

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

Meetings and Notices

City Council Meetings - November 7 and 21. The meetings will begin 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 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.

City offices will be closed Nov. 10 for Veterans Day. Nov. 24 & 25 in observance of Thanksgiving, Dec. 24 & 26 for Christmas, and Dec. 31 and Jan. 2 for New Year's.

Adventure Park action - Action items pertaining to the proposed Adventure Park in Vancocker Canyon will be on the agenda of the Nov. 21 council meeting.

Use on Review for a double-wide manufactured dwelling in Highway Service Zone for Mako Enterprises, Inc., Bob Lippold, at 12976 Hwy. 34, Sturgis.

Sturgis Hometown Market to host mixer

The City of Sturgis *Hometown Market* is now open at 1123 Main Street. The market features products from local crafters, artists and producers.

The Market operates from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Fridays, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturdays and noon to 4 p.m. Sundays.

A Sturgis Area Chamber of Commerce mixer is planned at the *Hometown Market* from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 10.



Officials

Mayor

Mark Carstensen

Council Members

Ward One:

Mike Bachand
Angela Wilkerson

Ward Two:

Beka Zerbst
Tony Dargatz

Ward Three:

Aaron Jordan
Preston Williams

Ward Four:

Kevin Forrester
Dean Sigman

City Manager

Daniel Ainslie

For contact information visit the city website at www.sturgis-sd.gov or call City Hall at 605-347-4422

Council expected to act on Adventure Park at Nov. 21 meeting

The Sturgis Park Board has moved forward a proposal for an Adventure Park to be located in an area just south of Interstate 90 in southeast Sturgis at the entrance to Vancocker Canyon.

The action by the Parks Board on Tuesday, Oct. 18, was to make a recommendation to the Sturgis City Council to approve the construction and development of an Adventure Park subject to integration of trails throughout the park and the associated development, and that there would be further discussion about the final design of the residential and retail areas.

Members of the Park Board include: Lana Anderson, Lynn Birk, Justin Bohn, Allison Creed, Sara Linn, Shauna Sigman, and Megan Snyder. Anderson, Birk, Creed, Sigman and Snyder were in attendance Tuesday and voted in favor of recommending the Adventure Park proposal.

The process of creating a park was set in motion in 2020 when the city began discussing some sort of outdoor aquatics venue within the city.

Sam Greear, Executive Director of Black Hills Trails, told the Park Board on Oct. 18, he was pleased to see a focus on recrea-

tional opportunities for the Sturgis community.

He also encouraged the Park Board and the city to ensure that the proposed park is well connected to the existing trail system on public land immediately adjacent the land on which the park would be located.

"Without dedicated recreation access to the neighboring BLM, we will be doing not only a disservice to the rec park, but also to the trail system," he said.

Karen Lynass, a member of the Aquatics Committee, said it has been the mission of the committee to provide the City of Sturgis with a unique, clean and safe environment for all ages and abilities to enjoy passive or active recreational activities year around.

To date, the Aquatics Committee has raised \$410,000 for the Adventure Park project and heard from people during that time that they are excited for the proposed project.

"As a parent, I raised two kids here and I ended up going to Spearfish or to Roubaix Lake or to Rapid, and I think now it would just be nice to have my grandkids have a place to be able to go to here in Sturgis," Lynass said



At left, Karen Lynass, a member of the Sturgis Aquatics Committee spoke at the Parks Board meeting Tuesday, Oct. 18, and encouraged the Parks Board to support the Adventure Park project.

WHAT'S NEXT...

- Nov. 8: The Sturgis Planning Commission makes a recommendation regarding the TIF District for the Vancocker Canyon Estates development. The meeting is at 5:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of Sturgis City Hall, 1040 Harley-Davidson Way.
- Nov. 21: Sturgis City Council will vote regarding the surplus and transfer of property and the TIF District. The meeting is at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of Sturgis City Hall, 1040 Harley-Davidson Way.

Why is the Adventure Park not going to a vote of Sturgis residents?

Sturgis City Attorney Mark F. Marshall said state law limits the subject of ballot issues initiated by a municipal governing body. In general, a municipality may initiate a ballot question on the necessity of issuing municipal bonds. SDCL § 6-8B-3 Resolution or ordinance declaring necessity of bond issue--Contents--Election provides: If it is determined by the governing body to be necessary or expedient for any public body to issue its bonds, the governing body at a regular meeting thereof or a special meeting duly called may by resolution or ordinance declare the necessity thereof and may submit the question of the issuance of bonds to the voters of the public body at any annual election or at a special election called for that purpose. Marshall said it is his opinion that the Sturgis City Council does not have the power to refer the question of whether to build the proposed Adventure Park to a vote of the people because no municipal bonds are being used for the proposed project.

Mayor's Message

I'd like to share my perspective that the majority of people need to step back and take their thoughts captive and make decisions not through the filter of conflict and destruction but rather on the greatest commandment - "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul and with all your mind. The second is to love your neighbor as yourself." This job of sitting on the Sturgis City Council and serving the citizens is exactly that - it's a service job. It's quite exhausting for all of us. It's a heavy load and it's just something that I believe this council does a good job of listening to the citizens and working with people and trying to make solutions. I believe our city represents the American spirit in our society as a whole, needs to lean less on the government and more on personal responsibility and just living day-to-day in a way that helps all move forward instead of remaining stagnant in the conflict. We could all do better as humans. We're all broken but perspective is important. We expect council agenda items in November to include actions on the much-discussed Sturgis Adventure Park. We're still working on that, but we plan to bring that forward. Also, don't forget your civic duty to vote on Nov. 8. It's important that all of us as citizens of our community and of this great nation vote.



Holiday Closures

- * City offices will be closed Nov. 10 & 11 for Veterans Day. Nov. 24 & 25 in observance of Thanksgiving, Dec. 24 & 26 for Christmas, and Dec. 31 and Jan. 2 for New Year's
- * Sturgis Liquor will be closed on Christmas, open 10 - 2 on New Year's Day.
- * The Community Center will be closed on Christmas Eve, Christmas, and New Year's Day.

Holiday-Trash Routes:

- * Thursday Nov. 24, garbage will be collected on Wednesday and Friday garbage will be picked up on Monday, Nov. 28. Garbage usually picked up on Dec. 26, will be picked up on Tuesday, Dec. 27. There will be no change to the trash routes for New Year's week.

Water Aerobics

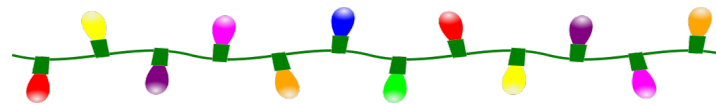
Monday, Wednesday, Friday 6:30 a.m. -7:30 a.m. or
9:30 a.m. -10:30 a.m.

Tuesday & Thursday 9:30 a.m. -10:30 a.m.

Deep Water Aerobics

Tuesday & Thursday 5:10 p.m.- 6 p.m.

Free for Members! Non Members: \$35
(8 week session)



Sturgis for the Holidays events

Sturgis Liquor Open House

Date: 11/18 from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.
Sturgis Liquor, 1075 Lazelle St., will offer tastings and some giveaways. Come check out all they have for holiday gatherings.

Small Business Saturday

Date: 11/26 | All Day (Store hours vary)
Shop Local, Shop Small, Shop STURGIS!
Local retailers will have lots of special promotions.

Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony & Parade of Lights

Dates: 12/1 & 12/2 | 6 p.m. nightly
Harley-Davidson Rally Point (12/1) and Parade route TBA (12/2) The Tree Lighting on Thursday welcomes local business booths, live music, the Mayor's Christmas story, and of course the official lighting of the tree. On Friday, countless visitors and residents attend the parade each year with about 50 floats annually! The events are part of a community collaboration, "Sturgis for the Holidays."

Sturgis Hometown Market Open House

Date: 12/8 from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.
Come to 1123 Main Street for a holiday open house. Visit 40 vendors for all your holiday shopping needs.

Annual Drive-By Holiday Lights Tour

Dates: 12/12 - 12/27 | Self-led tour
Participating homes and businesses across Sturgis will be all decked out for the holidays. Contact the Sturgis Chamber at (605) 347-2556 or stop by the office at 2040 Junction Avenue by Friday, Dec. 9 to register your address.

Scrooge Night

Date: 12/15 | All Day (Store Hours Vary)
Participating Retail Locations Across Sturgis
Scrooge Night is the business community's annual last-chance opportunity to finish up Christmas shopping lists in Sturgis! Businesses stay open late and offer giveaways, incredible deals, and fun treats.

Holiday Giveaway

The Downtown Sturgis Foundation's fifth annual Downtown Sturgis Holiday Giveaway offers a chance for you to win from a pool of more than \$4,000 in local business gift card prizes. To enter, simply shop at any participating business in the Downtown Business Improvement District. Enter your name and contact information on an entry slip or the back of your receipt every time you shop. To view a full list of participating businesses, visit the news section on the City website.



Sturgis Police to conduct deer harvest

The Sturgis Police Department will conduct a deer harvest between Nov. 1, 2022, and Feb. 28, 2023. Under this program, the department conducts an annual deer survey within city limits. Based on that survey, a specific number of deer tags are issued by the SDGF&P to help reduce the urban deer population. City residents are able to apply for deer meat through an open application process. The application will soon be available on the city's website, on Facebook, or at city hall. Any excess meat will be donated to the Sturgis Kiwanis Food Pantry. Police Chief Geody VanDewater reminds residents it is unlawful to feed wildlife within city limits. Feeding deer encourages herds to remain in the city.

Library Happenings

YOUTH

Baby & Toddler Storytime - every Tuesday @ 10am
PreK Storytime - every Wednesday @ 11 am
Wonder Math with Richard Moeller - 1st & 3rd Tuesday of the month, Nov. 1st & 15th, 3:30-4:30 pm
Poetry Reading with Sylvia Marchetti - Thurs. Nov. 3rd @ 5 pm

LEGOS FOR ALL AGES - every first Monday of the month. Nov. 7th from 3-5 pm

MegaMonday - Nov. 21st @ 4pm. Ages 6-11 are welcome to join in on the *Minute to Win It* games and eat popcorn.

TEEN

Teen Tuesday - Nov. 8th 3:30-4:30 pm. Teens (12+) can enjoy snacks and *Minute to Win It* games at the library.

6-Week Coding Club for Middle-Grade Students - Wednesdays 3:30-4:30 pm, Nov. 9th- Dec. 14th

FAMILY & ADULT

MusicSpeaks - every third Thursday (Nov. 17) with Dr. Christopher Hahn @ 5:30pm

History at High Noon - every third Friday (Nov. 18) presented by the Sturgis Area Arts Council: "Boys won't play with dolls, they're action figures," by Jim Holland. The story of G.I. Joe.

Books on Tap - Nov. 17th @ 6 pm. Read a "foodie" themed book and prepare a small dish to share with other members. Meeting at the Oasis Bar & Lounge.

CLOSED Nov. 24th & 25th for Thanksgiving

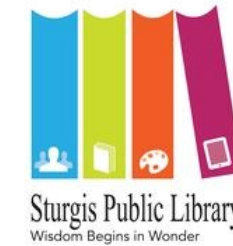
LIBRARY CLOSURES

Nov. 11 & 12th for Veteran's Day

Nov. 24 & 25 for Thanksgiving

Dec. 24 & 26 for Christmas

Dec. 31 & Jan. 2 for New Year's Day



FREE THANKSGIVING MEAL

You are invited to enjoy a free Thanksgiving meal at the Sturgis Community Center from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, Nov. 24. If you would like to make a contribution or volunteer, please call Johnetta Lewis at (605) 490-8272. Uncle Louie's Diner also will be selling pies to donate to the Thanksgiving meal.



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 Avalanche 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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Hours of operation are subject
to change.