

City offices will be closed on Monday, Sept. 5 for Labor Day. The Library will also be closed on Saturday, Sept. 3. Trash normally collected on Monday will be picked up on Tuesday.

## Meetings and Notices

**City Council Meetings** - Sept. 5 and Sept. 18. The meetings will begin at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 1040 Harley-Davidson Way. 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.

The following applications will be reviewed by the Planning Commission on Sept. 6, at 5:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 1040 Harley-Davidson Way, Sturgis.

- 2404 Dolan Creek Use on Review to sell firearms
- Annual Reviews:
- 2572 Mayer Ave Use on Review upstairs living area
  - 2879 Vanocker Canyon Road Use on Review towing business

**Please take a quick survey to see if your home's water pipe contains lead.**

You just need:

- Five minutes
- A coin
- A magnet
- A smartphone

Visit [survey.SDWaterPipes.com](https://survey.SDWaterPipes.com) to take a step-by-step survey to identify and record the material of pipe coming into your home.  
A paper copy is available upon request.

## Partnership continues to help Sturgis thrive

STURGIS - Sturgis continues to thrive and grow thanks to long-standing partnerships between the city, Sturgis Area Chamber of Commerce & Visitors Bureau, and the Sturgis Economic Development Corp.

For visual effects, think about it as a three-legged stool. The city, chamber and economic development corporation are the three legs or foundational pillars that underlie the community's success. If one of the legs is missing, the stool won't stand or be successful in its purpose.

"Working hand-in-hand as partners helps us each contribute to a better Sturgis for all," said Veronica Grosek, Executive Director of the Sturgis Chamber.

The Sturgis Chamber aligns goals with the City of Sturgis and Sturgis Economic Development Corp. to make Sturgis an even better place for guests, businesses, and residents, Grosek said.

The Sturgis Economic Development Corp. contributes to the success of the community by using its strategies of growing business, developing infrastructure, building partnerships, creating awareness, and growing its organization.

"We achieve this by collaborating with local businesses to pinpoint growth opportunities, actively encouraging new businesses to open in Sturgis, and showcasing our community as a favorable place for growth and success," said Amanda Anglin, executive director of Sturgis Economic Development Corp. This year marks the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of

the early autumn blizzard Atlas that caused nearly \$1 million in damage to businesses throughout the Sturgis community.

City leaders were determined to build back better. In May of 2014, the city and SEDC made a presentation to area developers and realtors citing economic development opportunities within the Sturgis area.

That meeting was the catalyst to spur growth that continues today in Sturgis thanks to the partnership between the city, chamber and economic development corporation.

Anglin said SEDC's mission is to actively pursue economic development by assisting expanding or new business, industry and housing in Sturgis and Meade County.

"We work closely with the Downtown Sturgis Foundation and Downtown Business Improvement District to enhance Main Street. We also actively search for businesses to expand or open in the Sturgis Industrial Park, creating good job opportunities for local residents," she said.

The city and the chamber also work hand-in-hand year around to encourage both visitors and potential new residents to come to Sturgis.

"It's important to us as a Chamber and operator of the Sturgis Welcome Center to encourage and support year-round business and tourism as much as possible," Grosek said. "Our board establishes initiatives like the new



'57785' community and visitor magazine to support our own mission, but furthermore to support the city's overall goals for better 'quality of place.'"

The city has agreements with both the Chamber and SEDC. The city's agreement with the chamber includes \$115,000 for providing services such as hosting community events. Suggested events include new business ribbon cuttings, business mixers, election forums, crackerbarrels, Sturgis for the Holidays activities and support of city-sponsored large scale tourist events.

The Chamber also gets \$20,000 from the city to disperse as event grants to local groups hosting events in the community.

One such grant was awarded just last spring to Sturgis Williams Middle School for their performance of the Lion King Junior at the Sturgis Community Center.

SEDC's contract stipulates that the organization gets \$95,000 from city sales tax revenue and \$40,000 from water fund revenue.

Both organizations give quarterly updates to the city on their activities.

## 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

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

## Merwin, Trigg honored for their first-responder service

This year's closing ceremonies for the 83<sup>rd</sup> City of Sturgis Motorcycle Rally were a tribute to all first responders.

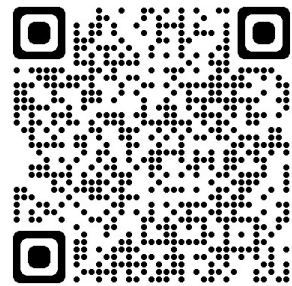
The event was held on Saturday, Aug. 12, at Harley-Davidson Rally Point. First responders include all who put their life on the line for the sake of others -- nurses, paramedics/EMTs, police officers, firefighters and more.

The city honored two lifelong first responders, former Meade County Sheriff Ron Merwin and former Sturgis Volunteer Fire Department Chief Tom Trigg.



Tom Trigg, left, Becky Merwin and Ron Merwin, share a light-hearted moment during the closing ceremony of the 83rd City of Sturgis Motorcycle Rally.

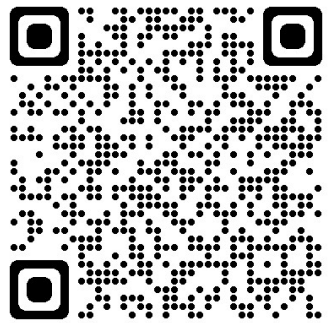
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## Sturgis veterans honored at Military Appreciation Day

Honoring those who have served in the United States Armed Forces is an important part of the Sturgis Motorcycle Rally. For that reason, Tuesday, Aug. 8, was designated as Military Appreciation Day at the City of Sturgis Motorcycle Rally. Two Sturgis veterans were honored at the ceremony for their service - Boyd "Pug" Daane and Kristi Ortiz.

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Kristi Ortiz, and Boyd "Pug" Daane were honored veterans this year at Military Appreciation Day.



## Library Happenings

Library will be closed on Monday, Sept. 4 for Labor Day. September is Library Card Sign-up Month! The library will have a card sign-up contest and scavenger hunt. Stop by the the library for more information.



### Regular Youth Programs:

Toddler Storytime (ages 0-3) every Tuesday at 10 a.m.  
Pre-K Storytime (ages 3-6) every Wednesday at 11 a.m.  
LEGO Club - Mon. Sept. 11, 3-5 p.m. All ages welcome. Every 1st Monday each month.  
Power Players! Gaming at the Library for ages 10+. Tuesdays, Sept. 12 & 26 from 3-4:30 p.m. very 2nd & 4th Tuesday.  
Mega Monday, Sept. 18 from 4-5 p.m. Ages 6-10 are invited for popcorn and STEAM activities. Every 3rd Monday each month.  
Tiny Tot Social - Sept. 29 at 10 a.m. Join in an unstructured playtime hour with snacks and friends at the library.

### Special Events & Programs:

Renewed Lewk Clothes Swap for Teens & Adults - Sept. 9, 1-3 p.m. Extending the life of clothing, free new-to-you outfits, and keeping clothing out of landfills! Cookies & refreshments will be served. Clean, new or gently used items can be brought in to swap. A max of 15 items per person. Teen & Adult Sizes (women and men styles). Space is limited, please arrive by 1 p.m. to help with set-up of your items and organization. Swap will take place from 1-3 p.m.  
Needs & Noodles Life Skills - A Course for Young Adults - Join the folks at the library for 6 weeks of cooking and life skills basics. Every Wednesday, beginning Sept. 13 - Oct. 18, 3:30-4:30 p.m.  
SD History Talks - a presentation by the SD Historical Society Foundation. Come to the library to sit in on this virtual conference . Author Linda Marshall will discuss her book Bob Marshall: Wilderness Hero.  
MusicSpeaks - Sept. 21, 5:30 p.m. A discussion of all things musical with Library Director Chris Hahn.  
Solar Eclipse Storytime for All Ages - Sept. 26, 5 p.m. "We're getting ready for the Annular Eclipse on Oct. 14, 2023. Join Miss Kathy for the first of three programs helping us learn more about the eclipse through books and activities."  
Books on Tap: Banned Books, Sept. 28, 6 p.m. at the Loud American. Read any book banned, past or present, and join us for this lively book discussion. Meeting every fourth Thursday at a new place and new book theme.

## Please don't feed the strays

High populations of stray dogs and cats pose a hazard to human health and safety, as such animals provide a fruitful breeding ground for infectious disease, including but not limited to rabies and distemper, and may otherwise bite or attack humans and domestic animals. In addition, food provided for strays animals is often attractive to wild animals such as racoons and rodents and may create a nuisance conditions such as rat harborage or other wild infestation. Please leave them be as they will find their own food, says Sturgis & Meade County Animal Shelter Director Trishelle Tammi.



## Contact Information

**City Hall 347-4422**  
1040 Harley-Davidson Way  
**Finance Office**  
7:00 - 6:00 Mon. - Thur.  
**Code Enforcement & Planning**  
7:00 - 6:00 Mon. - Fri.  
**Rally & Events**  
7:00 - 6:00 Mon. - Thur.  
**Community Center 347-6513**  
5:00 - 8:00 Mon. - Fri.  
8:00 - 5:00 Sat.  
Noon - 5:00 Sun.  
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**  
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  
**Sturgis Liquor 347-5983**  
9:00 - 7:00 Mon. - Sun.  
1075 Lazelle Street  
After Hours Emergency call  
Police Dispatch 347-2573  
[www.Sturgis-SD.gov](http://www.Sturgis-SD.gov)  
Facebook: City of Sturgis, SD  
Hours of operation are subject to change.

**COMMUNITY CALENDAR**  
**Aug. 29 to Sept. 3** - Sturgis Mustang Rally  
**Sept. 6 to Sept. 9** - Sturgis Off-Road Rally  
**Sept. 14** - Sturgis Area Chamber of Commerce Dining & Drinks Mixer Series, The Oasis Bar, Fireside Lounge  
**Sept. 22** - 4th Annual Sturgis Fall Festival, 2 p.m. to 6 p.m., Harley-Davidson Rally Point  
**Sept. 22-23** - Sturgis Musicfest, various locations in Sturgis