



Upcoming Events

City offices will be closed on Monday, November 12 for Veterans Day and Thursday, November 22 for Thanksgiving.

Story Hour at the Library - Tuesdays at 10:00 a.m. for children ages 3-5.

Free Computer Classes - Tuesdays at 5:30 p.m. at the Library.

Community Thanksgiving - November 22 at the Community Center from 11:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. Transportation is available by calling 490-8271 for an appointment. Sponsored by Impact Youth Mission & Sturgis Community Churches.



Winter Frostival - (previously called Holiday Open House) November 30 - December 2 at the Community Center. Stop by and pick up some great holiday gifts.

Parade of Lights - November 30 at 6:00 p.m.

Upcoming Meetings

Sturgis City Council: November 5 and 19 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 4:00 p.m. on Monday the week prior to the Council meeting.

Forestry Board: November 1 at 6:00 p.m. at the Sturgis Fire Hall.

Planning and Zoning: November 6 at 5:30 p.m. at City Hall, Room A.

Sturgis Arts Council: November 8 at 7:00 p.m. at Sturgis City Hall.

Park Board: November 13 at 7:00 at the Morman Law Firm.

MUB: November 14 at 8:00 a.m. at City Hall, Room A.

Library Board: November 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:

Ron Waterland 720-5010

Jamie McVay 720-5780

Ward Four:

Tim Potts 720-4233

Dane Sundstrom 490-1172

City Manager

Daniel Ainslie 347-4422

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 this 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 would like to get updated information on the snow removal progress, call the Public Works Department at 347-3916. In the event of a major storm, traffic updates will be posted on the city website and broadcast on local radio stations.

2012 Rally Summary

At the October 15 City Council meeting, the City Manager presented the 2012 Rally Summary.

According to the report, the City of Sturgis made nearly \$400,000 from this year's Rally. The largest increase was seen in the Rally Sponsorship Program which brought in \$289,604 up 22% over 2011. Advertising sales and property rentals were also up from last year. City sales tax collections were up slightly with \$216,797 collected during the ten day event.

The City reduced spending in several areas with the exception of tipping fees that were paid to the Belle Fourche Landfill to dispose of 555 tons of trash that was collected. 25 Tons of cardboard was recycled.

The Sturgis Rally Charities Foundation, Sturgis Volunteer Fire Department and the Police Reserves will receive a total of \$30,472 from the proceeds.



Snow Route Ticket and Tow Reminder

The Sturgis Police Department reminds residents who live on designated Snow Removal Routes to move their vehicles off the street when the National Weather Service (NWS) forecast calls for 4 inches or more of snow within a 24 hour period of time.

If a vehicle is in violation of the ordinance, the vehicle will be ticketed and towed by the Police Department.

The intent of the ordinance is to have vehicles along the designated Snow Routes completely off the streets so snow removal equipment can plow curb to curb quickly and efficiently. Vehicles are allowed to resume parking on the street once it has been cleared.

All Snow Routes are clearly marked with advisory signage.

Questions relating to the ordinance can be directed to the Police Department at 347-5070.



Sturgis Welcomes Samson Exhaust to the Industrial Park

The City of Sturgis recently welcomed Samson Exhaust to Sturgis. The custom motorcycle exhaust manufacturer based in Brea, California is building a new 45,000 square foot production facility at 1151 Industry Road in the Sturgis Industrial Park.

Founder and CEO Kenny Price started the business in 1969. They now produce over 800 products for Harley-Davidson and metric motorcycles. The company expects to employ around 30 full time workers. They are scheduled to open in the spring of 2013.

To learn more about Samson Exhaust, visit their website at samsonusa.com.

Snow Shoveling Resources

A snow shoveling resource list is available on the city website. This list contains names of individuals who are willing to shovel walks following a snow storm. If you need to hire someone or would like to have your name added as a resource, simply visit the Snow Shoveling Resources page located on our website at sturgis-sd.gov.

Those without computer access can call City Hall at 347-4422 for a copy of the list.

If you are elderly or disabled, you may qualify for assistance from community service workers at no charge. Call the Sturgis Police Department at 347- 5070 to find out more information.



Daylight saving time ends November 4. Turn your clocks back 1 hour.

Sample ballots for the November 6 election are available at the Library.



Sturgis Liquor
will be open on
Thanksgiving day
9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
for your holiday needs.

Grants Help Fund Security and Technology

The Sturgis Police Department recently received a grant from the Department of Homeland Security. The grant will allow the City to purchase up to \$5,000 worth of equipment.

The City has also been awarded a grant from the South Dakota Broadband Initiative. The \$10,262 grant will allow City Hall to make upgrades to its current Information Technology system including new servers to provide better redundancy and efficiency of data services.

Employee Spotlight - Rally Employees

To safely and efficiently accommodate our many thousands of visitors during the annual Sturgis Motorcycle Rally, the City relies on temporary employees to augment the hard work of the regular year around staff.

For public safety, the City hires additional law enforcement and security staff. In addition, we hire members of the Sturgis Volunteer Fire Department to be at the station around the clock to allow for immediate response.

At the City of Riders Expo, Rally Headquarters, Photo Towers and Registration and Information Booths attendants interact continuously with visitors, answering questions, and listening to the visitors' "Rally" stories.

Temporary vendor inspectors work closely with our Planning and Permitting Department to monitor vendor licensing and code compliance.

While the Public Works and Ambulance Department do not hire additional workers, they do increase employee hours to accommodate the additional work load during the event.

It takes the coordination and management of all types of employees during the Rally period to allow the City to successfully provide uninterrupted services to our residents and meet the needs our visitors. The preparation and planning of the annual Rally takes place all year long. From contract negotiations with our sponsors to hiring and training employees, it is the attention to details, well in advance of the event, that ensures the best possible experience for both our citizens and our visitors. Each year brings new challenges to the City staff as well as our residents. We appreciate the support of the Sturgis community, the City Council and the City employees who help make the Rally a success.

As this year's Rally Report shows, we had a safe and successful Rally and this is not possible without the hard work and dedication of all our employees.

Sturgis City Surplus Auction October 31 at 10:00 a.m. Public Works Building - 1057 Dudley

The City has declared surplus property and it will be sold at public auction on October 31. Items for sale include equipment, vehicles, furniture, office items and more. To view the auction bill visit www.sdauctions.com.

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. - Thur.
8:30 - 5:00 Fri.
8:30 - 4:00 Sat.
1040 2nd Street

Liquor Store 347-5983
8:00 - 9:00 Mon. - Sat.
10:00 - 6:00 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

At the Library in November



Become a Pinterest expert during our free computer classes at the Library. Join fellow internet fans to learn about this fun online pin board that helps you stay up to date with all your favorite interests. Every Tuesday in November at 5:30 p.m.

The November Artist of the month is Harlan Humphrey. Harlan is a wildlife, landscape, and nature photographer living in the Black Hills of South Dakota. Stop by the library in November to see some of his beautiful photography.



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