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## Announcements

**City offices will be closed** - Friday, March 29 for Good Friday. Trash normally picked up on Friday will be picked up on Thursday.

**The Library will be closed** - March 29 and 30 for Good Friday.

**Free Computer Classes** - Tuesdays and Thursdays at the library.

**Swing Dance Lessons** - Mondays at 7:30 p.m. at the Community Center.

**Winter Reading Series** - March 12 at 7:00 p.m. at the Library.

**Little League, Girls Softball and Youth Soccer** - Registration March 14, 5:30 to 8:00 p.m. at the Community Center.

**1st Day of Spring Celebration** - March 20, after school at the Library.

**Deadline for Voter Registration** - March 25.



Visit the Employment Page of our website for current openings.

## Upcoming Meetings

**Sturgis City Council:** March 4 and 18 at 6:30 p.m. at the Erskine Building.

**Community Garden Meeting:** March 5 at 7:00 p.m. in the Lazelle Room at the Sturgis Community Center.

**Forestry Board:** March 7 at 6:00 p.m. at the Sturgis Fire Hall.

**MUB:** March 11 at 7:00 a.m. at City Hall, Room A.

**Park Board:** March 12 at 7:00 p.m. at the Morman Law Firm.

**Planning and Zoning:** March 5 at 5:30 p.m. at City Hall, Room A.

## 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

## Candidates Announced For April 9 City Elections

The 2013 City Council and Mayoral Elections will take place on Tuesday, April 9 at the Sturgis Community Center. The following candidates will be running: Ward I – Joe DesJarlais and Mike Bachand. Ward II – David Hersrud will be running unopposed. Ward III – Jason Anderson will be running unopposed. Ward IV – Jim Harrison and Branden Bestgen. Sturgis City Mayor – Mark Carstensen and Penny Harvey Green.



City Elections will be held at the Sturgis Community Center. The polls will be open from 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. on April 9. Absentee ballots are available at the Finance Office in City Hall starting March 25.

You may register to vote at several locations including the Finance Office in Sturgis City Hall located at 1040 2nd Street and the Meade County Auditor's Office at 1300 Sherman Street. To see a full list of registration locations or to download a registration form, visit the SD Secretary of State website at [sdsos.gov](http://sdsos.gov). Registration forms need to be delivered to the Auditor's Office, so allow plenty of time for this process.

For more election information, and to look at a voting ward map, visit the City website at [sturgis-sd.gov](http://sturgis-sd.gov) and click on the *Government* tab.

### Are you registered?

- \* If you are new to the community...
- \* If you have moved in the last year...
- \* If you have never been registered to vote...

You need to register by March 25.

You can only vote for City Councilmen in the Ward where you live.

Identification is required at the poll.

## Sturgis Welcomes New Businesses

Long time Sturgis resident, Corey Brink recently opened Dakota Kustom Coatings (DKC) at 2811 Whitewood Service Road. DKC offers a wide variety of powder coating and hydrographics for almost any surface. Hours are Monday - Friday 8:00 am until 5:00 pm. Stop by their facility, visit their website at [DakotaCustomCoatings.com](http://DakotaCustomCoatings.com) or contact them by calling 605-490-3373.

King of the Mountain, Inc., an outdoor garment design and manufacturer, recently relocated from Loveland, CO to 3572 Mayer Avenue in the Sturgis Industrial Park. Founded in 1981 by King Cavalier II, the company is expected to employ 10 people.

For over 30 years, King of the Mountain has proven to be a leader in woolen outdoor personal thermal solutions. They are now preparing to set a new standard for fabric performance in the fire retardant/defense market with patent-pending technology fabrics that use the radiant, natural benefits of wool combined with the high-tech qualities of OPF carbon and kevlar in a special woven application.

Black Hills Manufacturing Services, Inc. located in the Industrial Park, was founded by Rob Hrabe, Dr. Kim Morey, Dr. Craig Bailey, Gary Hamilton, P.E., and David Janovy. Their primary goal is to provide production and product engineering consulting services including anodizing, heat treating, and product engineering to a variety of manufacturers in the Black Hills region.

Located off I-90's Exit 30, the Sturgis Industrial Park covers 45 acres and is certified and zoned heavy and light industrial. The Governor's Office of Economic Development recently approved the Park as a South Dakota Certified Ready Site.

For more information about the Sturgis Industrial Park, contact Pat Kurtenbach, President, Sturgis Economic Development Corp. (605) 347-4906 or e-mail [pat@sturgisdevelopment.com](mailto:pat@sturgisdevelopment.com).

## Construction Work to Resume on Lazelle Street

### Phase II of the Lazelle Street Construction Project is scheduled to begin March 4.

Lazelle Street will be closed between Junction and Fourth Street for approximately 9 weeks during this phase of construction. Detours will be in place to route traffic south onto Sherman. All businesses along Lazelle will remain open during the construction.

The Lazelle Street Project is a combined effort with the City of Sturgis replacing water mains and hydrants and the Department of Transportation (DOT) making curb improvements and installing new lighting and traffic signals. Phase II of the project is scheduled to be finished by July 23, 2013. The DOT will do a complete overlay on Lazelle Street after the 2013 Rally in August.

Limited work on the project continued thru the winter months with fiber optic cable installations along Junction. That work will enable multiple signal lights to be connected to a city wide network that can be programmed to better accommodate traffic flow.

Current street closures, detours and other traffic updates will be posted on the City website, under the Projects tab, as they become available. For more information about this phase of construction, contact William Huber, Project Manager at MainLine Contracting (605) 209-1395.



## Reserve Your Park Shelter Now For Activities This Summer

If you are planning a family gathering or summer celebration in the park, you should reserve your park shelter as soon as possible.

Information regarding size, amenities and location of the shelters are available on the City website under the Parks Department tab. Reservation



requests can be made on-line from the City website or you can call or stop by the City Finance Office at City Hall. Some shelters require a \$20 key deposit when a reservation is made.

In 2012 the Finance Office processed over 200 reservation requests. In many cases, reservations are made several months in advance.



### We ♥ Our Friends!

- \* Sturgis Liquor
- \* Sturgis Community Center
- \* Sturgis Motorcycle Rally
- \* Sturgis Public Library

## Downtown Plaza Moves Forward

Fourfront Design has been given permission to move forward with plans to develop a Master Plan for the Downtown Plaza. The Plaza will be located on Second Street, between Main Street and Lazelle. The plaza will become the designated area for downtown activities year around.

In the past, most downtown events took place on Main Street and usually required a lengthy street closure approval process. Once the Plaza is complete, it will be the designated location for festivals, street dances, a farmers market art exhibits, vehicle shows and other public gatherings. The Plaza will be designed so when events are not taking place, the street will be open for normal thru traffic.

The City Council has authorized Fourfront Design to complete a survey of the area and to draft a Master Plan for Phase I of the project which will be complete by July of 2013. The City is currently soliciting major vendors to use the Plaza during the 2013 Sturgis® Motorcycle Rally.

Funding for the Plaza will come from leasing space at the Plaza to vendors during the Rally. The project will be constructed in phases so that portions will be completed as vendor lease fees are collected.

In the next few months, the Master Plan, conceptual drawings and other information about the Plaza will be available on the City website at [Sturgis-sd.gov](http://Sturgis-sd.gov) under the Projects tab.

## Employee Spotlight - Sturgis City Council

The City of Sturgis is governed by a Council of 9 elected members, who are elected to three year terms. Sturgis has four wards with two representatives each. The Mayor serves at large and is elected by all voters, regardless of ward of residence.

The Council members bring forward individual or group concerns to the entire elected body or to the City Manager, as appropriate. All power and authority to set policy rests with the elected body, not individual Council members. The Council is responsible for developing the long-range vision for the community and establishing the policies that affect the general operation of the city. The Council focuses on setting goals, major projects, and long-term planning (like community growth, land use development, capital improvements, financing, and strategic planning). To take official action, there must a quorum (5 of 9 members present) and it must be at a public meeting.



In 2007, Sturgis residents voted for a City Manager form of government. The City Manager is responsible for carrying out the Council's goals and policies, enforcing ordinances, and administering the day-to-day operations of the City. Under the City Manager form of government, the Mayor has a few additional duties, but generally he has the same duties and responsibilities as other Council members.

### Sturgis City Council representatives:

- Ward 1 - Kelly Vasknetz and Joe DesJarlais
- Ward 2 - David Hersrud and Marcia Johnston
- Ward 3 - Ron Waterland and Jamie McVay
- Ward 4 - Tim Potts and Dane Sundstrom
- Mayor: Mark Carstensen

City Council meetings are held the first and third Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m. in the Erskine Building at 1300 Sherman Street. These meetings are open to the public. Meeting agendas are posted at City Hall and on the City website the Friday prior to each meeting.



## AT THE LIBRARY IN MARCH

Annual Quilt Show - Stop by and enjoy the beautiful works of local quilters on display all month.

Sturgis Area Arts Council Winter Reading Series presents: *OLD FRIENDS* by Tracy Kidder. March 12 at 7:00 pm.

After School Program - 1st Day of Spring Celebration March 20. Stop by for games and refreshments.



## Contact Information

City Hall 347-4422  
City Attorney 347-4422  
Code Enforcement and Inspections 347-4422

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  
8:00 - 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 Hours Emergency call  
Police Dispatch 347-2573  
1040 2nd Street  
Drop boxes:  
2901 Vanocker Canyon and  
City Hall 1040 2nd Street