

City of Sturgis
1040 Harley-Davidson Way
Sturgis, SD 57785



STURGIS AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE & VISITORS BUREAU LEGISLATIVE CRACKERBARREL
Event Details: 9 a.m.
Saturday, Feb. 4
Meade County
Erskine Building,
1300 Sherman St. Sturgis
Sponsored by: Meade County Democratic Party
Meade County Republican Women

Meetings and Notices

City Council Meetings - Feb. 6 and Feb. 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 on Monday, Feb. 20 for Presidents Day.

The following application(s) will be reviewed by the Sturgis Planning Commission on Feb. 7 at 5:30 p.m.: Love INC Use on Review for Office Space, 1242 Sherman St., and Iverson Coffee Kiosk zoning variance for drive-thru coffee kiosk at Kick Start, 12998 SD Highway 34.



Klock named Grand Marshal for 83rd Sturgis Rally

Laura Klock, president and founder of the South Dakota non-profit Helping With Horsepower, and known in motorcycling circles for setting land speed records on the Bonneville Salt Flats will be grand marshal of the 83rd City of Sturgis Motorcycle Rally.

Klock said she was honored and humbled to be asked to be grand marshal. "The Sturgis Rally holds a really special place in my heart," she said.

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



Monthly Newsletter

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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 Recycling Center not a drop-off for household garbage

Sturgis resident Bonnie Alberts says she doesn't want the city to close its recycling center, but that could happen if the city can't rein in people misusing the site. Alberts said she had been to the Sturgis Recycling Center near I-90 Exit 32 in recent weeks and said she is irritated by the abuse of the center by fellow citizens. "It was an absolute mess up there again this week," Alberts told the Sturgis City Council at their meeting Jan. 17. "I'm seeing more of the bags of just household garbage that just should not be happening."

Establishment of a recycling program has for years been identified in public surveys as a priority among Sturgis residents.

In 2011, the City of Sturgis was awarded a \$25,000 grant from the state of South Dakota to assist with implementing a recycling program. A \$1 recycling fee was added to city utility bills in 2010 to help cover the purchase of recycling containers and now pays for ongoing expenses associated with the program.

Alberts worries that misuse of the site could lead to it being closed.

"I don't want to lose recycling and so I guess



Lots of non-recyclable items are being left at the Sturgis Recycling Center.

my criticism is of my fellow citizens. If you continue in misusing our recycling area, we're gonna lose it," she said. Sturgis City Council member Mike Bachand said maybe the city should consider surveillance cameras at the site to catch those misusing the recycling center.

Council member Beka Zerbst suggested moving the recycling center to the city's rubble site where city workers would have the ability to check a person's water bill as entrance to the site.

"I know that part of what is so great about the recycling center is the location and the

convenience, but I think that if it gets to a point where it just is being abused by people who are not courteous enough to follow the rules maybe I would hate to see it go away but I also don't think it's fair to our public works to have to pick up people's trash from there."

Sturgis Public Works Director Rich Bush said there are definitely some things that the city can do to address the problem and he would like to sit down with the council and discuss them. "But, you're not ever going to completely eliminate it," he said.

STURGIS RECYCLE CENTER RULES

The following items are accepted at the Recycling Trailers:

- **ALUMINUM** such as beverage cans, aluminum bottles, hairspray cans & shaving cream cans
- **STEEL & TIN** such as vegetable cans, soup cans, food cans, coffee cans & empty aerosol cans
- **GLASS** such as bottles, jars & jugs (please remove lids)
- **PLASTICS** such as food containers, milk jugs, hair care bottles, soda bottles, bowls & tubs (marked with recycling triangle)
- **NEWSPRINT**
- **CARDBOARD** - Only brown, corrugated cardboard boxes, like Amazon boxes. No cardboard with printing, such as soda or cereal boxes. Note: please break down cardboard boxes and place them inside the fenced area.

The following items are **NOT** accepted at the Recycling Trailers:

- **HOUSEHOLD GARBAGE** Violators will be fined.
- **PLASTIC GROCERY SACKS OR GARBAGE BAGS** Please empty recyclables directly into bins
- **WET-STRENGTH PAPERBOARD** such as frozen food boxes, soda can boxes, cereal boxes, etc.
- **PHONE BOOKS, MAGAZINES, PANE GLASS, PIZZA BOXES, PLASTIC OR STYROFOAM PACKING MATERIAL**



All recycling collection bins are located south of Exit 32 on the northwest corner of the intersection of Dickson Drive and Junction Avenue in Sturgis.

Sturgis most affordable community in the Black Hills

For the past eight years, the Sturgis City Council has been focused on what the cost of living is in Sturgis as compared to seven other communities in the Black Hills. According to comparisons of such variables as property tax and city utilities, the city of Sturgis was tied for fifth place when the comparison was first done in 2014. This year, the comparison showed Sturgis as the most affordable. "We're proud to say that our efforts in making Sturgis a more affordable community to live in have paid off," Sturgis Mayor Mark Carstensen said. The mayor said that the major contributors leading to Sturgis being

more affordable include:

- The increased profitability of the Sturgis Liquor Store
- The increased profitability of the City of Sturgis Motorcycle Rally
- The increased revenue from interest payments made to the city on TIF loans
- Increased sales tax revenue
- Increased contractor licenses and building permits
- Increased utility users

The annual survey compared the cost of owning a \$150,000 house in eight Black Hills communities and considered that the property owner was using 2,000 gallons of city water per month.


Looking at the cost through the years, Sturgis' comparative utility costs have decreased significantly over the past four years as the number of user accounts has increased. That means the cost of providing services is spread amongst more users – thus lower the cost for all. The growth of the community, the continued profitability of the Rally, and continued efficiencies within city government have led to the city to this point, the mayor said. "We're excited to be at the top of the list. We will continue to work to maintain the most affordable cost of living for our residents," Carstensen said.

January 1, 2023

	City Tax	School Tax	County Tax	Other Tax	Sewer	Water	Garbage	Annual Total
Sturgis	643	779	512	0	527	279	206	2946
Deadwood	625	847	493	102	324	391	307	3089
Spearfish	324	1047	493	30	636	261	250	3041
Belle Fourche	627	1086	530	0	467	297	256	3263
Summerset	461	1038	512	91	607	384	217	3310
Rapid City	422	1052	703	140	403	352	308	3380
Hot Springs	733	1048	561	97	388	376	207	3410
Lead	967	847	493	195	396	345	253	3497
Eight City average	\$ 600.21	\$ 967.95	\$ 537.13	\$ 81.98	\$ 468.59	\$ 335.67	\$ 250.59	\$ 3,242.11
Sturgis over (under)	\$ 42.39	\$ (188.70)	\$ (24.73)	\$ (81.98)	\$ 58.22	\$ (57.15)	\$ (44.31)	\$ (296.26)

Big Band Music & Chocolate Tasting

Big Band sounds will return to the Sturgis Community Center at 2 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 19. The band, under the direction of David Martinson, plays wonderful music that makes you want to dance and/or sing along! And, the Arts Council is bringing back the chocolate tasting event during intermission! Tickets for the afternoon are \$15 for adults, \$10 for seniors and \$5 for students and will be available at the door.



Sturgis city offices and the Sturgis Public Library will be closed on Monday, Feb. 20 for Presidents Day. Trash normally collected on Monday will be picked up on Tuesday. The regular Sturgis City Council meeting will take place on Tuesday, Feb. 21.

STURGIS COMMUNITY CENTER

Circuit Classes
 Tuesdays 12:30 p.m. to 1 p.m.
 Wednesdays 5 a.m. to 5:45 a.m.
 Thursdays 5 a.m. to 5:45 a.m.
 Members: FREE
 Non-members: \$35 (8-week session)

Gardeners interested in applying for a garden spot in one of the two Community Gardens may apply at the City Finance Office March 1 - 31. The gardens are located on Blanche Street and at the corner of Ball Park Road and Arizona Avenue.



Library Happenings

Baby & Toddler Storytime: 10 a.m. Tuesdays (starting Feb. 7)
PreK Storytime: 11a.m. Wednesdays (starting Feb. 1)
Tiny Tot Social: Fri., Feb. 24, 10 a.m.: Join other tiny tots for an hour of unstructured play time, in the library! Snacks and refreshments will be served.
Needs & Noodles: (a life-skills class) Feb. 1 and 15, 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. A class for teens & young adults. On Feb. 1, participants will be learning some sewing basics. On Feb. 15, participants will learn how to open a bank account and manage money. As always, hot and delicious noodles will be served!
LEGOS for all ages!: Feb. 6, 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. Ever been ziplining? This month we are going to challenge our building brains with a zipline challenge!
Wonder Math S.T.E.A.M.: Feb. 7 and 21, 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Robotics obstacle courses with Richard Moeller.
Mega Monday: Feb. 13, 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. Ages 6-11 are invited to join Miss Sierra for Quiet Olympics! Popcorn and refreshments will be served.
Adult DIY Tile Coaster: Feb. 13, 5:30 p.m. Adults are invited to make a set of their own mod podge tile coasters. All supplies will be provided, but you are welcome to bring photos or other decorative materials to make a masterpiece! Space is limited to 16, please RSVP at the library.
Teen Tuesday: Feb. 14, 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. All teens ages 12+ are invited to a Valentine's Party at the library. Complete with snacks, games, and candy!
MusicSpeaks Thurs., Feb. 16, 5:30 p.m.
History at High Noon: Feb. 17, noon. This program will feature Ken Beug as he presents a program on the Beug Family history.
CLOSED Mon. Feb. 20: PRESIDENTS DAY
Books on Tap: Thurs., Feb. 23, 6 p.m. 44 North Whiskey Bar. Theme: "50 Shades of Love" Join an adult-only book club meeting once a month at different bars around town. Read any book you interpret to February's theme of "50 Shades of Love" to share with the group. Each month's theme is open to interpretation.
Library Artist of the Month: The Sturgis Brown High School Art Department will be displaying a variety of 2-D and 3-D artworks from the Introduction to the Visual Arts, Art1/Photo1, and the 3D Sculpture classes from Feb. 1 through March 8 this year. Stop by to see their hard work!



Crossroads exhibit coming to Sturgis Public Library in March

The Main Street traveling exhibition "Crossroads: Change in Rural America" will be in Sturgis March 3 to April 29. You can be part of the Smithsonian Institution Exhibit. Local residents are asked to bring a photo to the Sturgis Public Library to display during the exhibit. The picture should relate to the theme: Change in Rural America. A "People's Choice" award will be given to the most popular photo in each age category. Drop photos off at the library between March 1 to March 8. Also, local students are invited to submit an essay on the theme Change in Rural America. Essays must be submitted by Feb. 19. For more information, contact Christopher Hahn at the Sturgis Public Library: chahn@sturgisgov.com or 605-347-2624.

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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