

Survey crews will be working in the neighborhood around the Hospital over the next few weeks. They are doing preliminary work as part of a water main and fire hydrant upgrade project. The construction work for this project is anticipated to begin in the fall of 2010. Please use caution when driving in or near this area when survey crews are present. For more information, contact the Municipal Utilities Department at 347-4425.

Third Annual Green Thumb Gala at the Sturgis Public Library May 17 - 21. You are invited to bring a decorated pot with a patio or house plant or anything related to gardening or art to the Library on May 17. The items will be on display until they are sold at silent auction during the public gala on May 21 from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. at the Library.

Summer Reading Programs are scheduled to begin on June 1 at the Library. Programs offer a variety of activities for all ages, including Children's Story Hour, Tween activities, and a Teen Summer Reading Program. Visit the Library website at www.sturgis-sd.gov for details.

Announcements And Meetings

Sturgis City Council: Monday, May 3 and 17. Council meetings are held at 6:30 p.m. at the Sturgis Community Center, 1401 Lazelle Street.

Forestry: May 5, at 7:00 p.m. downstairs at City Hall.

Arts Council: May 20, at 7:00 p.m. downstairs at City Hall.

Planning and Zoning: May 11, at 6:30 p.m. downstairs at City Hall.

Park Board: May 11, at 7:00 p.m. at Morman Law Firm, 850 Main Street.

MUB Board: May 12, at 8:00 a.m. downstairs at City Hall.

Library Board: May 26, 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

Inaugural Main Street Sculpture Walk Kick-Off Set For May 1

Preparations of the First Annual Sculpture Walk are underway. Thanks to the efforts of the Weaver Art Gallery, Future Sturgis Committees, area businesses, and non-profit groups, Sturgis will soon enjoy 15 beautiful sculptures in various locations downtown.



This sculpture titled "Waitin' For An Answer" by George Lundeen is just one of the pieces that will be on display as part of the Main Street Sculpture Walk.

The sculptures will be on display from May 1 until October 31. These magnificent pieces of 'larger-than-life' art feature 14 different artists from 9 different states. There will be an artist's reception on April 30 at 1st Interstate Bank from 5:30 to 7:30 with James Van Nuys and Paul Peterson performing. The public is invited to attend the reception and meet the artists.

Sculpture walks are a popular way to enhance communities by providing upscale artistic pieces for the enjoyment of residents and visitors.

The pieces are chosen through a juried process and are shipped to the destination by the artist. The Weaver Art Gallery was responsible for coordinating the fundraising, installations, and promotion of the exhibit. The City of Sturgis agreed to provide space in the right of way to enhance the beautification efforts in the downtown area. No taxpayer funds were used for this project, however, if you would like to make a contribution to the Sculpture Walk, please contact the Weaver Art Gallery at 720-7972.

To see a list of featured artists, visit the Sculpture Walk website at: www.ssw2010.com.

New City Council Members Take Office On May 3

The City of Sturgis held City Council elections on Tuesday, April 13. There was an election for each of the four wards and the official winners are as follows:

Ward 1: Kelly Vasknetz

Ward 2: Mark Carstensen

Ward 3: Clint Brengle (incumbent)

Ward 4: Tim Potts

City Council terms are two years. New City Council representatives will be sworn in at the May 3 City Council meeting.

History Of The Sturgis Economic Development Corp.

The Sturgis Economic Development Corp. was incorporated on February 21, 1973 as a South Dakota Nonprofit Corporation originally known as the Sturgis Industrial Expansion Corporation. In 2007, the corporation's name was changed to Sturgis Economic Development Corp. (SEDC). SEDC is governed by a twelve (12) member volunteer board of directors. The Corporation has been actively involved with establishment of an industrial park in Sturgis, providing business, loan, and technical assistance to existing and new businesses in order to promote and assist in

the growth of small business concerns in the Sturgis area.

When first incorporated in 1973, the City of Sturgis did not have an industrial park. Since its inception, SEDC has acquired five (5) different parcels of unimproved real estate consisting of approximately fifty-five (55) acres. The corporation has constructed an industrial park on this real estate which has included constructing asphalt paved streets, curb and gutter and all necessary required utilities to each lot line.

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(SEDC continued from front)

SEDC has used the Industrial Park property to encourage businesses to locate in Sturgis. SEDC currently owns five (5) buildings in the industrial park area. All of the buildings are leased to businesses that provide employment opportunities to area residents. The corporation also owns a number of lots (approximately twenty-one (21) acres) within the industrial park. The raw land is used to entice and facilitate new businesses moving to the area and to help local businesses to remain financially viable and be located in a modern up-to-date industrial park. To date, the SEDC has assisted more than fifteen (15) businesses locate within the industrial park. It is estimated that these businesses employ in excess of two hundred thirty (230) employees.

SEDC works closely with the City of Sturgis, Meade County, the State of South Dakota Governor's Office of Economic Development, SBA, West River Foundation, and many other local, state and federal agencies and entities in order to provide the best possible assistance and options to further maintain employment in the Sturgis area. SEDC continues to provide a broad spectrum of services to new and existing businesses including business planning, cash flow development and analysis, financing and research application assistance, marketing advice, networking and cluster facilitation. The corporation is committed to use any resources available to further develop the technical services it provides to even better develop opportunities in Sturgis. The SEDC is also preparing to accommodate businesses expected to sprout locally in the technology field as the Sanford Underground Laboratory at Homestake comes online.

Article by: Dale Hansen - SEDC



Plan to Attend the City Wide Garage Sale on May 1

Mark your calendar and get some great bargains at the City Wide Garage Sale.

Annual Spring Clean Up is May 3-7

During the Spring Clean Up you can dispose of unwanted items by placing them next to your trash tote. For a complete listing of the items that will be picked up, call the Public Works Department at 347-3916 or visit the Public Works section of the City website at: www.Sturgis-sd.gov.



Comprehensive Plan Public Meetings
Wednesday, May 5: 11:00 to 1:00
Wednesday, May 5: 5:00 to 7:00
Final Presentation Friday, May 7 at Noon
Sturgis Community Center

The City of Sturgis and RDG are holding Public Design Workshops to discuss a Comprehensive Plan for the City of Sturgis. Please come and share your ideas. Work along side the Planning & Design Team. Help create a better city for tomorrow!

Tennis and Swimming Lessons

The Sturgis Community Center will be accepting registrations for swimming and tennis lessons May 24-28 with classes scheduled for June 1-11.

- Cost for tennis lessons is \$15 for members and \$25 for non-members.
- Cost for swimming lessons is \$20 for members and \$35 for non-members.

Additional sessions will follow later in the summer. Contact the Community Center at 347-6513 for more information.

Sturgis Awarded Grant For Public Works Equipment

The City of Sturgis was recently awarded \$223,500 in the form of a grant from the South Dakota Board of Water and the Department of Environment and Natural Resources.

The grant was designed for the purchase of restricted use site equipment through the Solid Waste Management Program. The grant funds will be used to purchase a loader and Alternative Daily Cover (ADC) machine to be used at the Rubble Site. The ADC equipment will assist in daily compacting and covering of waste materials which will increase the life of the facility.

Sturgis was one of the 11 areas in the state to receive funds.

The Sturgis Public Library now has a scanner available for public use. Perfect for homework assignments, photos, or text documents. This scanner will allow you to save your images as .txt, .tiff, or .pdf files. Simply bring a memory stick to save your file or upload directly to your e-mail account.



For more information, call the Library at 347-2624.

Doing More with Less - City Staffing Costs Reduced While Meeting Resident Needs

In the past two years, the City has expanded services to our residents (code enforcement, GIS, improved emergency response) and the Council has mandated a few staffing changes (hiring in-house City Attorney, HR Coordinator, and Constituent Services Coordinator). With these changes, the question inevitably comes up – how much do these changes cost the taxpayer? Through reorganizations and more efficient use of existing staff, the City actually now has 1 less Full Time employee whose compensation and benefits are paid through tax supported monies. This means a savings to taxpayers of more than \$56,000 annually in the General Fund. Similarly, staffing changes in our Ambulance Services and Liquor Store enterprise funds (which are fee based) have resulted in additional savings of almost \$8,000. Therefore, we have actually **saved our taxpayers more than \$64,000 a year**. Additionally, although we have expanded services, **the City has not increased its staffing numbers**. We currently employ 89 full-time employees and 5 half-time employees in 21 departments. We also employ 65 part-time employees and an additional 15 or so seasonal (summer) employees. Moreover, as all positions open through attrition, the City carefully evaluates the need to replace a departing employee and/or to staff a part-time opening. Sometimes it is determined that the position is no longer needed or it can be restructured to allow further savings for our taxpayers. The City strives to provide municipal services efficiently and responsibly and to ensure that we have the right number of employees to provide these services. At the same time we strive to reduce the City's portion of the property tax burden wherever possible. And, we are proud to have seen these efforts pay off for our citizens.

Reminder from the Sturgis Police Department

As the days get longer and the weather warms up, more people enjoy walking in the evenings. With the increase in pedestrian activity, there have been reports of dogs running at large in various neighborhoods. City Ordinance 32.03.03 stipulates that - any person who owns or who has under his care a dog, shall not allow said dog, to run at large in the City, and said dog, when present within the City, shall either be on a leash controlled by a person, or properly secured to a leash which has been tied to an immovable object, or confined within an enclosure sufficient to keep said dog, restrained from escaping such enclosure. No dog, shall be leashed to an immovable object so as to permit the dog, to walk on or over any public sidewalk or street, or any property of another person other than that of the owner of said dog. If an animal is deemed to be running at large, the owner may be cited by the Animal Control Officer.



It is also unlawful to have any animal in any public park and recreation area or cemetery within the City, except under leash control and on designated roads and walkways.

If you see a dog running at large anywhere in the City limits, contact the Police Department and report the incident. If you own a Pit Bull and live within City limits you must register the animal with the Animal Control Officer.

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