



Christmas tree recycling drop off areas in Sturgis are set up on Ball Park Road near the Fire Station and at the Exit 32 recycling lot. Please remove all ornaments prior to drop off.

## Meetings and Notices

**City Council Meeting** - Dec. 4 and Dec. 18. 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 and on YouTube.

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

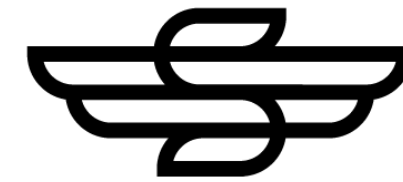
- Austin Murtha, 2301 Baldwin St., side-yard setback variance for a lean-to shed
- Annual reviews:
- Toni Berghorst, 1901 Elk Rd., Use on Review for in-home daycare
- Mario DeLudos, 1309 Pine View Dr., Use on Review for Federal Firearms License

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So far in 2023, the library has had 262 programs with about 4,000 participants. The recent "History at High Noon" presentation on the Grams Sawmill drew more than 60 participants. A new program the library added just last year has proven popular with teens. It's called "Needs and Noodles." It's a life-skills class for teens teaching them everything from cooking to budgeting, Hahn said.

Computer usage is a growing segment of the library services. Hahn said there has been 8,000 hours of computer usage by patrons so far this year. "About 25-plus hours per day we've got people on our computers using them in various ways," he said.

The Sturgis Public Library is open 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday and 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday. You can call the library at 605-347-2624.



## Sturgis Public Library — the hub of our community

Sturgis Public Library Director Christopher Hahn says he is grateful for the tremendous support of the library by citizens of Sturgis.

"Something I hear over and over again by visitors and residents is how wonderful our library is. I'd like to take all the credit for that; however, we know that it is not me, it's the staff. I'm lucky to get to work with them on a daily basis," he said recently while sharing an update on the library at the Sturgis City Council meeting.

Sturgis Mayor Mark Carstensen thanked Hahn and the library staff for all the do for the community.

"We appreciate what you do. And, it certainly is a hub of our community," he said.

Council member Dean Sigman agreed saying he, too, applauds the library staff.

"My boys love coming to the library," Sigman said.

Hahn said programming is a big focus for the library.

"There is something for all age groups, not just kids and teens," he said.

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Sturgis Public Library Youth & Adult Services Programmer Sierra Frazier-Riggs provides storytime for youngsters at the Sturgis Public Library.

### Sturgis Public Library Services

#### Library Cards

Anyone who resides in Sturgis, Meade County, or the Meade 46-1 School District, or works in Sturgis, is entitled to become a registered borrower of the Sturgis Public Library.

#### Browse Our Shelves 24/7

Browse our shelves, place holds, make reading lists, renew books, manage library notices, and more.

[sturgis.blackhills.bywatersolutions.com](http://sturgis.blackhills.bywatersolutions.com)

#### eBooks, Audiobooks, & Videos on OverDrive

If you haven't used OverDrive in a while, it's a great time to log in! We now belong to the Black Hills Library Digital Consortium on OverDrive.

[blackhills.overdrive.com](http://blackhills.overdrive.com)

#### Free Public Access Computers & Wi-Fi

The library offers free public-access computers and wireless internet access.

#### Printing, Scanning, Faxing, Copying

The library offers black and white printing for .15 cents per page and color printing for \$1 per page. Faxing is \$2 for the first page and \$1 for each additional page. Scanning is free.

#### Proctoring

The library offers proctoring services for exams.

#### Study Areas

Study areas are available throughout the library.

#### Meeting Rooms

Meeting rooms are available by reservation.

#### Computer Help

One-on-one computer help is available by appointment.

### 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



## IT'S CHRISTMASTIME IN STURGIS

**Thursday, Nov. 30**

**6 p.m. ANNUAL TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY** Join us at Harley-Davidson Rally Point to kick off a month of festivities! The traditional lighting of the community Christmas tree and a reading of "Twas the Night Before Christmas" by Mayor Mark Carstensen.

**Friday, Dec. 1**

**10 a.m. STURGIS LOVE INC TOUR OF HOMES** Start at Love INC., 1242 Sherman St., Sturgis. Come see the beautiful Christmas decorations and trimmings in six locations to support Love INC. Times are 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. on Dec. 1 & 2. Cost is \$10

**Friday, Dec. 1**

**6 p.m. ANNUAL PARADE OF LIGHTS** Join us for the Parade of Lights through the streets of Sturgis. We will have brightly lit parade floats and festivities. The Parade begins on Ball Park Road. The route continues onto Junction, then Harmon to Fulton and back to Junction on Park Street. The parade follows Junction to Main Street and finishes at 4<sup>th</sup> Street.

**Tuesday, Dec. 5**

**4 p.m. to 7 p.m. STURGIS HOMETOWN MARKET OPEN HOUSE** Looking for that special gift for the hard to buy for person? Come by the Sturgis Hometown Market for our holiday Open House. We will feature products from local crafters and artists. We are located at 1123 Main Street and will be serving local wines, craft beer samples and snacks.

**Sunday, Dec. 10**

**2 p.m. STURGIS COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS CONCERT**

The Sturgis Area Arts Council presents the 44th Sturgis Community Christmas Concert. Church musicians from the area will gather at the Sturgis Community Center Theater for this popular community event.

**Thursday, Dec. 14**

**All Day, STURGIS ANNUAL SCROOGE NIGHT** Make plans to wrap up your gift list in Sturgis during Scrooge Night. Local shops unveil incredible deals, and the whole town turns out to support our businesses and share the holiday spirit. Open Container in the downtown area from 5-7 p.m.



## No deer harvest in Sturgis this year

Sturgis Police Chief Geody VanDewater said his department will not be doing a deer harvest in Sturgis this year. In response to complaints about the increasing number of deer within the city limits, the City of Sturgis developed a Comprehensive Deer Control Plan in 2018. Each year, under strict guidelines regulated by the South Dakota Game Fish & Parks (GF&P), the Police Department is required to complete a Deer Population Study. Based on this study, the GF&P determines if the deer population should be curtailed. VanDewater said this year's study showed counts within the city are down compared to previous years which does not give the city sufficient numbers to ask GF&P for tags. VanDewater said the goal of the program is to maintain a healthy and viable urban deer population.

**Sturgis Community Center  
K-6<sup>th</sup> Grade Boys Basketball**  
Registration: Dec. 11 to Jan. 7  
Season runs Jan. 15 to March 9  
\$30 Members  
\$40 Non-Members  
**Community Center HOURS**  
Monday to Friday, 5 a.m. to 8 p.m.  
Saturday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.  
Sunday, Noon to 5 p.m.

## Library Happenings

### Youth

Baby & Toddler Storytime - Tuesdays, Dec. 5, Dec. 12 and Dec. 19 at 10 a.m.

PreK Storytime - Wednesdays, Dec. 6, Dec. 13 and Dec. 20 at 11 a.m.

LEGO Club "Holiday Building Challenge" - Monday, Dec. 4, from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Wonder Math - Tuesdays, Dec. 5, and Dec. 19 from 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Coding Club - Last week of Coding until Spring! Wednesday, Dec. 6, from 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Teen Thursday - Thursday, Dec. 7, from 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Care for fresh candy sushi? Who can make the most delicious combination of sweet and sticky? Find out at Teen Thursday.

Power Players! Mario Cart on Nintendo Switch - Tuesday, Dec. 12, from 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Mega Monday STEAM Team - Monday, Dec. 18, from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. "Santa's Sleigh STEAM Adventure!" (ages 6-10)

Youth Hot Cocoa Social Friday, Dec. 22, from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Enjoy a cocoa bar and candy apple station paired with a holiday movie. For ages 8-18.

NOON Year's Eve Storytime Party! (ages 0-6) - Saturday, Dec. 30, from 11 a.m. to Noon

### Adult & Family

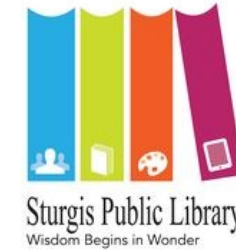
Digital Literacy & Computer Basics Classes - Mondays, Dec. 4, Dec. 11 and Dec. 18, at 10 a.m.

Armchair Travelers Book club - Thursday, Dec. 7

Adult Craft Night with Kathy "Buffalo Snow Frosted Candle Holder" - Monday, Dec. 11, at 5:45 PM. \*\*RSVP

MusicSpeaks - Thursday, Dec. 21, at 5:30 p.m. "Holiday Music Around the World." We know all about American Christmas traditions (Bing Crosby's "White Christmas" is the biggest-selling single of all time with 50 million copies sold) but what do people sing and play in other parts of the world? This month we will explore holiday traditions outside the US, ranging from intimate, personal reflections to raucous, hard-partying revelries. Join us Thursday, Dec. 21 at 5:30 p.m. to celebrate the season with warmth, fun, and treats!

Books on Tap - Thursday, Dec. 28, at 6 p.m. at the Sturgis Vets Club. "Book Swap" Bring a new or loved book wrapped to swap with others! We will discuss some of our favorite books read this year.



## 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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Hours of operation are subject  
to change.



## City of Sturgis holiday closures

City offices will be closed Dec. 25 for Christmas, and Jan. 1 for New Year's. Sturgis Liquor will be open until 6 p.m. on Christmas Eve, but closed on Christmas Day and New Year's Day. The Community Center will be closed on Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, and New Year's Day. Holiday-Trash Routes: Garbage usually picked up on Monday, Dec. 25, will be picked up on Tuesday, Dec. 26. Garbage usually picked up on Monday, Jan. 1, will be picked up on Tuesday, Jan. 2. And, the Sturgis City Council meeting, which is usually held on Monday, will be moved to Tuesday, Jan. 2.