



1040 2nd Street, Suite 103
Sturgis, SD 57785



Fall Clean Up Week
October 6 - 10

Upcoming Events and Activities

- Sturgis Fire Department Open House** - Sunday, October 5 from 11:00am until 2:00pm. Stop by the Fire Hall for brats and all the trimmings.
- Special Presentation "What is Jazz?"** Tuesday, October 7, 5:00 - 6:30 pm at the Library.
- Armchair Travelers Book Club** - Thursday, October 9 at noon at the Library.
- City offices will be closed** - Monday, October 13 for Native American Day. Trash normally picked up on Monday will be picked up on Tuesday.
- Scrabble Lovers Unite!** - Come to the Library on Tuesday, October 14 and 28 at 5:15pm. Bring a board if you have one available.
- Beatle Mania... 50 Years Later** - Thursday, October 16, 5:00 - 6:30 pm at the Library. Live music and Beatle's memorabilia on display.
- History at High Noon** - Friday, October 17 at noon in the Program Room at the Library. Guest Zona Vig will be presenting the town of Opal.
- Sturgis Alliance of Churches Chili Feed** - Monday, October 27, 4:30 until 6:30 pm at the Community Center.
- Wii Wednesday** - 3:30 to 5:30pm every Wednesday in October at the Library.
- Yoga** - Tuesday's at 6:00pm at the Community Center starting October 7.

Upcoming Meetings

- Sturgis City Council:** October 6 and 20 at 6:30pm at the Erskine Building.
- Planning and Zoning:** October 7 at 5:30pm at City Hall.
- Park Board:** October 14 at 7:00pm at the Community Center.
- MUB:** October 28 at 7:30am at City Hall, Room A.

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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Update on the Financial State of the City

The City Manager presented the first reading of the 2015 budget to the City Council on August 18. The following information is a summary of the general financial health of the City.

Making Progress

Over the past three years, the City's financial position has improved significantly. The General Fund's cash balance (which is similar to a savings account) has, for the first time, exceeded the recommended reserve balance. The recommended reserve balance is set at 20% of total annual expenditures. This recommended level has been set by the Government Finance Officers' Association. It allows for a stable cash flow during months of reduced revenues and the ability to respond in emergencies. This is a significant improvement considering the fund had only a 4% cash balance at the end of 2011.

In addition to the improvement in the General Fund, the Water, Wastewater and Sanitation Funds all have reserves which exceed the recommended 20%.

Major Accomplishments in 2014

- Scheduled 31 blocks of chip and seal on residential streets.
- Completing a major storm drain project in the Middle/Dudley Street area. This is the first storm drain project the City has done in several years.
- Completed emergency repairs to Pond 4. There was considerable erosion taking place due to lack of rip rap (cost saving measure) when the pond was constructed.
- Water and Sewer infrastructure was put in place at the Davenport property to allow for future development.
- A new salt/sand storage shed is being installed at the Public Works facility.

- Purchased new cardio equipment for the Community Center and added 24/7 access.
- Completed Phase II of a multi-year water project. This included the addition of a new well and upgrades to an existing well.
- New Kiwanis Food Pantry is under construction.

Over all, the General Fund expenditures in 2014 are \$160,000 less than 2012.

Coming in 2015

- 3 Blocks of water main improvements on Fulton and Spruce Streets.
- Final payment for the purchase of the Marcotte property.
- Complete the purchase and installation of an emergency generator for use at the Community Center.
- New playground equipment at three neighborhood parks as well as installation of a new park in the Starline Street area.
- Old Stone Shelter repair/replacement.
- New pool flooring and major rehabilitation of the gymnasium floor in the Community Center.

The full 2015 budget can be viewed on the City website at www.sturgis-sd.gov.



The new Belle Joli Winery was built in 2014. This is the first new business in the Davenport Ranch Development area.

Thank you to everyone who took part in the 2014 United Way Day of Caring activities.

Sturgis Brown High School students cleaned up along Bear Butte Creek, Black Hills Special Services staff and clients removed litter from Deadman Trail, and First Interstate Bank, Northern Hills Federal Credit Union and Sturgis Regional Hospital employees worked to restore memorials at Bear Butte Cemetery. Wells Fargo Bank, Black Hills Power and Compass Point staff assisted local homeowners with residential projects.



Regional Hospital employee Alenda Derby cleans monuments at Bear Butte Cemetery.

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K-6th Grade Jr. Girls Scooper Basketball

Register September 22 - October 12 at the Community Center. Cost is \$25.00 for members and \$35.00 for non-members.

The Chamber's Crypt Haunted House

Nightly, October 24 - 31 at the Easyriders Saloon on Lazelle

City Wide Clean Up Scheduled for October 6 - 10

The city wide fall clean up is just around the corner. During this week, the Public Works Department will pick up unwanted items for disposal in addition to normal household trash at no additional fee. All items need to be separated and piled in the right of way adjacent to your property. Items will be picked up on your normal trash day, so please do not put items out after your trash day is past. Please do not block access to your garbage tote.



Please separate all items into the following categories:

White Goods - Metal, Appliances, Bicycles etc. Appliances **must** have a signed EPA form attached and all freon must be removed from appliances. (EPA Forms are available at the Public Works Department.)
Yard Waste - Grass, Leaves, Branches etc.
Rubble - Furniture, Building Materials, etc.

Items we will not pick up:

Liquid paint, batteries, chemicals, hazardous materials such as oil, pesticides and tires. Tires may be taken to the rubble site but charges do apply, depending on the tire size. Televisions and computers cannot be accepted at the rubble site; please place them in your normal garbage tote.

Several trucks will be sent out to collect items. Each category of item will be picked up by separate trucks.

If you need assistance in getting items moved out to the curb, contact the Sturgis Police Department at 347-5070.

For more information about items that will or will not be picked up, visit the Public Works page of the City website at www.sturgis-sd.gov or call the Public Works Office at 347-3916.



Gently used items can be donated to the Senior Citizens Thrift Store or the Crisis Intervention Shelter (My Cisters Closet 347-0050). Working appliances can be donated to the Habitat for Humanity Re-Store in Spearfish or Rapid City. Call the Re-Store at 717-1882 for more information and pick-up schedule.



The first annual Oktoberfest celebration was held in downtown Sturgis on September 19 and 20.

This year the annual Ag-fest activities were combined with the Oktoberfest event. 400 guests attended the Annual Ag Banquet at the Auditorium on Saturday night.

During the course of the Oktoberfest event, 125 adults took part in the Passport promotion and nearly 300 kids were thrilled to ride the choo-choo train and wander through the hay bale maze. Vendors and live music were also part of the festival.

The event was sponsored by numerous local businesses, the Chamber and the City.

Thank You to all our Oktoberfest Sponsors!

Fall Swimming Lessons
STRONG SWIMMERS CONFIDENT KIDS
 Registration: October 6-10
 Classes Begin October 14

New At Sturgis Liquor

Sturgis Liquor now offers custom engraving on many popular items.



Sturgis Alliance of Churches
CHILI COOKOFF
 Monday, October 27
 4:30 - 6:30 p.m.
 Sturgis Community Center

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
 8:00 - 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 - 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 347-4422
 8:00 - 5:00 Mon. - Fri.
 1040 2nd Street
 After Hours Emergency call
 Police Dispatch 347-2573
 Payment Drop Box:
 City Hall 1040 2nd Street