



*Happy Holidays!*

**Items of Interest**

**City offices will be closed** on Monday, December 26 for Christmas and Monday, January 2 for New Years Day. Trash will be collected on the Tuesday after the holiday. Individual departments may be working on modified schedules during the holidays, please check the website for closures.

**Parade of Lights** - December 2 at 6:00 p.m. To enter your float, contact the Sturgis Chamber at 347-2556.

**Lighting of the City Christmas Tree** - December 7 at 5:30 p.m. at Main and First Street.

**Festival of Trees** - December 7 at 6:00 p.m. at First Interstate Bank.

**Scrooge Day** - December 15 Shop downtown for specials.

**Sturgis Liquor** - Stop by on Friday, December 23 from 3 until 6 p.m. for in-store specials on your holiday favorites. Enjoy samples, prizes and a live radio remote with Xrock.



**Announcements and Meetings**

**Sturgis City Council:** December 5 and 19 at 6:30 p.m.  
**Forestry:** December 1 at 5:30 p.m. at the Sturgis Fire Hall.  
**Sturgis Arts Council:** December 8 at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall.  
**Park Board:** December 13 at 7:00 p.m. at the Morman Law office.  
**Planning and Zoning:** December 13 & 27 at 6:30 p.m. at City Hall, Room B.  
**MUB:** December 14 at 8:00 a.m. at City Hall, Room A.  
**Library Board:** December 28 at 4:00 p.m. at the Sturgis Library.

**Officials**

**Mayor**  
 Mark Carstensen 490-1044

**Council Members**

**Ward One:**  
 Joe DesJarlais 347-7928  
 Kelly Vasknetz 490-0361

**Ward Two:**  
 David Hersrud 347-5061  
 Marcia Johnston 347-2483

**Ward Three:**  
 Clint Brengle 490-9541  
 Jamie McVay 720-5780

**Ward Four:**  
 Tim Potts 720-4233  
 Dane Sundstrom 490-1172

**City Manager**  
 Daniel Ainslie 347-4422

**From the Desk of the City Manager**

Over the past several weeks, I have had the pleasure of meeting hundreds of Sturgis residents. After each conversation, my admiration for Sturgis has grown. The community pride is palpable, and this pride will help the community continue to develop into a beautiful, prosperous City.

I look forward to working with the City staff to achieve the goals of the City Council. In the coming weeks, the City Council will be preparing an action plan for the next five years. This plan will seek to fulfill the vision that the Council and residents pictured in the Comprehensive Plan. In the near future, there will be several initiatives which will seek to beautify our community, strengthen our economy and enhance the quality of life in Sturgis. This will be



an exciting time and I hope you will be an active participant in these discussions. Please feel free to contact me at 347-4422 or E-mail: [dainslie@sturgisgov.com](mailto:dainslie@sturgisgov.com) to make sure that your voice is heard.

I would also like to let you know that you are being served by several of the finest public servants I have ever met. On a daily basis, the City staff are actively engaged in making Sturgis a better place to live, work and play. They are tremendous stewards of the public's resources and always seek to achieve the highest return possible. I am honored to be working with these professionals. We all look forward to continuing to serve the residents of Sturgis and helping you to create one of the finest communities to call home.

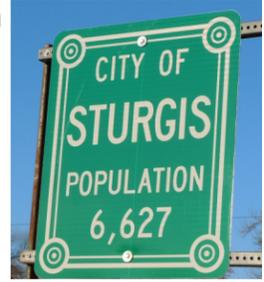
Thank you.  
*Daniel Ainslie,*  
*Sturgis City Manager*

**City Completes Redistricting**

According to the 2010 census, between 2000 and 2010, Sturgis grew by 2.87% and now has 6,627 residents. Due to the growth in certain areas, federal and state law require voting ward boundaries be redrawn with each ward representing approximately one-fourth of the city's total population.

It is the responsibility of the City Finance Officer to analyze the data provided by the Census Department and make the required adjustments. With the help of GIS Mapping, and expansion modeling, new voting ward maps have been created.

In all, three different map options were provided to the Ordinance Committee for their consideration. The



Ordinance Committee then made a recommendation to the City Council for adoption of Map number one at the November 21 Council Meeting.

The City has until January 1, 2012 to provide the new districting information to the County.

The Meade County Auditor maintains the official voting records for everyone in Meade County. While the majority of Sturgis residents will not be affected by the redistricting, some will receive notification from the County Auditor's Office that they have been moved into a different ward and what steps, if any, need to be taken before the next election.

All current City Council members remain in their original wards.

To view the new ward map, visit the City website at [www.sturgis-sd.gov](http://www.sturgis-sd.gov) or stop by Sturgis City Hall at 1040 Second Street.

**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 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Parade of Lights on December 2 at 6:00 p.m. 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 Auditorium following the parade.

### Tree Lighting Ceremony

On Wednesday, December 7, help us light the City tree at the intersection of Main and First Street. The Lighting Ceremony will be at 5:30 p.m. 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 29 to December 7 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 7, 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 First Interstate Greater Sturgis Area Foundation. Donations of non-perishable food items for the food pantry will be collected from November 29 until December 8. For more information, contact First Interstate Bank at 347-2562.

### 33rd Annual Community Christmas Concert

Enjoy the sounds of the holiday on Sunday, December 11 from 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. at the Sturgis Community Center Theater. There will be individual and group performances by area church choirs. This is a free event with goodwill donations welcomed.

## City Crews Ready For Winter

The Public Works Department is ready for the winter season to begin. According to Public Works Director Randy Nohava, "All the equipment is ready so it's up to mother nature now."

The City spent \$ 35,680 on snow removal efforts during the 2010/2011 season. The year before, Sturgis was hit with several major storms that cost the City \$49,200. Nohava states "You never know what a winter will bring, so you make your best guess when you set your budget and try to work with what you have for resources."

One way residents can help with the snow removal effort is to try and park vehicles off the street when snow is in the forecast. Last year, Sturgis adopted a snow route ordinance that requires vehicles to be moved off certain streets when heavy snow is expected. Violators can be towed. That effort helped the snow removal process greatly. "It takes so much time to try and plow around all the vehicles; when they are out of the way, things go pretty fast," says Nohava.

Usually a main clearing pass is done down a street just to get a couple driving lanes open, then later, we return for cleanup and do more detailed work like removing the windrows and knocking down any piles left from the first pass.

The Public Works Department often gets calls from residents complaining about the snow that is windrowed across driveways but it's really not something we can address until we return for the clean up phase after the main street is cleared.

Some areas require the plows to push the snow into piles that are picked up later. Junction is a good example. We just don't have anywhere to put the snow when we plow so it has to go in the center and then we will come back with the blower or loader and get the pile removed.

The Street Department plows 64 miles of streets and it can take several days to finish the clean up work after a storm. "We just ask the residents to be patient, and if they can, park off the street when snow is in the forecast." In the event of a major storm, check the city website for travel conditions and plowing updates.

It is a violation of City Ordinance 16.05.11 to park a vehicle in any public right of way including streets for more than 24 hours. Vehicles include cars, trucks, campers, trailers and motorcycles. If it is necessary to have a vehicle parked on a street for an extended period of time, contact the Police Department to make special arrangements.

## Employee Spotlight - School Resource Officer

Fostering good relationships with local schools, teachers, administrators, students, and parents is an important component for a "community policing" approach to law enforcement. Recognizing this, the Sturgis Police Department, with the strong support of the Meade School District, provides for a School Resource Officer (SRO).

This certified member of the Sturgis Police Department spends the majority of his time at the local schools, working directly with the students. The SRO is a positive role model for the students; he provides 'DARE' training for the 5<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grades, coordinates with school district staff to provide safe and drug free school campuses, and investigates all crimes that happen on school campuses.

Sgt. Darrel Hatzenbuhler has been a School Resource Officer for the past 17 years. His presence in the schools sends a strong message that violence and other negative behaviors are not acceptable. Sgt. Hatzenbuhler speaks in various classes and works to build an encouraging learning environment for all students. When school is not in session, Sgt. Hatzenbuhler is assigned to the Patrol Division.



## At The Library In December

**Food for Fines** - Pay your fines by donating non-perishable food items or pay with money until December 15th. Food donations and money collected during this time will go to the Kiwanis Food Pantry. Join in the fun of giving!



**Mitten Tree** - The library will be collecting hats, gloves and scarves to be donated to the Crisis Shelter until January 1.

**Book Signing** - On Scrooge Night (Dec.15) from 5 to 7 p.m., the library will be hosting several authors: J.C. Phelps - *Grey Series*, Jorie Jertson - *The House*, Dianna L. Young/Dee Dee Fox - *Muted Grey*, and Sandra Brannan - *Lot's Return to Sodom*. Stop in and pick up a great gift signed by the author. Refreshments will be served by the Women's Literary Group.



### Sturgis Liquor

Open on Christmas Eve 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.  
Closed on Christmas

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 can be dropped at the recycling trailer located west of the Public Works office on 2nd Street.



## Contact Information

City Hall 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  
Drop boxes: 2901 Vanocker Canyon  
and City Hall 1040 2nd Street