



1040 Harley-Davidson Way
Sturgis, SD 57785

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Our Mission: To provide an attractive, growing community being served by a professional staff that offers reliable, quality municipal services.

City Council to Consider Formation of Ambulance and Fire Districts

On November 6, the Sturgis City Council will discuss a voluntary commitment to enter into both an Ambulance District and a Fire District. This change is necessitated by numerous changes that have taken place in the last few years regarding the rise in ambulance call volume and the reduction of reimbursements allowed by private and governmental insurance providers. A significant number of calls for service are located outside the city limits and are responded to by our dedicated, award-winning EMS crews. An agreement between the City and County to split all shortfalls is in place; however, the County is not currently in a position to provide the funding needed for the ambulance services.

For years, the City's general fund has provided the Ambulance Service approximately \$100K per year. Those funds cover the costs related to billing insurance companies, operating expenses and limited equipment replacement. Even with this financial support, the city expects a shortfall of \$85,000 for 2017. Moving forward, either additional funding must be secured or cost cutting measures must be implemented. Those measures may include cutting back on the number of responders, reducing the number of shifts worked (currently staff is in place 24/7) and possibly reducing or eliminating Advanced Life Support (ALS) services.

The more than 40 volunteers who make up the Sturgis Volunteer Fire Department work hard to provide emergency services including fire suppression, fire prevention, vehicle extrication,

education and rescue. In 2016, the Department responded to 217 calls for service. The majority of those calls were in areas outside the city limits.

Each year, the City provides funding in the amount of \$200K to cover the costs of equipment, the building, supplies and some training. The City also covers costs for utilities and maintenance. A fire district would provide a steady source of funding from all properties within the city and county who are within the Sturgis response area. Many communities within Meade County already belong to fire districts that help fund fire services in their particular areas.

If the City formally supports an intent to belong to fire and ambulance districts, the City Council would reinforce the belief that everyone in the response area, both city and county, should pay a fair share in funding emergency services. Following the signing of the resolutions on November 6, independent citizens may circulate petitions to residents living outside city limits, within the response area, to create ambulance and fire districts. Those property owners who live in areas outside the Sturgis response area would not be affected. If enough signatures are obtained and fire and ambulance districts are formed, they will be governed by independent boards chosen through the election process within the response areas. District fees will then be determined by those boards. Residents who live within the city will be subject to district fees; however, the City Council is committed to reducing the property tax levy because the City would no longer need to provide support from the General Fund. If the districts are formed, they will not take effect until January 1, 2019.



Officials

Mayor

Mark Carstensen 490-1044

Council Members

Ward One:

Mike Bachand 490-1054

Rod Bradley 389-3209

Ward Two:

David Martinson 720-5299

Scott Peterson 347-0680

Ward Three:

Jason Anderson 490-1618

Ron Waterland 490-2065

Ward Four:

Steve Keszler 206-1500

Rhea Crane 490-8615

City Manager

Daniel Ainslie 347-4422



Fall Back
Nov. 5

Upcoming Meetings and Closures

Kiwanis Food Drive: Blue bags will be picked up the morning of November 4.
Sturgis City Council: November 6 and 20 at 6:30pm at the Erskine Building, 1300 Sherman Street.

City offices will be closed on Friday, November 10 in observance of Veterans Day. Trash pickup will still take place on Friday. **The Library will also be closed on Saturday, November 11.**

Little Hoppers Program: November 14 and 28 from 8:30AM until 10:00AM at the Sturgis Community Center. Activities are for kids ages 4 and under.

History at High Noon: November 17 in the Program Room at the library. Bob Davis will be the guest speaker.

City Offices will be closed on Thursday and Friday, November 23 and 24 for Thanksgiving. Trash normally picked up on Thursday will be picked up on Wednesday and trash normally picked up on Friday will be picked up the following Monday.

The following application will be reviewed by the Planning Commission on November 7 at 5:30pm at City Hall, 1040 Harley-Davidson Way. Planning Commission meetings are open to the public and comments are welcome. For more information about an application, contact the Planning Office by calling 347-4422. Meeting dates are subject to change.

Applicant Name	Request	Address
William Dittmer	Use on Review - In Home Weed & Pest Control Business	1204 Baldwin Street



Thank you to everyone who participated in the Big D & Papa John's Pizza for Pets fundraiser. We had a great turn out and it was fun introducing our shelter animals to so many nice people.

We especially want to thank Holly Johnston, Destiny Cornett, Brenda Stedjee, Pepsi and the entire crew at Papa John's!



**Parade of Lights
December 1
6:30 PM**

Don't miss the Annual Parade of Lights. If you or your business/organization would like to enter a float in the parade, contact the Sturgis Chamber or you can download an entry form from the Chamber's Facebook page. Registration deadline is November 29.

**Community Center Membership Drive
October 30 - November 3**



Sign up for a new membership or renew an existing membership this week and get 10% off, plus you get entered into the grand prize drawing of 3 free months.

Call 347-6513 for more information.

Snow Removal Tip...

When shoveling your sidewalk and driveway, place the snow on your lawn instead of in the street. This will help your grass and shrubs receive extra moisture during the winter months.



**Sturgis Liquor
Holiday Open House**

Friday, November 17, 4-7 PM

Sample a great selection of Holiday Spirits and enjoy hour devours provided by the Knuckle.

Register to Win Prizes



BOXERS - BRIEFS & SOCKS

The Sturgis Golden K Kiwanis collecting new boxers, briefs, socks and t-shirts for Ft. Meade Veterans. The veterans are in need of all sizes, but especially sizes small and medium.

Collection boxes are located at the Sturgis Black Hills Federal Credit Union, Sturgis Chamber of Commerce, First Interstate Bank, Northern Hills Federal Credit Union, Campbell's Supply, First National Bank, Wells Fargo, and Shopko.

This clothing drive will continue to run through Tuesday, November 10.

**Thank You for Your Support!
Sturgis Golden "K" Kiwanis Club**

xpress BILL PAY

Pay your city utility bills online

To get started, go to www.xpressbillpay.com and click on the "Sign Up" button. It's easy to set up and the service is free.

If you need help signing up, call 800-766-2350.

Winter Driving

As winter driving conditions worsen, the Street Department will be salting signalized intersections, collector routes and streets with steep inclines. Residential streets are not typically sanded. Speed limits on these streets are posted as 25 mph and drivers should reduce their speed accordingly when icy conditions are present. Always allow extra room for stopping at intersections when snow and ice are present.

If you live on a designated Snow Route, do not park on the street if 4" or more of snow is forecasted by the National Weather Service.

To view a list of snow routes, visit the Sturgis City website at www.Sturgis-sd.gov.

The Sturgis Police Department have responded to a higher than normal number of calls involving vehicle/deer collisions in the city. In addition to the regular deer population residing in the city, the recent drought conditions may be pushing additional animals into the city limits to find water and better grazing opportunities.

Please remember, it is illegal to feed deer in the city limits. By providing food, you encourage the animals to congregate in areas where they are at risk of causing a vehicle accident.



The Sturgis Crisis Intervention Shelter Service (CISS) Annual Santa Exchange Christmas Rummage Sale will take place on November 4 from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. at the Sturgis Community Center. This is a great way to pick up some Christmas decorations while helping a good cause. All proceeds benefit CISS.



The Sturgis Community Center is accepting applications for Life-guards for daytime shifts between the hours of 7:30 am - 3:30 pm, two to three days per week. Visit the City website for more information and to apply.

Welcome - Affordable Flowers and Plants!

Located at 748 Lazelle, this unique little shop offers floral arrangements at discount prices. Stop by and say 'hello' or visit their Facebook Page.

LIFE Spring

FAMILY FALL BLAST!

FREE!!

FUN. INFLATABLES. PHOTOS. & CANDY!

STURGIS COMMUNITY CENTER

OCTOBER 31ST. 5:30-8:00PM

Contact Information

City Hall 347-4422
All offices 8:00 - 5:00 Mon. - Fri.
Planning & Permitting 347-4422
Rally Department 720-0800
1040 Harley-Davidson Way

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.
8:00 - 5:00 Fri.
8:00 - 4:00 Sat.
1040 Harley-Davidson Way

Sturgis Liquor 347-5983
10:00 - 10:00 Mon. - Sat.
10:00 - 6:00 Sun.
1075 Lazelle Street

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

Public Works 347-3916
7:00 - 4:00 Mon. - Fri.
1057 Dudley Street
Rubble Site 347-5605
8:00 - 4:45 Mon. - Sat.
20492 Avalanch Road

Parks Office 347-3916
7:00 - 4:00 Mon. - Fri.
1057 Dudley Street
Park Shelter Reservations
Call: 347-4422

Water Office 347-4422
8:00 - 5:00 Mon. - Fri.
1040 Harley-Davidson Way
After Hours Emergency call
Police Dispatch 347-2573
Payment Drop Box:
1040 Harley-Davidson Way
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