



Items Of Interest

City offices will be closed on Friday, December 24 for Christmas. Trash normally picked up on Friday will be picked up the day before the holiday. **Sturgis Liquor** will be closed on Christmas. **Sturgis Community Center** will be closing at noon on Christmas Eve and will be closed on Christmas day. **Parade of Lights** - December 3 at 6:00 p.m. Followed by the Community Chili Feed at the Armory - sponsored by Realtors for Kids. **Scrooge Day** - December 16 from 9 to 9 shop downtown for special savings. **First Night Tropical New Year's Eve Celebration** starting at 4:00 p.m. on December 31. Activities include roller skating & swimming at the Community Center; live music at the Center For The Arts; games and crafts at the Armory. **For event updates and information go to www.sturgis-sd.gov.**

Announcements And Meetings

Library Board: December 1 at 4:00 p.m. at the Sturgis Library.
Forestry: December 2 at 5:30 p.m. downstairs at City Hall.
Sturgis City Council: Monday, December 6 and 20 at 6:30 p.m. in the Sturgis Community Center on Lazelle Street.
MUB Board: December 8 at 8:00 a.m. downstairs at City Hall.
Sturgis Arts Council: December 9 at 7:00 p.m. at 1951 Junction Avenue.
Park Board: December 14 at 7:00 p.m. at the Morman Law office.
Planning and Zoning Commission: December 14 and 28 at 6:30 p.m. downstairs at City Hall.

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

Amendment To Ordinance Will Enhance Snow Removal Efforts

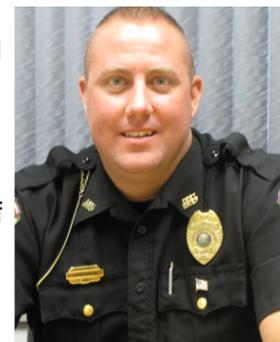
On November 15, the Sturgis City Council gave final approval of the amendment to Ordinance 2010-13 allowing the establishment of designated Snow Removal Routes within the city. The routes are made up of downtown streets and collector streets. Residents will not be allowed to park on the street when there is 4 or more inches of snow in the 24-hour forecast determined by the National Weather Service. If a car is parked on the street 24 hours after the forecast is reported, the Police Department will issue a ticket and tow violation that will allow immediate removal of the vehicle by a tow truck.



The basis for the amendment to the existing snow removal ordinance is to allow snow removal equipment to remove snow curb to curb quickly and efficiently. After the snow is removed, vehicles will be allowed to park on the street. The Snow Removal Routes will be clearly marked with signs prior to December 15 when the change will take effect. The ordinance with the amendments can be viewed on the City website at www.sturgis-sd.gov under the City Ordinance section and the News Flash page. The City website has a link to the National Weather Service on the front page, where current forecasts for Sturgis are posted.

Adam Martin Named Assistant Police Chief

Former Lieutenant Adam Martin has been promoted to Assistant Police Chief at the Sturgis Police Department. Adam has been with the department since January 2005. During that time, Adam has served as a Patrolman, a K-9 Handler on the Drug Task Force and served as the Elementary School Liaison Officer.



Assistant Chief Martin fills a vacancy that was created when former Assistant Chief Bestgen resigned earlier this year.

According to Chief Bush, "Adam brings several years of solid law enforcement experience to the position and will do an excellent job as the new Assistant Police Chief".

Sturgis Liquor Construction Is On Schedule And Within Budget

Construction of the new Sturgis Liquor Store is progressing on schedule and within budget. The building is expected to be enclosed by the end of November and inside work is scheduled to be complete by January 4. Store Manager Tom Ferguson expects a tentative move in date of mid-January. A grand opening will be scheduled for late spring. The parking area will be paved later in the spring once the weather is warmer and the old building has been removed.

The new store will be approximately 65 percent larger than the existing store. New features include an expanded cooler section as well as more display space. A sampling area will be utilized during promotions. There will be two permanent cash registers and space for a third to be used during the summer months. The expanded parking area will be utilized for Rally promotions and vendor space.

The General Contractor for the project is GBA, Inc. of Rapid City.

*You are cordially invited
to attend the following
community holiday events:*

Parade of Lights

Black Hills Power and the Sturgis area Chamber of Commerce are proud to sponsor the 11th Annual Parade of Lights on December 3 at 6:00. Parade line-up will be at the Lynn's DakotaMart west parking lot. Parade registration forms and rules are available by contacting the Sturgis Chamber at 347-2556.

A free chili feed, sponsored by Realtors for Kids, will be held in the Armory following the parade.

Tree Lighting Ceremony

On Wednesday, December 8, help us light the City tree at the intersection of Main and First Streets. The Lighting Ceremony will be at 5:30 followed by the Festival of Trees Celebration at First Interstate Bank.

Festival of Trees

You are invited to stop by First Interstate Bank at 1222 Main Street from November 30 to December 8 to view a beautiful selection of holiday trees and wreaths decorated by area businesses. Vote for your favorite themed decoration and enjoy refreshments during your visit. On Wednesday, December 8, First Interstate Bank will be hosting a social beginning at 6:00 p.m. and will conduct an auction at 7:30 p.m. Proceeds from the Festival of Trees will go to Hospice of the Northern Hills and the FIB Greater Sturgis Area Foundation. There will also be boxes set up to collect non-perishable food items to help the Sturgis Food Pantry. For more information, contact First Interstate Bank at 347-2562.

32nd Annual Community Christmas Concert

Enjoy the sounds of the holiday on Sunday, December 12 from 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. at the Sturgis Community Center Theater. There will be individual performances by area church choirs and a capella performance by all participants. This is a free event and goodwill donations are welcome.

Employee Spotlight - VIPS

The Volunteers in Public Safety (VIPS) is an all volunteer organization closely associated with and sponsored by the Sturgis Police Department. The idea for a citizen volunteer group began in the summer of 2003 after a rash of vandalism in the City Park and several vehicle burglaries around town. The Chief of Police, Jim Bush, discussed placing citizen volunteers in the areas experiencing problems. Since that time, VIPS has grown into an extensive community policing program. Although members are not law enforcement officers, they assist the Police Department in many roles including community relations, traffic control, crime scene processing, and Rally related activities. There are currently 17 active members. All members are required to complete a 50 hour training course that covers various topics including traffic control, patrol methods, use of radios, crowd control, and first aid with CPR.

The VIPS fill an important role in our community and are a great example of proactive community policing. If you would like to become a member of the VIPS, contact Assistant Police Chief Adam Martin at the Sturgis Police Department, 347-5070, or stop by the Law Enforcement Center at 1400 Main Street. To apply, you must be at least 18 years old and be able to pass a criminal history background check.



VIPS member Gene Goff recently went door to door along Snow Removal Routes to explain the proposed changes to the Snow Removal Ordinance.

VIPS also conduct citizen surveys and help the Police

Department address questions and concerns from residents regarding law enforcement issues.

Sturgis Public Library FOOD FOR FINES Event

Help our local food bank by paying your past-due library fines with non-perishable food items or cash until December 15, 2010.

All food donations and money from fines collected during this time period will go to the Kiwanis Food Pantry.



FEED THE HUNGRY

Library News

On December 16 from 4 to 6 p.m. the Sturgis Library invites you to "Scrooge Night at the Library" with a book signing featuring two authors of local histories. Crawl into the Night by Margie LaDue and Ghost Mail by Tammy Derschan.

Refreshments will be served and autographed copies of the books will be available for sale. These books will be fun and educational gifts for the readers on your shopping list.



This event is a cooperative effort of the General Federation of Woman's Clubs affiliate-- Sturgis Woman's Literary Club, Sturgis Area Arts Council and the Sturgis Public Library.

December Artists of the Month will be Sturgis resident Kathy Kelley (photography) and Black Hawk resident Robin Kienitz (paintings).

**The library will be closed on
December 24 and 25 for
Christmas and December 31 and
January 1 for New Years.**

Call 511 Before You Travel

If you are planning to travel during the holiday season, make sure you call 511 before leaving home. The 511 Line will give you the most recent road reports and travel advisories.

You can also go online to www.safetravelusa.com to see current road conditions in and around South Dakota. This website also features live web cams along the most traveled roads in our area.

E-Services Keep You Informed

If you like to stay informed of news and events in the community and have access to the Internet, we invite you to become an E-Services subscriber. As a subscriber, you will receive e-mail notices when an item of interest is posted to our web page. For example, if you like to stay informed about events at the library, you can subscribe to the library event calendar. Each time we post new items to the library calendar section of our web site you will be notified via e-mail.



It's easy to become a subscriber, simply go to the City website at www.sturgis-sd.gov and click on the *How Do I...* button on the left hand side of the page. Next, click on the *Receive E-mail Notifications* page and fill in your e-mail address and category choices.



Holiday Recycling



You can drop off your Christmas tree for recycling at the designated area on Ballpark Road near the Fire Station from December 26 until January 28.

Cardboard is collected at the recycling bin on the west side of the Public Works building on 1st Street.

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