



City offices will be closed on Monday, Sept. 2 for Labor Day. The library will be closed on Saturday, Aug. 31. Trash normally collected on Monday, will be picked up on Tuesday.

Meetings and Notices

City Council Meeting - Aug. 19. The meeting will begin at 6:30 PM in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 1040 Harley-Davidson Way. Agendas and other meeting information will be posted on the City website calendar on the Thursday prior to the meeting. If you would like to have City Council agendas e-mailed to you, contact the Finance Office at 347-4422. Meetings are live-streamed on the City Facebook page.

No Sturgis City Council meeting will be held the first Monday in August because of the Sturgis Motorcycle Rally. Also, the first council meeting in September will be Sept. 3, because of the Labor Day holiday

The following applications will be reviewed by the Planning Commission on Aug. 20 at 5:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 1040 Harley-Davidson Way, Sturgis.

August Annual Reviews:

- Dry Camping Use on Review at 940 Dickson Drive (SAAB Heritage Museum)

Sturgis Community Center offers fall programs

K-2nd Grade Flag Football
Registration Deadline: Sept. 1
3rd-4th & 5th-6th Flag Football
Registration Deadline: Aug. 18
Members; \$30
Non-Members \$40
Sign up now!

Coed Softball
Wednesday Nights
League Begins Aug. 28
Team Fee \$225
Sign up your Team now!
Call the Community Center at:
605-347-6513

Officials

Mayor

Angela Wilkerson
605-347-4422

Council Members

Ward One:

Mike Bachand
605-347-4422
Nick Jones
605-215-5142

Ward Two:

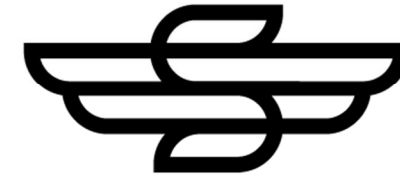
Ruth Kopp
605-204-5841
Tony Dargatz
605-646-2047

Ward Three:

Jim Thompson
605-641-3630
Don Lanpher
605-347-4422

Ward Four:

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Bachand to be honored on Military Appreciation Day

Mike Bachand has led a varied and accomplished life as a military veteran, businessman, rancher, husband, father, grandfather, and city council member.

This year, he is being honored for his many contributions to his country and community during Military Appreciation Day at the 84th City of Sturgis Motorcycle Rally on Tuesday, Aug. 6.

Bachand was born and raised on a ranch near Bear Butte, just east of Sturgis. He attended a one-room schoolhouse located between his parents' and grandparents' homes, where he was one of seven students. In eighth grade, he moved to Sturgis for school and graduated from William J. Brown High School in 1973.

In the fall of 1973, Bachand enlisted in the Air Force and attended basic training at Lackland Air Force Base in Texas. The only other military member in his extended family was his grandmother's brother, Alphonse, who served as a combat soldier and officer during World War II. Alphonse's wartime stories left a lasting impression on him.

After basic training, Bachand was asked to list his areas of interest to determine his military occupational specialty and was then sent to Sheppard Air Force Base for further training. He initially signed up for telephone support but ended up in the teletype career field. This early technology, similar to the telegraph,



Mike Bachand

used a hardwired typewriter to send encrypted messages.

"I think I signed up for telephone support, and somehow I got in the teletype career field," he said. "That was the first big technology

that the service had. That's the way the Air Force kind of communicated to all the missile bases in those early days."

Bachand said that when he got to his first duty station, they were phasing out the encryption program. He and two other airmen were chosen to train with the Navy, who were among the first in the military to launch computer systems. One of Bachand's most proud accomplishments is his role in developing the computer infrastructure and architecture for military support. Remarkably, the system he helped create is still in use today, albeit on a much larger scale, by the Army National Guard. Bachand said he never felt daunted by developing computer systems. "I didn't know any different. I was just this dumb ranch kid that was taught that everybody puts their boots on the same way, so you just

met every challenge they put in front of you."

Bachand returned to the ranch after his tour in the Air Force. He worked the ranch and at nearby Fort Meade VA Medical Center. He joined the South Dakota National Guard and attended and graduated with a degree in business from Black Hills State University. He participated in the ROTC program at BHSU. Bachand admits he wanted to join the Rapid City unit because they were getting the first computer systems at the headquarters. He was selected to head up the computer fielding and training program for South Dakota Guard Units.

"I loved what I did and what I was because I was always challenged," he said. Bachand retired in 2005 as a Lieutenant Colonel.

Additionally, Bachand has been active in the community where he owned the Camel Tent Corner which began in the mid-1980's, on the corner of 4th and Main Street, which helped start the downtown Rally expansion. This kickstart at that end of Main Street helped expand the Rally footprint and Rally activities. He has also been active in the Meade County Extension Program and Farm Service Agency helping promote farming and ranching in rural Sturgis.

Bachand has served on the Sturgis City Council where he has held a seat for 9 years.

84th City of Sturgis Motorcycle Rally begins Aug. 2

The 84th City of Sturgis Motorcycle Rally will begin on Friday, Aug. 2, with opening ceremonies and a parade down Main Street.

Other events during the week will include:

Wednesday, July 31

Third Annual Police Chief's Ride. Check-in at 8:30 a.m. ride begins at 9 a.m. Sturgis Tennis Courts at 6th & Williams Streets.

Friday, Aug. 2

3 p.m. Parade down Main Street Sturgis led by American Legion BH Riders

3:30 p.m. Opening ceremony featuring the mayor's welcome, blessing of the bikes, introduction of the grand marshal and entertainment by The All American Thrill Show.

Saturday, Aug. 3

22nd annual Sturgis Mayor's Ride. Check-in starts at 7 a.m. with a breakfast and then kickstands up at 9 a.m.

6 p.m. registration, leave at 7 p.m. for Mayor's Pub Crawl, downtown Sturgis

Monday, Aug. 5

7 a.m. to 7:40 a.m. registration, shuttle to start leaves at 7:45 a.m. for Legendary Sturgis 5K. Woodland Shelter in the Sturgis City Park.

Noon, Mayor's Poker Tournament, noon, Cadillac Jack's, Deadwood

Tuesday, Aug. 6

5 p.m. registration, Northern Hills Tattoo & Piercing Tattoo Contest, Harley-Davidson Rally Point.

2 p.m. Military Appreciation Day at the Sturgis Rally. This year's honored veteran is Mike Bachand

3 p.m. B-1 Bomber from Ellsworth Air Force Base flyover of Main Street Sturgis

Wednesday, Aug. 7

Second Pearl's Girls Ride. Check-in at 8:30 a.m. ride begins at 9 a.m. Sturgis Tennis Courts at 6th & Williams Streets.

Registration starts at 5 p.m. with judging at 6 p.m. for the Sturgis Annual Beard and Mustache Contest at Harley-Davidson Rally Point.

Sunday, Aug. 11

Noon. Spirit of Sturgis TT Race, Main St.

Open container rules

Again this year, Rally attendees will be able to consume beer and wine based beverages within a designated open container area in downtown Sturgis. Open container begins Aug. 2 and continues through Aug. 11 from 10 a.m. to 2 a.m. daily.



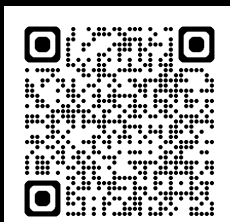
Rules include the following:

- Open containers are only allowed in the designated area.
- Officials cups must be purchased from a valid cup seller. Each person holding a cup must have a government issued ID showing proof of age.
- Only beer and wine-based drinks will be allowed in the cups.
- The open container policy can be cancelled at any time

Rally road closures announced

Each year the Rally requires street closures and parking restrictions. As in years past, Main Street between Middle and 4th will close for motorcycle only traffic at 2 a.m. Friday, Aug. 2, and will reopen at 2 a.m. Monday, Aug. 12. First Street will have parking restrictions including a fire lane, but will remain open to normal traffic from Sherman to Lazelle Street. Harley-Davidson Way will be closed to motorcycle-only parking starting at the south alley and heading north to Lazelle Street, with the exception of specific periods during special events taking place. Third Street immediately adjacent to Main Street will be restricted to motorcycles only with parking restriction and a fire lane. Alleyways in these areas will remain open to all traffic.

SCAN FOR RALLY CONCERT INFO



RECYCLE CENTER CLOSED FOR RALLY

The Exit 32 Recycling Lot will be closed beginning Monday, July 29, and will reopen on Monday, Aug. 19. Grass and branches can still be taken to the Rubble Site free of charge (with proof of a city utility bill). The Rubble Site is located at 20492 Avalanche Road. Hours at the Rubble Site are 8 a.m. until 4:45 p.m.

City office hours modified for Rally

The Sturgis City Finance Office will be open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. from Monday, July 29 to Friday, Aug. 9. Weekend hours: Saturday, Aug. 3 — 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 4 — 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. The Sturgis Public Library will be closed Friday, Aug. 2 to Sunday, Aug. 11 for the Rally.



Sturgis Staff Attorney Eric Miller administers the oath of office to new Ward 3 Sturgis City Council member Don Lanpher.

Lanpher appointed new Sturgis City Councilor

The Sturgis City Council voted Monday, July 15, to appoint Don Lanpher as the new city councilor for Ward 3.

Lanpher was one of four people who applied for the open Sturgis City Council seat in Ward 3. Others included Richelle Bruch, Francie Ganje-Severson, and Christopher Peldo. Ganje-Severson announced at the meeting that she was withdrawing from the race because of family medical issues.

The council voted 6-1 with six votes for Lanpher and one vote for Bruch.

The Ward 3 vacancy was created when Councilor Preston Williams resigned effective June 3. Williams had about 11 months remaining in his term as one of two Ward 3 councilors. The other councilor in Ward 3 is Jim Thompson who won a seat on the board in April and will serve until May of 2027.

Lanpher is retired after serving 46 years in law enforcement. On his application he said he wanted to be part of the decision-making process for the residents of Ward 3.

Lanpher was sworn into office following the vote.

Mustang Rally Labor Day weekend in Sturgis

The 18th Annual Sturgis Mustang Rally will take place Aug. 27 to Sept. 1. Activities will include autocross, drifting, burnouts, drag racing, and more. There will be a "Ponies for Patriots" military and veterans tribute cruise event on Wednesday, Aug. 28. On Saturday, the annual Show & Shine will take place on Main Street from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. Visit sturgismustangrally.com to view the full schedule.



Community Appreciation Picnic slated Aug. 21

The Annual Sturgis Community Appreciation Picnic is set for Wednesday, Aug. 21. Stop by for free BBQ and live music at Harley-Davidson Rally Point. Food will be served free of charge starting at 5 p.m. thanks to a host of local businesses and the city.

Contact Information

City Hall 347-4422
Code Enforcement & Planning
7:00 AM - 6:00 PM Mon. - Fri.
1040 Harley-Davidson Way

Community Center 347-6513
5:00 AM - 8:00 PM Mon. - Fri.
8:00 AM - 5:00 PM Sat.
Noon - 5:00 PM Sun.
1401 Lazelle Street

Finance Office 347-4422
7:00 AM - 6:00 PM Mon. - Thur.
1040 Harley-Davidson Way

Fire & Ambulance 347-5801
Emergency 911
7:00 AM - 5:00 PM Mon. - Fri.
1901 Ballpark Road

Library 347-2624
8:00 AM - 7:00 PM Mon. - Thur.
8:00 AM - 5:00 PM Fri.
8:00 AM - 4:00 PM Sat.
1040 Harley-Davidson Way

Police Department 347-5070
Emergency 911
1400 Main Street
Animal Shelter 347-8310
1140 Otter Road

Public Works 347-3916
6:00 AM - 3:00 PM Mon. - Thur.
6:00 AM - 10:00 AM Fri.
1057 Dudley Street
Rubble Site 347-5605
8:00 AM - 4:45 PM Mon. - Sat.
20492 Avalanche Road

Rally & Events 347-4422
8:00 AM - 5:00 PM Mon. - Fri.
1040 Harley-Davidson Way

Sturgis Liquor 347-5983
9:00 AM - 7:00 PM Mon. - Sun.
1075 Lazelle Street

After Hours Emergency call
Police Dispatch 347-2573

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Hours of operation are subject to change.