



Citizen Survey Enclosed

Items of Interest

City offices and the Rubble Site will be closed on Monday, January 2 for New Year's Day. Residential trash will be collected on Tuesday.
January 6 - Deadline for K-6 grade boys basketball; practices start January 16.
January 7 - 14 Free Week at the Community Center.
January 23 - Deadline for returning surveys to City Hall.



Watch for information about the Sturgis Recycling Program coming soon. The program will provide collection areas for glass, plastic, metal and paper.

? Did you know? A modern glass bottle will take 4,000 years to decompose, even longer if it's in the landfill.

Announcements and Meetings

Sturgis City Council: January 3 and 16 at 6:30 p.m. at the Erskine Building.
 Note: If you want to be scheduled on the City Council agenda, you must notify the Finance Office by 5:00 p.m. on the Wednesday prior to the Council meeting.
MUB: January 3 at 8:00 a.m. at City Hall, Room A.
Forestry: January 5 at 6:00 p.m. at the Sturgis Fire Hall.
Park Board: January 10 at 7:00 p.m. at the Morman Law office.
Planning and Zoning: January 10 & 31 at 6:30 p.m. at City Hall, Room B.
Sturgis Arts Council: January 12 at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall.
Library Board: January 25 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	

City Makes Donations to Local Charities

At the December 5 City Council meeting, the Sturgis Rally Department presented donations to area charities from proceeds earned during the 2011 Annual Motorcycle Rally. Funding for the donations were calculated based on the gross amount the City received for selling sponsorships, advertising in the Official Sturgis Rally Magazine, property rentals and other marketing agreements. According to Sturgis City Manager Daniel Ainslie, the investment by the Rally sponsors contributes hundreds of thousands of dollars annually to the City's bottom line. In addition to their sponsorship fees, the sponsors also provide many in-kind goods including fire trucks and ambulances, Rally promotional advertising in national publications and on TV and scoreboards at our athletic venues. All of these efforts save the City money throughout the year.



From left to right, Clint Brengle and Marcia Johnston (City Council), Mimi Shewey and Kathy Hersrud (Sturgis Rally Charities Foundation), Brenda Vasknetz (Sturgis Rally Director) and Mark Carstensen (Mayor).

Sturgis Mayor Mark Carstensen feels that the community of Sturgis is extremely fortunate to have corporate partners like Harley-Davidson Motor Company, AMSOIL, Rosenbauer Fire Fighting Technology, BlackhillsVacations.com, Budweiser, Coca-Cola, Ford, GEICO, Jack Daniel's, Knology, Law Tigers, Med-Tec, FF Journal, Sons of Anarchy FX, SD Department of Tourism, SD Pork Producers Council, Black Hills Power, Tom's T's and DA BUS.

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City Council Sets Goals for 2012 - Requests Community Input

The Sturgis City Council is currently considering several projects for 2012 and beyond. When projects are proposed, the Council takes into consideration the cost, benefits, and long range value of the project. Some projects are heavily dependent on the receipts from sales tax and may not be possible to accomplish in just one year; however, major projects can be spread over several years. Some projects may be partially funded by grants or low interest loans. Goals include whether or not the City should pursue a movie venue; if the City should provide the funds necessary to pave Woodle Field parking area and if the City should build a band shell at City Park.



Included in this issue of the Sturgis Information Publication is a survey asking for your input. The survey lists several of the projects being considered. You can help by completing the survey and returning it to Sturgis City Hall by January 23. By completing a survey, you will receive a \$3.00 credit on your February utility bill (one per account). The results of the survey will be posted on the web site and will be considered when the goals for 2012 are finalized at the February 6 City Council meeting.

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Sturgis Rally Charities (SRC) received \$25,145.85 for various charities in the Sturgis community.

The Sturgis Volunteer Fire Department received \$11,000 from the 9th Annual Mayor's Ride. The annual ride also earned \$3,000 for the Sturgis Police Reserves and \$1,000 for the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation. The Mayor's Ride was created to be a funding source for the Sturgis Fire Department, a volunteer organization that plays a vital role in the community all year.



Reminder - Sturgis Police and Meade County Sheriff's Department officers will be conducting DUI checkpoints at various locations in the community during the holidays.

Play it safe and use a designated driver.

Free Week at the Community Center January 7 - 14



Enjoy the Community Center free. Pool, Hot Tub, Cardio Equipment, Weights. Sign up for a new annual membership or renew your existing annual membership during free week and receive two months free!

Sign up for Boy's Basketball before January 6.

Sales Tax Update

The SD Department of Revenue has paid the City of Sturgis \$1,257,313.29 for sales taxes collected through November of this year. This amount is up 5.3% compared to the same number of reporting periods last year.

City Names 2011 Outstanding Employee and Volunteer

The Sturgis City Council has named Ervin Huber, Building Maintenance Tech, as the 2011 Outstanding Employee. In addition, Annie Shelbourne has been named 2011 Outstanding Volunteer, for her work at the Sturgis Library.



Ervin Huber
2011 Outstanding Employee

The two were chosen by their co-workers and constituents as individuals who consistently go above and beyond in their duties, provide excellent customer service and demonstrate a consistent and positive attitude.



Annie Shelbourne
2011 Outstanding Volunteer

Ambulance Staff Receives Award

The Sturgis Ambulance Service was recently awarded first place at the 12th Annual EMS Week Contest sponsored by South Dakota Emergency Medical Systems for Children. The theme for this year's contest was *Everyday Hero's*.

The EMS Week Contest is a chance to honor paramedics, emergency medical technicians, first responders, fire fighters, and the police. It also provides a chance to educate the public about injury prevention, safety awareness and medical emergencies.

The Sturgis Ambulance held numerous events all week and attempted to turn the town blue for a day by selling blue T-shirts recognizing *Everyday Hero's*.



Sturgis Liquor

Closed on Christmas
Open 11:00 am to 9:00 on New Year's Day

This December, Sturgis City employees donated \$1,900 to the Toys For Tots Program. Each year employees contribute to the program so local children can receive a gift on Christmas.

The Library donated \$325 to the Kiwanis Food Pantry with funds collected from the Food for Fines Program. In addition to the cash donations, 100 lbs of food was collected.

Winter Heating Safety Tips

The high cost of home heating fuels and utilities have caused many Americans to search for alternate sources of home heating. The Sturgis Volunteer Fire Department offers the following fire safety tips to help you maintain a 'fire safe' home this winter.



Kerosene Heaters - Be sure your heater is in good working condition. Inspect exhaust parts for carbon build up. Be sure the heater has an emergency shut off in case the heater is tipped over. Never use fuel burning appliances without proper room venting. Burning fuel (coal, kerosene, or propane, for example) can produce deadly fumes. Keep kerosene, or other flammable liquids stored in approved metal containers, in well ventilated storage areas, outside of the house. Never attempt to fill a kerosene heater while it is hot.

Wood Stoves & Fireplaces - Be sure the fireplace or stove is installed properly. Wood stoves should have adequate clearance (36") from combustible surfaces and proper floor support and protection. Wood stoves should be of good quality, solid construction and design. Have the chimney inspected annually and cleaned if necessary, especially if it has not been used for some time. Keep a glass or metal screen in front of the fireplace opening, to prevent embers or sparks from jumping out, unwanted material from going in, and help prevent the possibility of burns to occupants. Never burn charcoal indoors. Burning charcoal can give off lethal amounts of carbon monoxide. Never discard hot ashes inside or near the home. Place them in a metal container outside and well away from the house.

Other Fire Safety Tips -

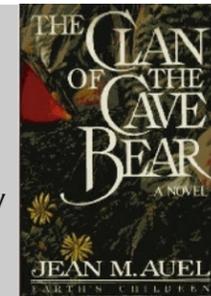
- Never use a range or an oven as a supplemental heating device. Not only is it a safety hazard, it can be a source of potentially toxic fumes.
- If you use an electric heater, be sure not to overload the circuit. Only use extension cords which have the necessary rating to carry an amp load.
- Avoid using electrical space heaters in bathrooms or other areas where they may come in contact with water.

Always... Be sure every level of your home has a working smoke alarm, and be sure to check it on a monthly basis. Plan and practice a home escape plan with your family. For more tips, visit our website at: sturgis-sd.gov.

At the Library in January

January 19 - Join us at 5:00 p.m. for the *All Jean Auel* Book Club. We will discuss the first book in the series, "The Clan of the Cave Bear".

January 26 - From 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. Author Signing - Kathy Bieshevel will discuss and sign copies of her book, "Could You Play a Little Something for Our Wedding?"



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
8:00 - 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. - Thur.
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