

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



Easter Sunday  
April 4

## Meetings and Notices

**City Council Meetings** - April 5 and 19. The Executive Session begins at 6:00 PM. The public portion of the meeting begins at 6:30 PM. in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 1040 Harley-Davidson Way (please use the Sherman Street entrance).

**Agendas and other meeting information is posted on the City website calendar beginning 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.

The following application(s) will be reviewed by the Planning Commission on April 6 at 5:30 pm. This meeting will be held at Sturgis City Hall, 1040 Harley-Davidson Way. Planning Commission meetings are open to the public and comments are welcome. Meetings are streamed live on the City Facebook page. For more information about an application or review, contact the Planning Office at 347-4422. Meeting dates and locations are subject to change.

Tiffany Smith	UOR Dog Grooming Residential Zone	1547 Main Street
Justin Bohn	UOR FFL License in a Residential Zone	1616 Elk Court
Mountain View Care	UOR Adult Day Care Annual Review	1681 Joedy Street
Kathy Hughes	Request for variance to setbacks for new home	321 8th Street

## Officials

### Mayor

Mark Carstensen

### Council Members

Ward One:  
Mike Bachand  
Terry Keszler

Ward Two:  
David Martinson  
Beka Zerbst

Ward Three:  
Jason Anderson  
Ron Waterland

Ward Four:  
Rhea Crane  
Kevin Forrester

**City Manager**  
Daniel Ainslie

For contact information visit the city website at [www.sturgis-sd.gov](http://www.sturgis-sd.gov) or call City Hall At 605-347-4422

## Municipal Election Not Needed

For the first time in many years, the City of Sturgis will not hold a municipal election. Each of the wards had one candidate who turned in the required petitions to run for office. New candidates will be sworn into office on Monday, May 3.

### The new 2021 City Council includes the following:

Ward 1	Angela Wilkerson Mike Bachand	Replaces Terry Keszler Term ends 2022
Ward 2	Beka Zerbst David Martinson	Incumbent Term ends 2022
Ward 3	Aaron Jordan Jason Anderson	Replaces Ron Waterland Term ends 2022
Ward 4	Dean Sigman *Kevin Forrester	Replaces Rhea Crane Replaced Steve Keszler



*\*Kevin Forrester was sworn in as Ward 4 City Councilor on March 15. He was appointed to a one-year term following the resignation of Ward 4 Councilor Steve Keszler.*

## Alora Murray New ACO

Alora Murray has been hired as the new Sturgis/Meade County Animal Control Officer.

Alora is a Certified Animal Control Officer and has previous experience working at the Sturgis Shelter. Alora is excited to offer her assistance to the residents and animals in our community.



The Sturgis/Meade County Animal Shelter is open daily from 9AM until 5PM. A Facebook page lists events, news, and other information. If you would like to meet some of the animals that are available for adoption or if you would like to volunteer at the shelter, please call 347-8310.

The Police Department would like to remind everyone that animals residing within city limits are required to have current rabies vaccinations. If you walk your dogs in public, they need to be on a leash, at heel or under the control of a competent person. Additionally, it is unlawful to tie an animal to any sign post or bench in the public right of way.

## Sturgis Outdoor Aquatics Committee Presents Water Park Recommendations at Public Meeting



On March 24, the Sturgis Aquatics Committee held a public presentation at the Community Center to put forth their recommendations for an outdoor aquatics park.

The recommendations include a man-made lake at the fairgrounds. If adopted, the lake would feature inflatable structures, a sand beach with a zero entry swimming area, a concession stand, picnic area, mini-golf, walking path, and several other amenities.

The Aquatics Committee is a citizen's group that has been meeting for several months to discuss options for an outdoor pool and/or splash park. A link to the presentation can be found in the news section of the City website. The presentation can be viewed on the City Facebook page. A second presentation is scheduled for April 7. Comments and questions about the project can be made on the Sturgis Aquatics Committee Facebook page.



Every year in the United States, hundreds of people are killed and thousands injured because of the weather. Dangerous weather can take many forms in South Dakota. Weather events range from violent tornadoes, floods, and hailstorms to crippling winter storms.

While there is nothing we can do to stop dangerous weather from affecting us, there are things we can do to stay safe when the weather turns nasty. Weather safety and survival - no matter what the hazard - depends on the following key items:

- 1. KNOW THE HAZARDS** - Be aware of the hazards that you might face during a weather event.
- 2. KNOW WHEN TO EXPECT DANGEROUS WEATHER** - Monitor forecasts and information from the National Weather Service, local tv and radio stations, and other official sources.
- 3. PAY ATTENTION** - Be aware of all watches, warnings, and advisories affecting you and be prepared to act quickly.
- 4. HAVE A PLAN TO STAY SAFE** - Think about it before it happens. Have a plan and practice your plan with your family.

The Sturgis Community Center is a designated 24/7 temporary emergency shelter in the event of a tornado. When the county sounds the warning siren, the Sturgis Police will open the Community Center (if outside normal hours). The main lobby and restrooms inside the center will be available for sheltering in place. If a long-term shelter is needed, the Red Cross will open a facility that can provide services.

In the event of an emergency, informational updates will be made available on the City of Sturgis social media pages.

Everyone is encouraged to sign up for CODE RED Emergency Alerts! You can learn about free Code Red Emergency Alerts by going to the City website at [Sturgis-sd.gov](http://Sturgis-sd.gov) and clicking on the green 'Code Red Alerts' button.



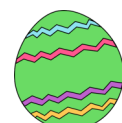
The City is currently taking applications for volunteers to serve on the Sturgis Planning and Zoning Commission.

The Planning Commission is responsible for reviewing items related to plats, signage, subdivision developments, and requests for variances. Following reviews, the Commission provides recommendations to the Sturgis City Council.

The Commission usually meets on the first Tuesday of the month. Meetings take place at 5:30 PM but may be held at other times if needed. Additional special meetings are also called when necessary.

Commission meetings are open to the public and are streamed on the City Facebook page.

Commission positions are voluntary. Members serve for three-year terms. Experience in construction, planning, real estate, and engineering may be helpful but are not required. Interested individuals are encouraged to visit the city website news section to learn more and to fill out an online volunteer application. The application deadline is April 16.



**Optimists Easter Egg Hunt at City Park Saturday, April 3 at 10:00 AM.**

**Spring City-Wide Garage Sale - May 1**  
Contact the Chamber at 347-2556 to get included on the official map.




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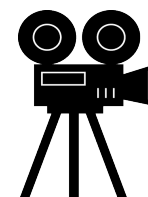


## Alms for the Alliance - Fundraiser

The Sturgis Alliance of Churches is a local non-profit that helps local families with meeting basic needs. In 2020 the Alliance had nearly 500 requests for help. The Alliance provides individuals and families who are in need with funds for housing, groceries, medicine and utilities.

Each year, the Alliance holds two major fundraisers; the Annual Chili Cookoff and the Annual Potato Supper. These fundraisers are greatly supported by the Sturgis community. In 2020, however, due to COVID, there were no fundraising events.

Now in 2021, the Alliance of Churches is asking the community to support their efforts by donating through a 'socially distant' effort. During the months of March and April, Sturgis churches will ask attendees to make a specific donation to the Alms for the Alliance. If you do not attend a local church but would still like to make a donation to help those in need in our community, please stop by the Community Center or Library before the end of April and ask to make an Alms for the Alliance donation.



**Community Cinema!** Sturgis Community Center - Free Admission.

The Incredibles 1 - Showing April 9 at 7 PM & April 10 at 1 PM.  
The Incredibles 2 - Showing April 23 at 7 PM & April 24 at 1 PM.



The Police Department reminds residents it is unlawful to feed wildlife within city limits. Feeding deer and turkeys will encourage them to remain in the city.

### At the Library in April



Mark your calendar and plan to attend the Green Thumb Gala May 17-21 and the Annual Quilt Show May 17-June 30. Watch for more information in the coming weeks.

### Help Us Celebrate National Library Week April 5 - 10

- April 5** - Welcome back! Now open M-Th 8-7, Friday 8-5, Sat 8-4 PM.
- April 6** - Welcome to Curbside & Delivery Services. Call first, then swing by the Library for a free treat bag!
- April 7** - Try out a variety of Take & Make Program Kits including MakerMonday, Adult, Toddler, and Preschool.
- April 8** - Welcome to Facebook Live Story Hours. Join Miss Kathy every Tuesday & Wednesday at 10 AM on Facebook Live.
- April 9** - Book Sale! We are now taking donations for this sale to be held all week in the lobby. Funds go toward children's programs.

## 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  
6:00 - 3:00 Mon. - Thur.  
6:00 - 10:00 AM 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.  
1040 Harley-Davidson Way

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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