



1040 Harley-Davidson Way  
Sturgis, SD 57785



## Upcoming Meetings

**City Council Meetings:** December 4 and 18 at 6:30 in the Erskine Building located at 1300 Sherman Street. View agendas and meeting information on the City website each Friday prior to the meeting.

**Artist of the Month:** Joni Burgess will present "Travelers".

The following applications will be reviewed by the Planning Commission on December 5 at 5:30pm at City Hall. Annual reviews are conducted by staff and will not appear on Commission agendas. Planning Commission meetings are open to the public and comments are welcome. For more information about an application or review, contact the Planning Office at 347-4422. Meeting dates are subject to change.

Applicant Name	Request	Address
Corrina Ross	Application for Use on Review - In-Home Daycare	2544 Meadows Drive
Dan Roe - B.H. Title	Application for Zoning Amendment	1801 Ballpark Road
Jake's Collision	Application for Alley Vacate	2418 Junction
William Coshow	Annual Review - In Home Gunsmithing & Machining	1218 Cedar Drive
Plains Towing	Annual Review - Towing Facility	2879 Vanocker Canyon Road
Robert Herman	Annual Review - Living Space in the Industrial Park	1204 Sturgis Street
Brandy Nikkila	Annual Review - In-Home Daycare	2020 Park Avenue

## Officials

### Mayor

Mark Carstensen 490-1044

### Council Members

#### Ward One:

Mike Bachand 490-1054

Rod Bradley 389-3209

#### Ward Two:

David Martinson 720-5299

Scott Peterson 347-0680

#### Ward Three:

Jason Anderson 490-1618

Ron Waterland 490-2065

#### Ward Four:

Steve Keszler 206-1500

Rhea Crane 490-8615

#### City Manager

Daniel Ainslie 347-4422

## Sturgis Information Publication



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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 Takes Formal Actions to Form Ambulance and Fire Districts

On November 6, the Sturgis City Council passed resolutions opting the City into a new Fire Protection District and a new Ambulance Service District. This is one of the first steps required to establish a new fire protection and a new ambulance service district within the existing service areas already served (areas within and outside the City limits).

The next step to establish districts will be gathering petition signatures within the proposed districts, but outside City limits. Once signatures are gathered, the petitions and resolutions are submitted to the County for their approval. If enough petitions are approved, the County may schedule a vote. All qualifying residents including those registered inside and outside of Sturgis city limits will be able to vote for or against the formation of the ambulance and fire districts.

According to Daniel Ainslie, City Manager, the request to set up districts comes from the need to respond to a high number of calls outside city limits. The costs to make these types of calls is much higher than the amount of insurance reimbursements. Although both the Fire and Ambulance Departments do fundraising, the majority of their operating expense is covered by city property tax payers. According to Ainslie, the most equitable way to cover all the expenses related to emergency services is to share equally among all residents who have services available. The County has not been willing to

participate in these costs, leaving the establishment of new districts the only way to ensure everyone participates in funding these needed services.

Moving forward, either additional funding must be secured or cost cutting measures must be implemented. Those measures may include cutting back on the number of responders, reducing the number of shifts worked (currently staff is in place 24/7) and possibly reducing or eliminating Advanced Life Support (ALS) services.

Many communities within Meade County already belong to fire districts that help fund fire services in their particular areas. Those living in other response areas would not be affected by the formation of any new district.

More information about the districts including the proposed district maps, sample petitions and the resolutions can be viewed on the City website at [www.sturgis-sd.gov](http://www.sturgis-sd.gov).

For years, the City's General Fund has provided the Ambulance Service approximately \$100K per year to cover the building bond, accounting, and related personnel costs. Even with this financial support, on average, the Service has lost approximately \$85,000 per year in revenues. An additional \$100,000 per year is needed for ambulance replacement.

## Meade County Times-Tribune Calls It Quits in Sturgis

The Meade County Times-Tribune formally discontinued publication on November 8. The publication owned by the Rapid City Journal had been published every Wednesday and served as the 'official newspaper' for the City. The Belle Fourche Post and Bee was also closed. The Belle Fourche City Council voted to make the Black Hills Pioneer their official newspaper.

In a letter sent to the City, the Journal announced its intent to publish a daily Northern Hills page starting November 9. The daily page includes news and information for Sturgis, Belle Fourche, Lead, Deadwood, Spearfish and surrounding northern hills communities.

The City will continue to print all required legal notices with the Journal until the end of December. At that time, the Council will determine the official newspaper to 2018.



## Holiday Hours

City Offices including City Hall, Public Works and the Water Department will be closed on Christmas and New Years Day. Trash normally picked up on these days will be picked up on the following day.

The Library will be closed December 23 - 25 and December 30 - January 1.

Sturgis Liquor will be open 8 AM until 6 PM on Christmas Eve and will be closed on Christmas Day. The store will be open 9 AM until 9 PM on New Year's Eve and 10 AM until 6 PM on New Year's Day.

## Library News for December

**Food for Fines** - Drop off a non-perishable food item, make a cash donation or donate pet supplies during the month of December and we will forgive your late fees. Food donations will go to the Kiwanis Food Pantry and pet supplies will go to the Sturgis/Meade County Animal Shelter. Cash donations will go to either the pantry or the shelter as designated.

Join in the fun of giving and help support our community!



## Winter Frostival Activities

**Tree Lighting Ceremony** - November 30 at 6:00 PM at Harley-Davidson Plaza.

**Annual Parade of Lights** - Friday, December 1 at 6:30 PM. If you or your organization would like to enter a float in the parade, contact the Sturgis Chamber or you can download an entry form from the Chamber's Facebook page. Registration deadline is November 29.

**The Snowflake Shuffle** will take place on Saturday, December 2. Registration is at the Lions Club Park pavilion from 7:30 AM to 8:45 AM. There will be 5k and 10k routes. The run will begin at 9:00 AM.

## Sturgis Ambulance Service Hosts Christmas Fundraiser With Living Nativity



Plan to join us at the Fire/Ambulance Hall immediately following the Parade of Lights on Friday, December 1.

We will feature our Living Nativity, complete with live animals, live music and readings. There will also be a silent auction for Christmas Trees & Wreaths. Refreshments will be provided and Santa will be available for photos with the kids.

The Fire & Ambulance Hall is located at 1901 Ballpark Road. The event will last until 9:00 PM.

*The 2018 Ambulance Service calendars go on sale December 1. When you purchase a calendar, your name will go into a monthly drawing for a new firearm (some restrictions apply). Only a limited number of calendars are available, so please contact an ambulance crew member or call 347-5801 if you want to make a purchase and help our fundraising efforts.*



Congratulations to Shawn Fischer and Halli Schulz from the Sturgis Ambulance Service. They recently won the Sanford Trauma Wars competition which was held during the South Dakota EMT Conference in Spearfish. Representatives from the Sturgis Ambulance Service have won this competition for the last two years.

## xpress BILL PAY

### Pay your city utility bills online

To get started, go to [www.xpressbillpay.com](http://www.xpressbillpay.com) and click on the "Sign Up" button. It's easy to set up and the service is free.

If you need help signing up, call 800-766-2350.

## City Uses Multiple Lines of Communications

The City recently launched a new and improved website to support mobile devices and other current technologies. The address remains the same [www.Sturgis-sd.gov](http://www.Sturgis-sd.gov).

The City uses the official website to provide the community with meeting information, municipal news, calendars, job posting and application information, contact information and emergency notifications. The new website will soon have an area to connect non-profit organizations with potential volunteers; and in 2018, all public notices will be posted on the site. The website will not take the place of printing public notices in the official newspaper as required by state law, but the site will provide interested parties an easy, searchable method for finding information contained in public notices.

The Sturgis Information Publication (SIP) continues to be a popular method of delivering information to constituents on a monthly basis who may or may not use computer technology. The publication is printed and mailed to all utility account holders. If you know someone who is not an account holder but would like to receive the SIP, please contact the Public Information Office at 605-347-4422 ext. 209 or visit the city website and send a request by clicking on the green "Contact Us" button on the home screen. The SIP is also available on the website.

Facebook is a popular connection point for information and is used by many in our community. The City utilizes several department Facebook pages and the official City of Sturgis page which includes information from numerous city and community pages. If you use Facebook, please visit and follow our pages to stay up-to-date on news and events in the Sturgis community.

**Official City Facebook pages include:** City of Sturgis - Sturgis Police Department - Sturgis Liquor - Sturgis Public Works Department - Sturgis Community Center - City of Sturgis Rally and Events Department - Sturgis Motorcycle Rally - Sturgis Ambulance - Sturgis Public Library and Sturgis Paint the Plows.



## CHRISTMAS TREE RECYCLING

Christmas trees can be dropped off for recycling at the Exit 32 recycling lot or at the designated lot by the Fire Hall on Ballpark Road until January 30.

Please remove all decorations prior to leaving your tree.

## Contact Information

City Hall 347-4422  
All offices 8:00 - 5:00 Mon. - Fri.  
Planning & Permitting 347-4422  
Rally Department 720-0800  
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

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

Sturgis Liquor 347-5983  
10:00 - 10:00 Mon. - Sat.  
10:00 - 6:00 Sun.  
1075 Lazelle Street

Police Department 347-5070  
Emergency 911  
1400 Main Street  
Animal Shelter 347-8310  
1140 Otter Road

Public Works 347-3916  
7:00 - 4:00 Mon. - Fri.  
1057 Dudley Street  
Rubble Site 347-5605  
8:00 - 4:45 Mon. - Sat.  
20492 Avalanch Road

Parks Office 347-3916  
7:00 - 4:00 Mon. - Fri.  
1057 Dudley Street  
Park Shelter Reservations  
Call: 347-4422

Water Office 347-4422  
8:00 - 5:00 Mon. - Fri.  
1040 Harley-Davidson Way  
After Hours Emergency call  
Police Dispatch 347-2573  
Payment Drop Box:  
1040 Harley-Davidson Way  
[XpressBillPay.com](http://XpressBillPay.com)

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