



1040 2nd Street, Suite 103
Sturgis, SD 57785



Announcements

Free Computer Classes - Tuesdays and Thursdays at the library. Check the library website or Facebook page for class topics and schedules.

Children's Summer Reading Program - Dig Into Reading. Tuesdays from 10:00 - 11:00 a.m. and 1:00 - 2:00 p.m. for children ages 3-9.

The Amazing Race Program - Tweens going into grades 4-6 can sign up for this special program at the library.

Wednesdays 1:00 - 2:00 p.m. starting June 5. Call the Library for more information.

Teen Summer Reading Program -

Beneath the Surface is the theme for this year's program. Teens can earn points by reading and taking part in other sponsored activities. Points can be spent at the auction on July 17 at 3:00 p.m. at the Library.

Summer Swimming Lesson Registrations - Deadline June 14.



Upcoming Meetings

Sturgis City Council: June 3 and 17 at 6:30 p.m. at the Erskine Building.

Planning and Zoning: June 4 at 5:30 p.m. at City Hall, Room A.

MUB: June 12 at 8:00 a.m. at City Hall, Room A.

Park Board: June 11 at 6:00 p.m. at the Morman Law Firm.

Library Board: June 26 at 4:00 p.m. at the Library.

Officials

Mayor

Mark Carstensen 490-1044

Council Members

Ward One:

Mike Bachand 490-1054

Kelly Vasknetz 490-0361

Ward Two:

David Hersrud 347-5061

Marcia Johnston 347-2483

Ward Three:

Jason Anderson 490-1618

Ron Waterland 720-5010

Ward Four:

Branden Bestgen 644-6005

Tim Potts 720-4233

City Manager

Daniel Ainslie 347-4422



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City Teams With Wild West Days to Celebrate 125th Anniversary of Sturgis

The City of Sturgis is about to turn 125 years old. In honor of the event, the 2013 Wild West Days Committee and the Sturgis Chamber have teamed up to help the community celebrate - old west style.

To kick off the events, the Wild West Days and Sturgis 125th Anniversary Celebration Parade will take place on Friday, June 14, starting at 5:00 pm. The parade will start on Main Street near Middle Street and will proceed west on Main to Sixth Street. The parade is a celebration of both our history as a community and our western heritage.

The 125th Anniversary Celebration will continue on Saturday, June 15, with many activities taking place downtown at the corner of Second and Main Streets. Activities will include re-enactments, historical displays, music, activities and games for all ages. Main Street will be closed between Second and Third Streets for these activities. The new Second Street Plaza area between Main and Lazelle will also be closed until 6:00 pm. on Saturday.

The rodeo, hosted by the Wild West Days Committee, will have PRCA performances Friday and Saturday with an antique tractor pull and ranch rodeo performance on Sunday, June 16 at the Fairgrounds.



Ox teams on Main Street were a common site in early Sturgis.

City to Annex Davenport Ranch

For several years, the City Council goals have included annexation, retail development and residential growth. The recent decision to annex the 80 acre Davenport Ranch will help work toward achieving all of these goals. The parcel is located on the south side of Sturgis along Vanocker Canyon Road. The property owners hope to develop the area with several lots suitable for retail and other commercial businesses.

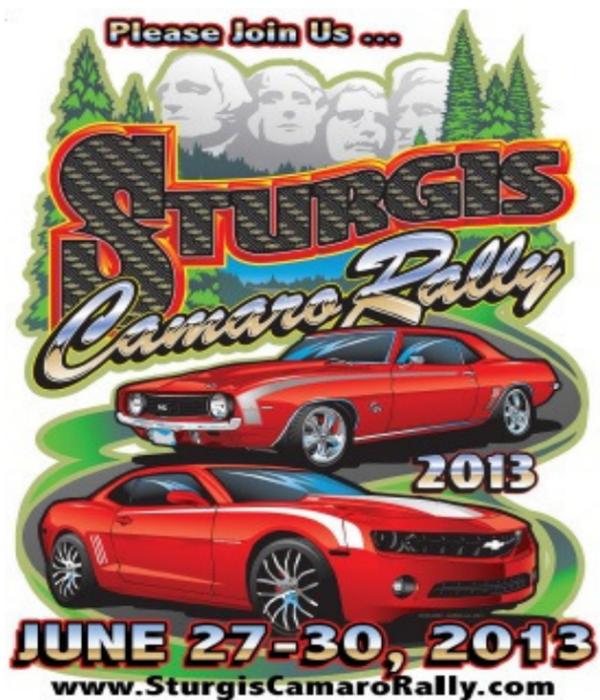
In exchange for the annexation, the City will acquire two, one-half acre parcels to be used for a future well and water tank. City water and sewer services will be extended to the property and will be paid for through tap fees assessed to users within the development.

In addition to the Davenport Ranch property, the 12 acre Belle Joli Winery will also be included in the annexation along with a five acre parcel owned by the City that lies outside the current City limits.

BID Board Applications

The City is accepting applications for persons interested in serving as volunteers on the Downtown BID Board.

Applicants must own property within the BID District or be appointed by someone who owns property within the District. The BID Board will meet quarterly to review downtown events and make recommendations to the City Council for future events. Applications can be downloaded from the City website. Applications must be submitted by June 10.



SUMMER SWIM LESSONS

Session II registration: June 10-14
Classes held June 17 - 28

Session III registration: July 1-5
Classes held July 8-19

Call the Community Center at 347-6513 for details.

Summer Hours Start May 27
Monday - Friday 5:00 am - 8:00 pm
Saturdays 8:00 am - 5:00 pm
Sundays Noon - 5:00 pm

Reminder from Code Compliance

Property owners are reminded that grass and weeds need to be cut throughout the entire growing season.

City Ordinance 12.04.01 regarding weeds and noxious vegetation states that no landowner shall allow grass, weeds or noxious vegetation to grow to a height of more than eight inches. The fine for this type of violation is \$100. If you need assistance in finding a contractor to mow, please contact the Code Compliance Office at 347-4422.

NOTICE

SEWER LINE SMOKE TESTING SCHEDULED

The City of Sturgis will smoke test the sanitary sewer lines on June 4 and 5. The SD Association of Rural Water Systems will assist with this test which checks for ground water infiltration into the sewer lines. If water infiltration is occurring, it can overload the water treatment facility during heavy rains.

The smoke used for this test is a special non-toxic material that will NOT cause health problems or damage property.

Property owners can expect to see smoke coming from roof vents. Smoke found inside homes or businesses means there is a potential problem and occupants should make an attempt to identify where the smoke is coming from and then inform the testing crew by calling 605-347-3916. **DO NOT CALL THE FIRE DEPARTMENT.**

Opening doors and windows will allow the smoke to ventilate.

The testing is done in geographic sections. We are not able to make advance notifications of where the testing will take place at a specific time.

If you have questions about this procedure, please contact the Smoke Test Telephone at 605-347-3916.



The City of Sturgis is Accepting Applications

Full-Time - Part-Time - Temporary

The City is currently accepting applications for several jobs including summer and rally jobs. For more information, visit the Human Resources page on our website at: Sturgis-sd.gov.

Employee Spotlight - Library Board

Our Employee Spotlight continues with a series about the various boards and committees that help the City by providing guidance and oversight.

The Sturgis Public Library strives to provide access to up-to-date information in a variety of formats and creates an environment that fosters life-long learning and personal enrichment.

The Library is overseen by the Library Board of Trustees, consisting of seven members from the Sturgis community as well as the greater Meade County area in which the Library serves. The Board meets monthly to provide oversight for the governance of the Library. The Board appoints Library staff; creates the bylaws and policies used for selection of materials, use of resources, and general administration. The Board is also responsible for overseeing the Library budgeting process.

The current Board of Trustees include Bruce McFarland (President), Terry Hermann (Vice President), Cathie Anderson (Treasurer), Marcia Johnston (City Council representative), Bob Mechling (City representative), and Kaye Back and Kristi Palmer (Meade County representatives).

Last year, 93,596 people visited the Library. The public computers were used 30,261 times during the year and over 5,000 people attended the 292 special programs that were offered. The Library is available to all residents of Meade County at no charge. Special programs and activities can be found in the Library's Monthly Newsletter which is posted on the Library page of the City website or on the Library's Facebook page.

EOC Training Exercise

Managers and staff from the City recently took part in a two-day training exercise designed to simulate a major disaster. The City, along with representatives from the County and State, worked their way through many of the tasks that would be involved in responding to a large scale disaster. The scenario outlined the results of a tornado touching down in Sturgis and moving to the east. The storm path included the east side of the City as well as Fort Meade, the Full Throttle, the High School and the Buffalo Chip venues. In the scenario, there were casualties, severe injuries and numerous individuals reported as missing.

The individuals and agencies involved in the exercise carried out the duties as they would in an actual emergency. Representatives from the Red Cross participated with sheltering and first aid resources. The National Weather Service had a representative attending who was able to provide updates on changing weather conditions. The Safety Manager from the hospital was also present to give updates on hospital facilities and available resources during the event.

According to Dave Smith, Disaster Mitigation Coordinator for the City, exercises are never the same thing as an actual event, but the opportunity to work with other people who would be involved in an actual event and to make decisions based on Emergency Management Plans help responders be better prepared in the event of an emergency. If a disaster were to happen during a large event such as the Rally, the likelihood for casualties and injuries would be very high and would have a significant impact on the entire region.

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 - 8:00 Mon. - Fri.
8:00 - 5:00 Sat.
Noon - 5:00 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.
1040 2nd Street
After Hours Emergency call
Police Dispatch 347-2573
Drop boxes:
2901 Vanocker Canyon and
City Hall 1040 2nd Street