www.nrdc.org/water/pollution.



October is Fire Prevention Month

To recognize October as Fire Prevention Month, the Sturgis Fire Department will be holding educational workshops for children K-3 on October 6 and 7 at the Sturgis Fire Department.



The workshops will teach children about fire prevention and the dangers of playing with fire.

For more information about fire prevention and safety, contact the National Fire Protection Association at www.nfpa.org. Or call the Sturgis Fire Department at 347-5801.

Community Center Fall Programs

K - 6 Boy's Basketball -

Registration deadline is October 9.

Dance Academy - Registration deadline is October 5.

Swimming Lessons - Classes run October 26 - November 4. Registration deadline is October 23.

After-School Fun & Fitness - Classes run October 19 - December 22. Registration deadline is October 16.

For more information contact the Sturgis Community Center at 347-6513 or visit our web site at www.sturgis-sd.gov.

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 - 4:45 Mon. - Fri.
After Hour Emergency call
Police Dispatch 347-2573