



Upcoming Events and Activities

Library Board - The Library Board will combine the November and December meetings into one, meeting on December 3 at 4:00 in the Library.
City Hall and the Library will be closed from 11:00 until 1:30 on December 11 for the City Christmas Party.
City Hall, the Library and the Community Center will close at 4:00 on Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve.
All City offices will be closed - December 25 and 26 as well as January 1 for the holidays. Trash normally picked up on Thursday will be picked up on Wednesday.



*Scrooge Night
 December 18
 Downtown Sturgis*

Upcoming Meetings

Sturgis City Council: December 1 and 15 at 6:30pm at the Erskine Building.
Planning and Zoning: December 2 at 5:30pm at City Hall.
Park Board: December 9 at 7:00pm at the Community Center.

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

Sturgis Area Non-Profits Receive Rally Funding



From left: Cathy Hersrud - Sturgis Rally Charities Foundation, Mayor Mark Carstensen, and City Council Representative Marcia Johnston.

Sturgis Rally Charities Foundation was just one of the groups who recently received a donation from the Sturgis City Council on behalf of the 2014 Sturgis Motorcycle Rally.

Each year, the City Council makes donations to area non-profits to help them meet the needs of the community members they serve. The funds are generated from the Rally Sponsorship Program, the Mayor's Ride and other special events that take place during the Rally.

2014 recipients included:

- Sturgis Rally Charities Foundation \$15,536
- Sturgis Volunteer Fire Department \$10,500
- Sturgis Police Reserves \$10,500
- Sturgis Ambulance Service \$4,500
- Deadwood VFW/Wounded Warriors Project \$2,000

Sturgis Ambulance Service Receives Top Award

The Sturgis Ambulance Service was recently awarded first place in the State Children's EMS Week Contest.

The contest had over 40 ambulance services taking part in the contest. The award is a high honor for the service and a great recognition of all the work the crew put forth.

The EMS Week events included providing tours of the ambulance/fire facility, providing 206 bicycle helmets as part of the State's "Protect your Melon" campaign and a fun run/walk. In addition, they also provided Hands Free CPR training to 3,025 people.





Stop by the Library in December for a free family photo. We will have all the decorating finished by December 6. All you need to do is gather your family & friends (well behaved pets are welcome too) and stop by the Library. Bring along your digital camera and a Library staff person will take your photo.

Join Us For Some Christmas Cheer



Holiday Expo - December 5-6 at the Community Center. Stop by and pick up some great holiday gifts and home made treats from our local vendors. Open on Friday from 3:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. and Saturday 10:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.

Parade of Lights - December 5 at 6:00 p.m. The parade will begin at the south end of Anna Street; it will travel north on Junction to Main, then west to 4th and north to the lot next to Lynn's Dakotamart.



Candy & Cookie Contest - December 6 starting at 4:00 p.m., the Library will host the contest and will provide music and stories with Santa. You can also meet some of your favorite local authors who will be signing books.

Community Christmas Tree Lighting - December 6 at 6:00 p.m. at the 2nd Street Plaza.

Community Christmas Concert - December 14 at 2:00 p.m. in the Community Center Theater.



At the Sturgis Library in December

Annual Food for Fines

Help our local food bank by paying your past-due library fines with non-perishable food items, pet food or cash December 1 - 19, 2014.

All food donations will go to the Kiwanis Food Pantry. Pet food will go to the Meade County/Sturgis Animal Shelter and money from fines will go to either the pantry or the shelter as you choose.

Join in the fun of giving and help feed our community!



Frostival Event

Join us on December 6 for Candy & Cookie Tasting. We will have the 4th Grade Choir Carolers and a visit from Santa. The Arts Council will also be hosting a book signing with several of your favorite authors. Festivities begin at 4:00 pm and will end at 7:00 p.m.

Holiday Hours & Closures

The Library will close at 4:00 on December 24 and December 31. We will be closed on Christmas and New Year's Day.

Black Hills Power and Sturgis Public Works presents...

Energy Efficiency and Environmental Awareness Open House

Learn from the experts how you may benefit from:

- Rebates
- Weatherization tips
- Grants
- Recycling options
- Storm water improvement projects

Wednesday, December 3 at the Community Center from 2:00 - 5:00pm.



2014 Motorcycle Rally Summary

The City Manager recently gave a presentation to the City Council and public summarizing the overall success of the 2014 Motorcycle Rally.

The estimated attendance for this Rally was 442,200 which was down slightly (-5%) from 2013. The slightly lower attendance was expected due to the 75th anniversary of the event scheduled for 2015.

Expenses related to Rally operations were slightly up but still grew at a slower rate than the income which meant higher net proceeds. In 2013, the City finally surpassed the 1 million income mark and in 2014, that number grew to 1.13 million. That means more money will be available for the general fund and will help cover expenses related to everyday operations.

The number of vendor licenses was down slightly, typical of years prior to major anniversaries. Several vendors stayed open for business for at least five months which qualified them as permanent businesses and they no longer needed a temporary vending permit.

The entire 2014 Rally Presentation including Financial Reports and Police Statistics is available on the City website at <http://sturgis-sd.gov/index.aspx?NID=678>.

2014 Rally Statistics

| Description | 2014 | 2013 |
|------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Estimated Attendance | 442,200 | 467,338 |
| City Vending Licenses | 681 | 734 |
| City Vending License Fees | \$410,279 | \$322,827 |
| City Sales Tax Collections | \$237,779 | \$240,084 |
| SD Dept of Tourism Tax Collections | \$176,327 | \$178,126 |
| Sponsorship Revenue | \$299,656 | \$243,653 |
| Tons of Trash Hauled | 538.72 | 594.42 |
| Arrests (non-traffic) | 205 | 185 |

There will be Christmas tree recycling collection areas set up on Ballpark Road near the Fire Station and at the Exit 32 recycling area.

Both sites will be open from December 26 until January 23.



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 - 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