



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.*



June 20 Summer Begins

## Meetings and Notices

**City Council Meetings** - June 1 and 15 at 6:30 pm at the Community Center Theater, 1401 Lazelle. Measures for social distancing will be in place. View agendas and meeting information on the City website on the Wednesday prior to the meeting. If you would like to have City Council agendas e-mailed to you, contact the Finance Office at 347-4422. City Council meetings are live-streamed and archived on the City Facebook page.

**Special City Council Meeting** June 8 to discuss 2020 City of Sturgis Motorcycle Rally. This meeting will be held in the Community Center Theater at 6:30 PM.

\*\*\* The Sturgis Camaro Rally scheduled for June 25-28 has been cancelled.\*\*\*

The following application(s) will be reviewed by the Planning Commission on June 2 at 5:30 pm. This meeting will be held at Sturgis City Hall, 1040 Harley-Davidson Way. Annual reviews are conducted by staff and will not appear on Commission agendas. Planning Commission meetings are open to the public and comments are welcome. For more information about an application or review, contact the Planning Office at 347-4422. Meeting dates and locations are subject to change.

Applicant Name	Request	Address
Rev-It-Up Espresso	Annual Review	2703 Lazelle
Northern Hills Business & Tax Service	Annual Review	1109 5th Street

## 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

## Coronavirus Remains in the Spotlight as Businesses and Facilities Begin to Reopen

Several area businesses along with City facilities cautiously began to reopen this month. The common theme remains social distancing, sanitizing, and wearing masks. Many businesses have limited indoor seating and are restricting the number of people allowed in the establishment. Other businesses are open for drive-thru and curbside service only.

Most city facilities have begun to reopen to the public. The lobby at City Hall now allows visitors to the Utility Billing office as long as a mask is worn. The hours remain 7:00 AM until 6:00 PM Monday - Thursday.

The Sturgis Community Center is open but not all areas are open for use. The sauna, hot tub, and meeting rooms remain closed. The number of people allowed in the pool is restricted to a maximum of 10. The number of people using the walking track is restricted to 7 at any given time. The cardio and weight rooms have been modified to meet social distancing protocols. Patrons must be at least 14 years of age or be accompanied by a parent or someone over the age of 14. Community Center staff are required to wear masks at all times. Sanitizing supplies are available for member use. These protocols are continuing to evolve with CDC and Department of Health guidelines.

The Library continues to offer curbside service as well as YouTube story hour programs.

All updates to City services and events are shared on social media channels and through local news.

Music on Main Concert Series and Mountain Bike Point Race Series will return to Harley-Davidson Rally Point in downtown Sturgis at 6:00 PM on Wednesdays.

June 3 - Camp Comfort  
June 10 - Zeona Road  
June 17 - Tris Munsick & The Innocents  
June 24 - Dirty Word with Kat Perkins

## Sturgis Rally Decision Expected on June 15

The City has received many inquiries regarding the status of the City of Sturgis Motorcycle Rally scheduled for August 7-16. At this time, plans to host the event are still in progress.

According to City Manager Daniel Ainslie, City staff as well as Council members have been involved in conversations with many Rally stakeholders including sponsors, vendors, lodging groups, and representatives from the State. In mid-May, the City sent surveys to Sturgis residents asking for their thoughts on holding the event. Input from these sources, as well as current data from healthcare partners, will all be taken into consideration by the Council before a final decision is made.



An analysis of the financial impact resulting from cancelling the Rally was issued on May 14. If the Rally is cancelled, the City anticipates a \$1.7 million shortfall. To try to illustrate how the loss could be mitigated, a proposal including a 5% increase in 2021 property taxes, a 7% increase to sanitation fees, cancellation of the remaining 2020 and 2021 events including Music on Main, Movies at Rally Point, and the Community Picnic. Additionally, employee furloughs and cuts to the operational funds was discussed. Support for the Chamber and SEDC would also be cut along with donations to charitable organizations. Additionally, almost half of the shortfall would be covered through the City's reserve funds.

A special City Council meeting will take place on June 8 at the Community Center. The City Council will discuss options and will take public comment at this meeting. No action on the matter will take place until the City Council meets in regular session on June 15.

## Construction Updates

With the summer season finally here, several construction projects are taking place.

**7th Street/Woodland Drive Intersection** - This project includes replacing the bike path as well as making repairs to the creek banks. This project will be complete by early July, 2020.

**Ellen Street Reconstruction** - This project is currently out for bids. The project is scheduled to be complete by the end of this summer.

**Otter/1st Avenue/Vanocker Canyon Phase 1** - Stormwater improvements should be completed this summer. The remaining bike path construction will be completed next year.

**Sturgis Airport T-Hangar Addition** - Scheduled for completion in early 2021.

**Waste Water Treatment Plant** - Currently under construction and is scheduled to be completed in 2021.

**Routine Maintenance** - This summer, the Street Department will be working on repairing road sections where service lines have caused settling. Crack sealing maintenance will also be underway in various locations.

**7th Street Crossing** - The City is continuing to work with FEMA to get approval for reconstruction to take place and for the funds for the reconstruction. If FEMA agrees to both, construction will begin in the Spring of 2021 at the earliest.

## Safety Improvements Coming to Ballpark Road Crossing

The RCP&E Railroad has announced their plans to begin making safety improvements at the railroad crossing on Ballpark Road beginning May 27.

This project was approved in 2018 and is a joint effort between the railroad, the South Dakota DOT and the City of Sturgis.

Several accidents have occurred at this crossing. Ballpark Road is one of the main routes to the Sturgis Elementary School and is the primary route taken by the Sturgis Ambulance and Fire Department when responding to calls.

Improvements include the following:

- Train activated flashing safety lights
- Automatic crossing gates
- Concrete surfacing at the crossing
- New Sidewalks

Motorists can expect lane restrictions in this area during construction and are encouraged to use alternate routes.



## Good Deeds Program is Available for Those in Need

The Sturgis Good Deeds Program allows those individuals meeting FEMA criteria for food assistance who are residents of Sturgis and are considered high-risk to call the Library to place an order for groceries and other necessities (\$50 maximum and does not include alcohol or tobacco products). When an order is placed, staff and volunteers do the shopping and deliver the items to the resident.

Individuals who want to use this service are asked to contact the library by calling 347-2624. Orders will be taken from 8 AM until 4 PM Monday - Thursday and up until 1:00 PM on Fridays. All deliveries will be finished by 5:00 PM on Fridays. Deliveries will not be made over the weekend.



Payment for the supplies must be in the form of a check and can be left outside the door to the residence for the delivery person.

The most recent FEMA Policy FP 104-010-03 for food assistance includes the following description: *The population at high-risk for severe illness from COVID-19 includes people 65 years and older and people of any age who have serious underlying medical conditions, including people with chronic lung disease or moderate to severe asthma, people with serious heart conditions, people who are immune-compromised (e.g., those undergoing cancer treatment, smokers, those with HIV or AIDS), and people with severe obesity, diabetes, liver disease, and people undergoing kidney dialysis.*

### Reminder from the Sturgis Police Department

Parking - City Ordinance prohibits parking of RV's, campers and trailers in the public right of way (on a public street, alleyway or boulevard) for more than 24-hours.

If RV's and trailers are left on the street for more than 24-hours, they are subject to being towed at the owners expense. Parking within 15' of a fire hydrant is also illegal.



## Library Announces Children's Summer Reading Program May 26 - August 21

Since there will be no in-library programs this summer, we will be doing virtual story hours and craft tutorials on YouTube! Just look for the Sturgis Public Library on YouTube and watch the programs when it is convenient for you!

Beginning in June, kids can sign up on the *Read Squared* program to track reading logs, take part in fun activities, and earn virtual badges! Watch for more details coming soon!

Grab-n-Go bags containing activities, crafts, and a gently used book will be available for children to pick up at the library or at Sturgis Elementary on Tuesdays during the Summer Meals Program.

Later this summer, the library will be having a *Usborne Virtual Book Fair!* Watch for details on the library's blog and Facebook pages and buy some new books for summer! Portions of the sales will come back to the library in Free Books!



The City of Sturgis has openings for temporary security staff during the Rally, and summer lifeguards. We are also recruiting for a Water Superintendent. This is a full-time position with excellent benefits. Visit the employment page of the City website at [Sturgis-sd.gov](http://Sturgis-sd.gov) for details and application instructions.

### Message from Sturgis Code Enforcement

With the recent hail storms, many new contractors are in the area offering roof inspections along with repair services. All contractors doing business within Sturgis City limits are required to obtain a contractor license. All repairs over \$300 also require a roofing permit regardless of who makes the repairs.

If you hire someone to replace or repair your roof, please ask if they are licensed with the City. You may also call the Code Enforcement office at 347-4422 to verify license information prior to hiring a contractor.



*There is still time to be included in the 2020 Census. If you have not received a Census questionnaire in the mail, you can go online to [2020census.gov](http://2020census.gov) or call 844-330-2020 to get counted.*

*It only takes a few minutes to complete the questionnaire and your information is kept confidential.*

*Census information helps our community grow and prosper by providing the required data for grants, loans, and other funding. New businesses also use Census data when they consider opening new locations.*

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## Contact Information

City Hall 347-4422  
Code Enforcement & Planning  
7:00 - 6:00 Mon. - Fri.  
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

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

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  
9:00 - 7:00 Mon. - Sun.  
1075 Lazelle Street

After Hours Emergency call  
Police Dispatch 347-2573

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