

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



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Every purchase made from 11/1 to 12/10 at participating downtown retailers qualifies you to win up to \$4,300 in gift certificates.

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Enter whenever you make a purchase. Entry slips and boxes are available at all participating retailers.

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Winners will be drawn along with the Grand Prize Packages on Wednesday, December 13!
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Meetings and Notices

City Council Meeting - Nov. 6 and Nov. 20. The meetings will begin at 6:30 PM 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.

Municipal Utility Board— Nov. 28, 7:30 a.m. Council Chambers at City Hall

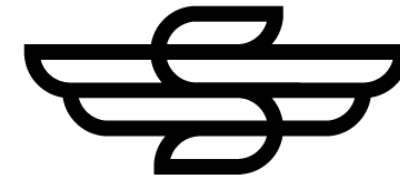
Library Board— Nov. 29, 4 p.m. Council Chambers at City Hall

Planning Commission— Tuesday, Nov 7. The following applications will be reviewed by the Planning Commission on Nov. 7 at 5:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 1040 Harley-Davidson Way, Sturgis:

- 1205 Davenport. Ron Beug. Woodworking business and FFL

Storage containers considered temporary structure

Sturgis residents and business owners need to know that Conex storage containers are considered a temporary structure and are only allowed for a maximum of 30 days with an approved temporary structure permit. These can be applied for online and are a \$50 fee. The city ordinances pertaining to the containers is Title 2 specifically 2.03.14 and 2.03.15. City staff are concerned that these containers are being used at various locations throughout the community without permits and it seems they are being used for more of a permanent storage unit. Please call the Planning & Permitting Department at 605-347-4422 Ext. 227 if you have any questions.



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Sturgis teams with SEDC to conduct housing study

Sturgis Economic Development Corp (SEDC) has partnered with the City of Sturgis and the Augustana Research Institute for a Housing Needs Study to better understand the community's housing needs.

Suzanne Smith with the Augustana Research Institute said she encourages everyone to take a minute and fill out the survey.

She said the study will gather data about the current housing stock and projections for housing needs out for the next 10 to 15 years in Sturgis.

"This data will help the community leaders come together and plan for successful and data-informed development," Smith said.

Smith said it only takes a few minutes to share your thoughts on housing needs and opportunities in Sturgis, and your responses are confidential.

"This is an invaluable contribution to shaping Sturgis' housing future," Smith said.

SEDC hosted a public forum on Sept. 25 for residents to learn more about the upcoming Sturgis housing needs study and share their thoughts.

Kirk Chaffee, District 29 House Representative and former Meade County Equalization Director, said at that meeting that thoughtful growth is a necessity.

"There are those that say they don't want any more people moving to our town. My feeling is that once you stop growing, you start dying. Mathematically, you have to have growth," he said. "But growth for the sake of growth is just a cancer, so you want to have very thoughtful growth. That's why I'm glad we're doing this survey."

The plan must include a mix of housing options as well as businesses, Chaffee said.

"We've been searching for the right ingredient mix for 30 to 40 years," he said. "We need to find the perfect balance of commercial businesses that will draw in the rooftops."

Chaffee said he is perplexed about development in Sturgis because there certainly is demand, but the supply just hasn't seemed to follow. He and others at the meeting on Sept. 25, said the reason most likely is the cost of housing materials and the interest rates on home loans.

The last time a housing study was done in Sturgis was 2019. That study identified current housing availability as well as needs based on population. Previous studies have shown that Sturgis has a significant housing need in all areas, including entry level owner occupied and rentals.

That study found that to address demand, 40 to 45 houses should be built in Sturgis annually.

From 2001 to 2006, the city of Sturgis averaged 32 housing units a year, from 2007 to 2013, the city averaged 20 units per year. and from 2015 to 2019, the city has averaged 40 units per year.

You can find the survey at: https://augie.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_4Mx7wY8s2vXYZRs

If you prefer a print copy, they are available at City Hall, 1040 Harley-Davidson Way, Sturgis.

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 or call City Hall at 605-347-4422

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Sturgis for the Holidays events

Sturgis Liquor Open House

Date: 11/17 from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.
Sturgis Liquor, 1075 Lazelle St., Sturgis, will be offering tastings and some giveaways.

Small Business Saturday

Date: 11/25 All Day (store hours vary)
Shop Local. Shop Small. Shop Sturgis!
Local retailers will have lots of special promotions.

Tree Lighting Ceremony & Parade of Lights

Dates: 11/30 and 12/01—6 p.m. nightly
Tree Lighting will be at Harley-Davidson Rally Point. There will be local business booths, live music, the Mayor reading the Christmas story and the official lighting of the tree. The Parade of Lights has featured about 50 floats annually. Look for updates on Facebook and the city website for the Parade of Lights parade route.

Free Thanksgiving meal slated in Sturgis on Nov. 23

Open Bible Church, with the assistance of the Sturgis Alliance of Churches, will again be hosting a free Thanksgiving meal at the Sturgis Community Center from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, Nov. 23. The meal will include turkey and all the trimmings. An organizational meeting is scheduled for 2 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 5, at the Sturgis Community Center. Uncle Louie's Diner will again be selling pies to donate to the Thanksgiving meal. If you would like to make a contribution or volunteer, please call Johnetta Lewis at (605) 490-8272. The Sturgis Area Chamber of Commerce will take calls for meal delivery. Call them 605-347-2556, by Nov. 17.



Holiday Closures

- City offices will be closed Nov. 9 for Veterans Day
- Sturgis Public Library will be closed Nov. 10 and 11 for Veterans Day
- City offices will be closed Nov. 23 for Thanksgiving
- Sturgis Public Library will be closed Nov. 23 and 24 for Thanksgiving

Holiday Trash Routes

- Friday, Nov. 10 garbage will be picked up on Monday, Nov. 13
- Thursday, Nov. 23, garbage will be collected on Wednesday and Friday garbage will be picked up on Monday, Nov. 27.



Pets in the city of Sturgis required to have rabies shot

Just a reminder for all animal owners in the City of Sturgis. Ordinance 32.03.01: RABIES CERTIFICATE Every person who keeps, maintains, or has in his control any dog, cat or ferret, or other domestic animal within the City, shall have the animal inoculated for the prevention of rabies at least every two (2) years with the modified live virus. It shall be the duty of the owner of the animal to place a collar around the neck of each animal so owned or kept by him to which the metallic rabies tag furnished by a licensed veterinarian shall be securely fastened. It shall be unlawful for any person to keep or harbor any animal, over the age of six (6) months without obtaining the rabies certificate from a licensed veterinarian. Failure to do so will result in citations.

Due to the high number of BITES AND ANIMALS AT LARGE calls, citations will be issued to ALL violators as follows: 1st offence: \$75, 2nd offense: \$100 3rd and all subsequent: \$150 You can contact the shelter with any questions: 605-347-8310 Animal Control Officer Trishelle Tammi



Library Happenings

Baby & Toddler Storytime –10 a.m.

Tuesday, Nov. 7, Nov. 14 and Nov. 28.
Stories, songs and playtime for children ages 0-3.

Pre-K Storytime 11 a.m. Wednesdays Nov. 1, Nov. 8, Nov. 15 and Nov. 29. Celebrate literacy with movement, stories and crafts every Wednesday with Miss Sierra.

Teen Thursday (Ages 12+) 3:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 2. Life-size Oregon Trail Game! Can you survive?

LEGO Club 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. Monday, Nov. 6. All ages are welcome to build and complete a LEGO Challenge.

Wonder Math with Richard Moeller 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Tuesday Nov. 7 & Nov. 21. STEAM based activities and learning.

Life-Sized Oregon Trail — Family & Friends – From 3:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. **Monday, Nov. 13.** Can you survive dysentery?

Power Players! Gaming Club 3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Tuesday Nov. 14 and Nov. 28. Ages 10+ Play our Nintendo Switch at the library! Enjoy group racing games and more with friends to unwind.

Mega Monday S.T.E.A.M. Team from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. Monday, Nov. 20 (ages 6-10) DIY Miniature Golf.

Sensory Saturday Saturday, Nov. 25 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Littles and Bigs are welcome to experience a range of sensory stations while enjoying light snacks and meeting new friends. Sensory play allows the nerves to calm and the brain to focus in a relaxed environment. Sensory is for everyone.

Coding Club from 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Wednesdays. Six weeks of coding for ages 8+. Join members of the Application Development Club from the SD School of Mines and Technology in learning fun new coding skills and concepts. *Space is limited. Course runs Oct. 25 – Dec. 6.*

SD History Talks Thursday, Nov. 9, at 6 p.m. "From Wentworth to the Western Front" by Rich Loftus

Attend this virtual Zoom presentation by the South Dakota Historical Foundation at the Sturgis Public Library. "From Wentworth to the Western Front" examines the war front and the home front of World War I from the perspective of the Private John Warns family correspondence.

Genealogy Work Group Saturday, Nov. 18 at 1 p.m. We will be looking at how to find more than the basic vital records of your ancestors and tell the story of their life. All genealogy buffs are welcome.

MusicSpeaks Thursday, Nov. 16 at 5:30 p.m. R & C Duo: Chris Davis and Rod Garnett blend the melodic sounds of classical guitar with antique and modern flutes. Their original arrangements feature music from European and American classical and folk traditions. Presented every third Thursday, MusicSpeaks is a discussion of all things musical with library director Christopher Hahn.

History at High Noon Friday, Nov. 17, at noon. Join Bob Grams as he presents on the Grams Sawmill and the Grams' family. He will be bringing some fascinating details about the history of his family and our community. Hosted by the Sturgis Public Library every third Friday of the month.

Books on Tap Thursday, Nov. 30 at the Oasis. "Recipes" Sort of like a Cook Book Club, but just once a year! We will find a recipe to bring and share at book club. The library has more cookbooks than you might think, come and check one out for this fun club meeting. Readers ages 21+ are welcome.



Sturgis Public Library
Wisdom Begins in Wonder

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 347-4422
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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