



Daylight Savings Time Begins November 7

Items of Interest

- Halloween Fun Night at the Armory** - October 31 from 4-7 p.m.
City offices will be closed on Thursday, November 11 for Veterans Day and Thursday, November 25 for Thanksgiving. Trash normally picked up on these days will be picked up on Wednesday.
- Survey Return Deadline** - Return your survey to City Hall by November 15.
- Holiday Open House** - November 18 at the Community Center from 10 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Area businesses showcase their products and services.
- Community Thanksgiving** - November 25 at the Community Center from 11 a.m. until 4 p.m. Transportation is available by appointment. This free meal is sponsored by Sturgis Community Churches. To make a donation or volunteer, contact Reverend Reggie Lewis at 490-8271.
- Parade of Lights** - December 3 at 6:00 p.m.

Announcements and Meetings

- Sturgis City Council:** Monday, November 1 and Monday, November 15 at 6:30 p.m. in the Sturgis Community Center on Lazelle Street.
- Forestry:** November 4 at 7:00 p.m. at the Fire Department.
- Park Board:** November 9 at 7:00 p.m. at the Morman Law office.
- MUB Board:** November 10 at 8:00 a.m. downstairs at City Hall.
- Planning and Zoning Commission:** November 9 and 30 at 6:30 p.m. downstairs at City Hall.
- Sturgis Arts Council:** November 4 at 7:00 p.m. downstairs at City Hall.
- Library Board:** November 23 at 4:00 p.m. at the Sturgis 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

City Reduces Tax Rate Again For 2011

The city tax rate for property within Sturgis for 2011 will be 0.007596 according to the Meade County Auditor's office. This is the fifth straight year of city tax rate reductions since 2007 when the rate was set at 0.00865. City property taxes are calculated by multiplying the assessed value determined by Meade County Office of Equalization times the tax rate (For example: A home assessed at a value of \$100,000 would pay \$759.60 (\$100,000 X .007596 = \$759.60).

Reducing city property taxes is a top goal for the City Council and the City Council is pleased to have been able to achieve this goal for the fifth year in a row. The city property tax reduction is a result of controlled spending, continuous efforts to increase economic efficiencies within the city, and a slightly larger tax base in 2010. When new construction and jobs expand the tax base, more tax payers in the system reduce every citizen's property tax burden as the cost of services is spread out over a greater number of payers. For this reason, the City is making economic development a top priority.

Yearly tax rates are made up of three sectors of local government including the City, Meade County, and Meade School District. The City represents 28% of the residents total tax bill and the balance goes to pay for services from the Meade County School District and Meade County.

Questions concerning the city tax rate can be directed to the Sturgis Finance Department at 347-4422.

Sturgis United Way Kicks Off 2011 Campaign

Working together and building our community is what United Way of the Black Hills is all about.

The United Way raises money to assist 20 non-profit agencies that serve the Sturgis community

as well as the Imagination Library book program. Each agency is then able to spend more of its

valuable time, energy and dollars doing what it does best...helping people.

The Sturgis United Way, a branch of the United Way of the Black Hills, just kicked off their fundraising campaign for 2010-2011. The theme is *LIVE UNITED* and the fund raising goal is \$100,000.

For agency information or to make a donation via PayPal, please visit unitedwayblackhills.org.



United Way of the Black Hills

A.J. Jankus Receives Outstanding Citizen Award

Sturgis resident A.J. Jankus was recently recognized as an "Outstanding Citizen" by the City. A.J. spends a considerable amount of time each morning as a volunteer, picking up trash in and around the downtown



area. A.J. began his campaign against trash during the 2007 Sturgis Motorcycle Rally and has been working to keep the city looking nice ever since.

A.J. is currently confined to a motorized wheel chair and uses a pole with a grabber to pick up items before stuffing them into his trash bag. Aluminum cans are donated to the high-rise where A.J. lives.

A.J. is originally from West Germany and grew up in Chicago. He served two years in the U.S. Air Force. He has lived in Sturgis since 1999.

Membership Drive

Stop by the Sturgis Community Center during our Membership Drive on November 19-28 and enjoy our facilities free of charge.

Spin the prize wheel for a discount on new and renewal memberships or try your luck at winning a free annual membership.

- Pool
- Whirlpool
- Cardio Room
- Weight Room
- Indoor Walking
- Sauna

PILATES Coming In November!

There's Something For Everyone
At The Sturgis Community Center



Employee Spotlight - Sanitation

The Sanitation Department is a division of the Public Works Department. The Sanitation Crew is responsible for picking up and disposing of the garbage, debris, and yard waste placed on curbs by our residents. Crews use automated trucks to empty up to 1,937 trash totes each week.

Once the trash is collected, operators make a daily trip to Belle Fourche with the household garbage. Recyclable items stay at the city's Rubble Site.

The crew would like to thank our residents for getting their totes to the curb early so they can get to every location along their route on schedule.



Sanitation Department employees are Levi Littler, Bill Coacher, and Steve Kindsfater.

JR Johnson is the Sanitation Supervisor.



Library News

The November artist of the month is Janet Judson from Pierre, South Dakota. Judson began watercolor painting in 1999 after she retired from her microbiology position at SD State Health Laboratories.

Her work features flowers and gardens.

The Library hosts a guest artist each month and invites everyone to stop in and enjoy the various photos, paintings, and other items being featured.

Also in November, the Library is excited to present "Harry Potter's World" a national exhibit reflecting the medicine, alchemy, and mythical creatures of the renaissance, tied in with the Harry Potter books.

The exhibit is sponsored by the National Library of Medicine.

Sturgis is the only library in South Dakota to enjoy this exhibit and everyone is encouraged to stop by and experience the science and magic of Harry Potter's World.

The exhibit kickoff will be November 2 at 4:00. Stop by and enjoy stories by celebrity readers and refreshments. The exhibit will be available until December 11.

For a full schedule of programs and events at the library, visit the library page on our website at www.sturgis-sd.gov or call the Library at 347-2624.

The Cardboard & Paper Recycling Trailer is now parked in the lot on the west side of the Public Works Shop at Dudley and First Street.



Halloween Fun Night

Food - Prizes - Games

When: Sunday, October 31, 4-7 p.m. at the Sturgis Armory on Main Street

For: Kids age 2 - 10 who are accompanied by an adult

Cost: \$1.00 for kids - free for adults

Sponsored by: ABC

Need Some Extra Cash?

The Sturgis community has several residents who find it difficult to remove snow from their side-walks following a storm. If you would like to help by shoveling walks, please contact City Hall at 347-4422 with your name, contact information, and required wage. Your information will be put on our Snow Shoveling Resource List and will be made available to the public.

If you were listed as a resource last winter, please call our office and ask to be listed as a resource for the 2010/2011 season.



LISTENING POST

You are invited to a Town Hall style discussion with the City Manager. These informal gatherings will be an exchange of questions, comments and ideas.

Nov. 16 at 7 a.m. Sturgis Coffee

Nov. 17 at 7 p.m. Library

Nov. 18 at 7 a.m. Senior Center

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 Ballpark 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.
1920 Ballpark Road
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
1040 2nd Street

Snow Removal Reminders From The Public Works Department

The success of our snow removal program depends on your assistance.

Here are a few tips:

- When snow is expected, park your vehicles off the street whenever possible.
- Remove snow from your sidewalk within 24 hours.
- Do not shovel snow from your driveway and sidewalk into the street. Place it on your lawn or near trees and shrubs to help with winter watering.
- If you shovel before we plow the street, your driveway or sidewalk may get blocked again by a windrow of snow from our plow - in most cases it is unavoidable.
- Please be patient; we have 40 miles of streets to clear. Moving heavy wet snow takes considerably more time than dry fluffy snow.
- Snow is removed from life safety and emergency routes first. The second priority is the major arterial streets (Lazelle, Harmon, Ballpark, Sherman, Douglas, Nellie, and the Whitewood Service Road) followed by major-minor collector streets and school routes. Remaining residential streets and alleys are cleared as soon as possible. A map with snow removal routes is available on the City website at Sturgis-sd.gov.

It is the goal of the Sturgis Public Works Department to provide the safest driving surfaces possible, using the resources that we have available. In the event of a major winter storm, private contractors may be hired by the City to assist with snow removal. Snow removal contractors must be pre-approved and equipment will be clearly identified as being under City contract.

If you have an emergency situation and are not able to get through on your street, call 911. If you would like to get updated information on the snow removal progress, call the Public Works Department at 347-3916. Traffic updates will be posted on the city website and broadcast on local radio stations.

