



School's Out - Drive Carefully



In an effort to stop illegal, under-age drinking, the Sturgis Police Department along with other local law enforcement agencies will be conducting random DUI checkpoints throughout the area this summer.

The Sturgis Police Department will also be making random compliance checks on businesses that serve alcohol.

Dates to Remember

City offices will be closed on Monday, May 31 for Memorial Day. Trash pick up normally scheduled for Monday will be picked up on Tuesday, June 1.

National Cemetery - Memorial Day Programs: Monday, May 31, 2010, programs are scheduled for 11:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.



Announcements And Meetings

Sturgis City Council: Monday, June 7 and 21. Council meetings are held at 6:30 p.m. at the Sturgis Community Center, 1401 Lazelle Street.

Forestry: June 2, at 7:00 p.m. downstairs at City Hall.

Arts Council: June 10, at 7:00 p.m. downstairs at City Hall.

Planning and Zoning: June 1, 15 and 29 at 6:30 p.m. downstairs at City Hall.

Park Board: June 15, at 7:00 p.m. at Morman Law Firm, 850 Main Street.

MUB Board: June 9, at 8:00 a.m. downstairs at City Hall.

Library Board: June 30, at 4:00 p.m. in the Sturgis City Library.

Officials

Mayor

Maury LaRue 347-4422

Council Members

Ward One:

Joe DesJarlais 347-7928

Kelly Vasknetz 490-0361

Ward Two:

Mark Carstensen 561-0283

David Hersrud 347-5061

Ward Three:

Clint Brengle 720-0171

Jamie McVay 720-5780

Ward Four:

Tim Potts 720-4233

Bernadette Usera 720-9424

City Manager

Dave Boone 347-4422

June Kicks Off 2010 Summer of Rallies

To kick off the Summer of Rallies in downtown Sturgis, The National Cushman Club of America will be holding their Annual Cushman Rally June 14-18. This event is expected to bring several thousand people to Sturgis along with their little two, three, and four wheeled scooters. The Cushman Club has a full slate of activities scheduled including organized rides, a parade, bike show, entertainment, and a swap meet. Event headquarters will be at the Community Center.



The Cushman Company started operations in 1903 in Lincoln Nebraska manufacturing engines. They started production of motor scooters in 1936. The Cushman was used by the military in World War II. Cushman ended production of their scooters in 1965. The Cushman line included a variety of service vehicles as well as sport models.

To facilitate Cushman Club events, there will be street closures to include Main Street from Junction to Third Street from 2:00 a.m. to 10:30 p.m. on June 14 and Fifth Street north of Lazelle, next to the Community Center from June 13 at 2:00 a.m. through June 18 at 5:00 p.m. To learn more about the Cushman Club of America and to see a full schedule of activities, visit: www.cushmanclubofamerica.com.

The Hands On Arts Festival will take place June 26 and 27 in downtown Sturgis. The two-day festival will feature fine arts and a variety of live entertainment.

This event was created through the partnership of several civic organizations and business owners to energize Main Street Sturgis by allowing artists to not only sell their wares, but to demonstrate how they were created. The public will be encouraged to try their hand at painting, sculpting, weaving, and other activities during the event. Several acts featuring live entertainment including magic shows, a ventriloquist, and musicians will also be featured on various free stages on and near Main Street.



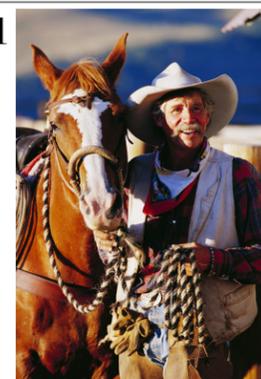
The event kicks off on Friday evening with an artists' reception and Judd Hoos in concert for a street dance. A variety of musicians and performing artists will be performing on Saturday and Sunday including a reunion concert by D.D. & The Fayrohs and the Red Willow Band.

To allow artists to set up for the event, Main Street will be closed from Junction to 4th Street from 2:00 a.m. on Friday, June 25 through 5:00 on Sunday, June 27. For more information about the Hands On Arts Festival, visit: www.sturgisartsfestival.com.

Wild West Days Festival & PRCA Rodeo

Saturday, June 19 at 7:00 p.m. and Sunday, June 20 at 3:30 p.m. at the Sturgis Fairgrounds.

Tickets can be purchased at Sturgis Chiropractic, First Interstate Bank, Hersrud's, and Cammack Ranch Supply.



The Summer of Rallies will continue with the 70th Annual Sturgis Motorcycle Rally August 9-15, and the Mustang Rally on Labor Day Weekend.

More information including future street closures will be listed in the July issue of the Sturgis Information Publication and will be posted in the News section of the City website.



Lifeguard Saves Life at The Community Center

The following letter was sent to the City Manager and Director of the Sturgis Community Center on April 29, 2010.

Rod: I wanted to express my appreciation and thankfulness for your lifeguard, Rachel Moken.

My wife was at the Community Center pool today with our 6 year old boy and 4 year old girl. My wife walked over by the sauna to get a life vest while my little girl stood over by the bottom of the slide. When Laura turned around, she saw Rachel jump into the water to save my 4 year old from drowning. Grace went down the stairs and apparently forgot she didn't have her life vest on. She was instantly in over her head; arms flailing wildly, and Rachel was there within seconds to snatch her out of the water.

Words can't describe how thankful we are, especially when we ponder the other potential outcome of that event.

Please pass on our appreciation to Rachel.
Branden & Laura Bestgen



Mark your calendars and plan to attend the Annual BAM celebration. Saturday, July 10 from 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the Sturgis City Park.



Reminder - In June, July, and August, the Community Center will close at 6:00 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays.

Thank You to everyone who responded to our survey regarding the 2009 Annual Report.

We had 300 people respond - here is what you said:

1. Is the City doing a good job? 80% YES 20% NO
2. Do you want to continue to receive this information? 77% YES 23% NO
3. Is there more information you want to see included in this report? 38% YES 62% NO

Call 811 Before You Dig

The South Dakota Public Utilities Commission and the SD One Call Board remind residents to call 811 before digging to avoid damage to underground utilities. Hitting an underground electric, phone, gas or any other type of utility line can cause damage to the environment, serious personal injuries, disrupt service to an entire neighborhood and potentially incur fines and repair costs. Authorities advise do-it-yourselfers who plan weekend projects to call 811 on Monday or Tuesday to allow ample time for lines to be marked.

To learn more about safe digging and the laws, rules, and color codes used to mark underground utilities visit: www.SDOneCall.com.



Mosquito Control Efforts

Mosquitoes have always been a nuisance in South Dakota, but with the recent spread of West Nile virus, they have also become an important public health concern.

In 2010, the Parks Department will continue with a mosquito control program within City limits. As mosquito season approaches, we will collect mosquitoes, monitor, and treat as needed according to recommendations from the SD Department of Health and SDSU Cooperative Extension Service.

We remind everyone that our program will only reduce the amount of mosquitoes. Wherever you live, personal protection against mosquito bites is your best approach. The following steps will help keep you and your family safe from mosquitoes and the West Nile Virus:

- Maintain any grassy areas by mowing grass and weeds.
- Remove standing water every 7-10 days, including pet dishes, bird baths, & wading pools.
- Replace damaged window screens and seals.
- Replace outdoor lights with "bug lights".
- Use insect repellants containing DEET.
- Avoid being outside after sundown.
- When outside, cover yourself with appropriate clothing.

Prevention is the first step in staying safe and avoiding mosquito bites this summer.



The Sturgis Community Center is seeking input from the community on how they can improve their services. To comment, please go to the City website at www.sturgis-sd.gov and click on the 'Feedback' link on the News Flash section of the front page.



Projects Tab Added to Web Site

A new tab has been added to the Sturgis City website. The Projects tab will include information related to all the various municipal projects taking place in our community. Information and photos will be added as projects progress. If you are interested in specific projects in your neighborhood, make sure you check the website for updates and project news.

If there is other information you would like to see added to the City website, please let us know by contacting Christina Steele, Constituent Services Coordinator 347-4422 or send an e-mail to: csteele@sturgisgov.com.

A Note From Your Code Enforcement Officer

The City Wide clean up was a great success even though the weather was less than nice. The City crews braved the bad weather and picked up a large amount of trash rubbish and other unwanted items.



Dave Smith
Code Enforcement
Officer

Over the last four months, I have been in contact with many members of our community, helping to educate everyone on the ordinances and codes that exist in our City. The response has been great and thank you to everyone that has helped; we still have a lot to do and with the help of everyone, Sturgis will keep getting better and better. Please remember that Title 36 of the City of Sturgis ordinances will go into full effect as of July 1. At that time, administrative citations can be issued for code violations. Remember, the goal is for everyone to be in compliance, and we are here to help, so please call with any questions you might have. If I can't help you, I will find someone who can. All City ordinances can be found on the City's web site at: www.sturgis-sd.gov.

School's Out For Summer

What will your kids be doing for fun?

The Sturgis Public Library will be offering Summer Reading Programs beginning June 1. All school age children are invited to sign up for the Children/Tween or the Teen Program.

In addition to the reading programs, children's story hours will be held on Wednesdays during the month of June.

For more information call the Library at 347-2624 or visit our website at: www.sturgis-sd.gov.



Contact Information

City Manager 347-4422
City Attorney 347-4422
Code Enforcement 347-4424
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