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City Offices and the Rubble Site will be closed on Friday, April 2 for Good Friday. Trash collection that is normally scheduled for Friday will be picked up on Thursday, April 1.

The Public Library will be closed on Friday, April 2 and Saturday, April 3.

City Council Election - April 13 at the Community Center.

The National Weather Service will be hosting a *Severe Weather Spotter* training workshop on April 14 at the Fire Department. The class will be held from 6:00 - 8:30 in the evening and is open to the public.



The Sturgis Parks Department will be holding an Open House on Thursday, April 15 at the Community Center from 3:00 - 6:00 in the afternoon. The public is invited to attend and learn more about what our parks have to offer.

Announcements And Meetings

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

Forestry: April 7, at 7:00 p.m. downstairs at City Hall.

Arts Council: April 8, at 7:00 p.m. downstairs at City Hall.

Planning and Zoning: April 13 and 27, at 6:30 p.m. downstairs at City Hall.

Park Board: April 13, at 7:00 p.m. at Morman Law Firm, 850 Main Street.

MUB Board: April 14, at 8:00 a.m. downstairs at City Hall.

Library Board: April 28, at 4:00 p.m. in the Sturgis City 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

Spring - The Season For Potholes

What Causes Potholes?

Potholes occur when snow and ice melt as part of our seasonal freeze-thaw cycles. The resulting water then seeps beneath the pavement through cracks caused by the wear and tear of traffic and snow removal equipment. Corners are particularly susceptible to potholes due to drivers braking while they make the turns. As the temperatures cool to freezing at night, the water becomes ice and expands below the pavement, forcing the pavement to rise. As the weight of traffic continues to pound on this raised section – and the temperatures once again rise above freezing – a shallow divot occurs under the surface and the pavement breaks, forming a pothole.

How is a pothole fixed?

A pothole is typically fixed by cleaning out the loose debris and filling it with hot or cold asphalt patch. During the winter months, only a cold asphalt patch can be used. This type of repair is usually only a temporary fix until warmer weather allows a permanent patch with a hot mix.

Who is responsible for fixing potholes?

Depending on the location, either the City or the State is responsible for maintenance. Lazelle is maintained by the South Dakota DOT. Other streets within the City limits are maintained by the Sturgis Public Works Department.

To report a pothole on a City street other than Lazelle, you may either call the Public Works Department at 347-3916 or visit the City website at www.sturgis-sd.gov and click on the *Sturgis Listens* tab to submit your request. To report a pothole on Lazelle, contact the State DOT at 347-3636.



Street Department employees Doug Wagner and Robert Short work on temporary pothole repairs using a cold mix on 4th Street.

Preparations Complete For April 13 City Council Election

City Finance Officer Fay Bueno reports that her department is ready for the April 13 City Council Election. There are candidates running in each of the four wards. The polls will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Sturgis Community Center. Voters will be asked to show a photo ID when they check in with the poll workers. Absentee ballots are currently available at the Finance Office in City Hall for those wanting to vote in advance.



Unofficial results will be posted to the News section of the City website after the polls have closed on Election Day and votes have been counted. The official results will be released within seven days after the votes are canvassed. The new Council members will be sworn in at the May 3 City Council meeting.

For a list of candidates in each ward or to see a ward map, visit the City website at www.sturgis-sd.gov and click on the *Government* tab.

Legendary Main Street To Get Vintage Lighting Fixtures

Thanks to the Future Sturgis Main Street Community Pride Committee, Sturgis Main Street will soon have a new look with the installation of several decorative vintage light poles that are being refurbished and will soon line Legendary Sturgis Main Street.

The poles themselves are a little shorter than the current versions and will feature ornate light heads. These lights will contain high-efficiency bulbs to assist with energy conservation efforts. The poles will also have removable flower pots and an irrigation system.

The Community Pride Committee is currently seeking sponsors for this project. Each fixture will have a brass tag attached that will have the name of the person or business that made a monetary donation to the project. If you would like to be a sponsor or make a donation, contact Rosemary Roth at First Interstate Bank.

The lighting project is expected to begin in April and will be finished by June 1.



Annual Spring Clean Up Scheduled For May 3-7

The Annual City Wide Spring Clean Up is scheduled for May 3-7. 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 web page at www.sturgis-sd.gov or call the Public Works Office at 347-3916.



Park Shelters Open May 1 Make Your Reservations Now

If you are planning a family reunion or other gathering this summer, you may want to reserve your park shelter now. The following four shelters all have electricity and require advanced reservations:

The Lions Club Park Gazebo located on East Lazelle can seat about 90 people. This facility has a kitchen and 15 tables.

The Stock Shelter is located in the City Park. This is an open shelter with a kitchenette and can seat up to 50 people.

Woodland Shelter is an open shelter with a kitchenette and is located in Woodland Park. It has a playground area next to the shelter. The patio area has charcoal grills and can seat approximately 150 people.

The Old Stone Shelter is located in the City Park. It has electricity but no kitchen. A playground is within sight of the shelter. This facility can seat up to 50.

To make your reservation, contact the Finance Office at 347-4422 or make your request online by visiting the City website and going to the Parks Department page. A \$20 deposit is required.



City Wide Garage Sale Saturday May 1 7 a.m. to 3 p.m.

You are invited to participate in the City Wide Garage Sale. Stop by the Sturgis Area Chamber of Commerce to get your registration form or download a copy from the City website at www.sturgis-sd.gov - click on the *Government* tab. You must turn in your registration form along with the \$15.00 registration fee to the Sturgis Area Chamber of Commerce by April 23. By registering your sale, you will get advertising on the radio and in the newspaper. Plus, your location will be listed on the official rummage sale map that will be published in the Meade County Times.

Businesses are encouraged to participate by holding sidewalk sales and special promotions.

This is the perfect time to clean out your closets and make some extra cash. Proceeds from this event will help the Future Sturgis Community Pride Committee with ongoing projects in our community. For more information, call the Sturgis Area Chamber of Commerce at 347-2556.

Parking Reminder From The Sturgis Police Department

In 2009, the City Council passed ordinance 16.05.11 which prohibits parking or storage of any trailer, recreational vehicle, implement, passenger vehicle or other personal property on any public right-of-way including public streets. This ordinance includes the following:

- Leaving any car, pickup, motorcycle, camper or RV in any public right of way for more than five (5) consecutive days.
- Leaving any farm tractor, implement, trailer, truck or truck tractor in any public right of way for more than twenty four (24) hours.



Vehicles and other items being stored in violation of this ordinance will be subject to fines and the vehicle will be towed by the Police Department. Special permission for temporary storage needs may be granted in advance from the Police Department.

This ordinance is especially important during the winter months when snow removal becomes an issue.

For more information or to request permission for temporary storage, call the Sturgis Police Department at 347-5070.

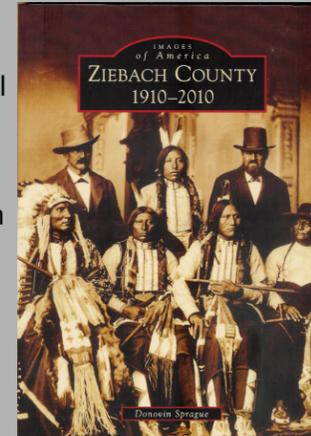
All City ordinances are available for viewing on the City website.

At the Library in April

Featured Author Donovan Sprague will have a book signing at the library on Saturday, April 10 from 1:00-3:30. His works include several regional history books. Refreshments will be served.

Daddies & Donuts will take place on Saturday, April 10 from 10:00-12:00. Dads and their children are invited to the library for fun activities and donuts!

Author Linda Hasselstrom will appear at the library on Thursday, April 22 at 7:00 p.m. to read from her latest work and answer questions. This event is in conjunction with the "Women on the Prairie" reading series.



Public Works Notice

As spring approaches, we may experience additional water levels. As of April 1, 2009, City Ordinance (11.05.44) regarding sump pumps requires users to pump water into the street for disposal into the storm drains. Pumping water into the sewer system is prohibited.

Contact Information

City Manager 347-4422
City Attorney 347-4422
Community Development 347-4424
Finance Office 347-4422
Human Resources 347-4422
Rally Department 720-0800
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
8:00 - 4:45 Mon. - Fri.
After Hour Emergency call
Police Dispatch 347-2573