



1040 Harley-Davidson Way
Sturgis, SD 57785



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

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Meetings and Notices

City offices and the Library will be closed on Monday, February 17 for President's Day. Trash normally picked up on Monday will be collected on Tuesday. The Sturgis Community Center will remain open.

City Council Meetings - February 3 and 18 at 6:30 pm in the Erskine Building located at 1300 Sherman Street. View agendas and meeting information on the City website on the Friday prior to the meeting. If you would like to have City Council agendas sent to your Email, contact the Finance Office at 347-4422. City Council meetings are live streamed and archived on the City Facebook page.



Reminder - Monument Health Urgent Care Services in Sturgis is open seven days a week from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Located within the medical clinic on Junction Avenue in Sturgis, urgent care providers treat non-emergent issues with no appointment

necessary. Walk-ins are always welcome. For your convenience, check in online through your MyChart portal. Call 720-2600 or visit www.monument.health/urgent for more information.

Snow Shoveling Tips - Apply a generous coat of cooking spray to the front and back of your shovel blade. The lubricant will let snow slide right off the blade, making your job easier in the process. Place your snow on the lawn instead of in the street. This will add moisture to your lawn and will help keep salt and other harmful chemicals out of the storm drains.



It won't be long until City Hall is open again! Watch our social media pages for the most current information including move in dates.

Officials

Mayor

Mark Carstensen 490-1044

Council Members

Ward One:

Mike Bachand 490-1054

Terry Keszler 347-0745

Ward Two:

David Martinson 720-5299

Beka Zerbst 206-1888

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

Council Considers Updates to Taxi Ordinance

The Sturgis City Council held public discussions on December 26 regarding updates to the Taxi Ordinance. The City currently requires all taxi services, including busses and pedi-cabs, to register and purchase an annual license prior to operating in the city. The proposal would be to have a yearly license fee of \$200 for each vehicle or \$1,000 for 5 or more vehicles.

There are currently 15 taxi services registered and licensed with the City Finance Office. Many of those companies do business only during the Sturgis Rally.

The current ordinance does not specifically address the licensing of national ride share services such as Uber and Lyft. Those services use independent drivers that are not employees of the parent company. Uber and Lyft customers simply use an app on their smart phones to schedule rides with available drivers operating in the area. In the past, Uber and Lyft have chosen not to purchase a company license and have not operated in Sturgis.

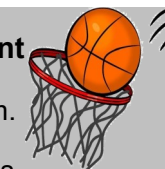


With the growing popularity of ride share services, the Council feels that local residents and visitors expect to be able to obtain transportation by using these popular services when needed.

As discussions move forward, price adjustments and other changes will likely be made to the ordinance that will allow ride share drivers and taxi owners to purchase a less costly license with the hope that Uber and Lyft services will be available year round in our area.

73rd SD Amateur Basketball Tournament

February 22 - 23 at the Grunwald Auditorium. Games start at 9:00 on Saturday. Admission \$5.00 for adults and \$3.00 for kids. Visit <https://sdamateurbasketball.org> for more information.



New Housing Update

The Sturgis Building Inspector issued 42 permits for new home construction in 2019. Those homes added \$8,843,587 in valuation. 13 permits were issued for new commercial construction with a valuation of \$1,340,467. An additional \$9,495,925 in permits were issued for repairs, remodels, and additions.

Four of the single-family home permits issued in 2019 were for houses in the Creekside Subdivision that were built utilizing property originally owned by the City. These homes were designed to help fill the workforce housing demand. The units are part of the Governor's Housing Program. Owners are required to meet specific income guidelines as well as other ownership requirements. As of mid-January, two of the homes were under contract. For information about these homes, contact Krysti Schultz at 347-490-2638.

The Dolan Creek Subdivision is expected to be nearly complete in 2020. This subdivision adds 106 single-family residences to the community.

The Canyon View Subdivision will also be complete in 2020. This area off of Pine View Drive contains a mix of five single-family homes and 16 townhome units.

According to a recent Housing Study, in order to meet the current need for housing, Sturgis needs approximately 113 new construction lots. There are currently only 40 lots available. The demand for single family homes, rental units, and senior living units is expected to grow significantly over the next five years.

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Townhomes in the Canyon View Subdivision.

Housing continued

Plans to meet the demand

There are several development opportunities that the City Council will be considering in 2020. The City has received proposals from developers interested in developing a portion of the city owned Marcotte property. Several other proposals will be considered for a single family home development at the Sturgis Fairgrounds. Developing these properties would mean more housing units as well as funds to make much needed improvements to existing recreational facilities.

Watch for more information, including public meetings, in the near future as the Council considers development options in these areas.

The importance of healthy growth

According to City Manager Daniel Ainslie, it's imperative that the city continues to grow. The more rooftops we have, the more customers our local businesses are able to serve. More residents also means there are more people to share certain municipal costs; that can mean fees such as the wastewater surcharge can remain the same instead of rising. More rooftops also means our community is more appealing to new businesses and services.

With a new wastewater treatment facility being built, recent upgrades to the city sewer lines and a healthy water supply, Sturgis is ready and able to handle continued growth.

As 2020 moves forward, construction within new residential developments is anticipated.



Monument Health

Monument Health, formerly Regional Health, officially joined the Mayo Clinic Care Network on January 17, becoming part of a worldwide network of independent health care systems with special access to Mayo Clinic's knowledge and expertise.

Physicians from Monument Health can combine their understanding of their patients' medical needs with Mayo Clinic expertise so patients get exactly the care they need, close to home and at no additional cost.



February Classic Movie

Join us at the Sturgis Community Center Theater on Friday, February 14 at 7:00 PM for "Some Like it Hot". Admission is FREE!

Two Struggling musicians witness the St. Valentine's Day Massacre and are now on the run from the Mob. Jerry and Joe cross-dress into an all female band. In addition to hiding, each has his own problems; One falls for another band member but can't tell her his gender, and the other has a rich suitor who will not take "No," for an answer.

Starring Marilyn Monroe, Tony Curtis, and Jack Lemmon. Rated G.

Meade Rural Ambulance District Vote
 March 23, 2020
 Sturgis Community Center 7am-7pm
 Open to residents living outside Sturgis and Buffalo Chip who are not currently covered by an ambulance district.

South Dakota 2020 Primary Election
 June 2, 2020
 Absentee Voting Begins - April 17, 2020
 Voter Registration Deadline - May 18, 2020

South Dakota 2020 General Election
 November 3, 2020
 Absentee Voting Begins - September 18, 2020
 Voter Registration Deadline - October 19, 2020

To learn more about voter registration & polling locations, contact the Meade County Auditors Office at 347-2360 or visit the Secretary of State website at <https://sdsos.gov/elections-voting/>



You Count!

For the first time ever, residents will have the option to submit information to the 2020 Census via the internet. Residents can also submit information via telephone and U.S. Mail. If residents do not submit information in a timely manner, Census workers will begin making visits to individual homes to try and get an accurate count.

For the latest updates and to learn more about the 2020 Census, visit 2020census.gov.

At the Library in February

Adults Only

February 13 at 5 pm - Date Night Cookie Painting - The WellFed Club is hosting a night of romantic cookie painting for couples from 5:00 until 6:00*

February 20 at 5:30 pm - Adults only Game Night/Murder Mystery. Test your detective skills for 1-hour.

Family

February 27 at 5:30 pm - Family Paint Night. Bring the family down for a night of guided art and paint techniques led by a local aspiring artist.*

Kids Programs

February 3 at 3:30 pm - MakerSpace Monday. Join us for an engineering activity to test your skills against gravity using spaghetti.

February 4 at 3:30 pm - Tweens & Teens Cookies and Bookies. For those ages 10 - 18. Cupcake Wars!

February 10 and 24 at 3:30 pm - Lego Play. Join the Lego fun and meet other Lego fans on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of each month.

*Limited space with registration required. Email SierraFR@sturgisgov.com or call 347-2626 to register. This is only a partial listing of events. Visit the Library page of the City website at Sturgis-sd.gov for a full schedule.



History at Hi-noon will take place on Friday, February 21 in the Library Community Room. Mark Keffeler will present information on the history of the Keffeler family. History at Hi-noon is sponsored by the Sturgis Area Arts Council.

Legislative Crackerbarrel
 February 1, 9-11 am
 Erskine Building
 Q&A about the 2020 Legislative Session
 Hosted by the Sturgis Area Chamber

Armchair Travelers Book Club

February 6, at noon in the Lushbough Room at the Library.

The Club is open to all interested readers.



VALENTINE'S MUSIC & CHOCOLATE

Dave Martinson's 17 piece Big Band will once again be playing for the Arts Council's Valentine's Music & Chocolate Event. The group has played for a variety of events in recent years including the Sturgis USO show, the Hospice Ball and at Main Street Square in Rapid City. They will perform swing music and ballads from the 1920's through the 1960's. Along with the music, there will be a chocolate tasting event!

The event will be on Sunday, February 16, at 2:00pm in the Sturgis Community Center Theater. Admission price for this afternoon of music and chocolate is \$15 for Adults, \$10 for Seniors and \$5 for Students.



Contact Information

City Manager 347-4422
Code Enforcement & Planning
5:00 - 8:00 Mon. - Fri.
1544 Lazelle Street

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

Finance Office 347-4422
8:00 - 5:00 Mon. - Fri.
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

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

Rally & Events 720-0800
8:00 - 5:00 Mon. - Fri.
1544 Lazelle

Sturgis Liquor 347-5983
8:00 - 9:00 Mon. - Sat.
10:00 - 6:00 Sun.
1075 Lazelle Street

After Hours Emergency call
Police Dispatch 347-2573

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