



*Our Mission: To provide an attractive, growing community being served by a professional staff that offers reliable, quality municipal services.*



## Upcoming Meetings

**City Council Meetings:** January 2 and 16 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.

The following applications will be reviewed by the Planning Commission on January 3 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                    |
|------------------|---|----------------------------|
| Dogwood Lodge    | Variance to allow dog boarding & grooming in Hwy Service Zone | 955 Pine View Drive        |
| Danny Lopez      | Variance to rear & side setbacks as well as hard-surfacing.   | 1304 Nellie Street         |
| Mark Norstegaard | Annual Review for residential living in Industrial Park       | 3341 Whitewood Service Rd. |
| Ron Beug         | Annual Review for in-home woodworking business                | 1205 Davenport Street      |
| Kary Stock       | Annual Review for in-home beauty shop                         | 1222 Maple Drive           |
| Heather Kreutz   | Annual Review for in-home daycare                             | 1407 Willard Street        |

## 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

## Fire & Ambulance Public Meeting Scheduled

The Sturgis Chamber of Commerce will be hosting an informational meeting to discuss the proposed Ambulance and Fire Districts on Wednesday, January 3 at 6:30 PM in the Sturgis Community Center.

The meeting will include a formal presentation about the district proposals followed by a question & answer period with City and County representatives.

The public is encouraged to attend this meeting to learn more about this important issue.

Information can also be found on the City website at [Sturgis-sd.gov](http://Sturgis-sd.gov).



## Optimists Toy Drive Successful

City employees, City Council members and advisory committees recently donated \$1,515 to the local Sturgis Optimist Toy Drive.

Each year the group donates funds raised during the employee Christmas party for this worthy cause.

This monetary donation along with donations of toys and funds from many residents and businesses combined to help the Sturgis Optimists purchase toys at local retailers.

With the help of many volunteers, including the Meade County 4-H Jr Leaders, the toys were distributed to local kids on December 17.

Thank you to everyone who donated to this wonderful cause!



Brenda Sabers - Sturgis Optimists and Mayor Mark Carstensen.

## 2018 Municipal Elections

Municipal elections are scheduled for Tuesday, April 10.

The 2018 elections will be for the following City Council seats: Ward 1 incumbent Rod Bradley, Ward 2 incumbent Scott Peterson, Ward 3 incumbent Ron Waterland and Ward 4 incumbent Rhea Crane. All elected officials serve three-year terms.

Petitions to run for office may be picked up at the Finance Office in City Hall starting January 26. Valid petitions must be turned in at the Finance Office in City Hall no later than February 23 at 5:00 p.m.



To be eligible to run for the office of City Council, you must meet the following criteria:

- You must be at least 18 years of age
- You must be a US Citizen
- You must reside in the ward you represent

The number of required petition signatures varies by ward and is based on the number of voters in the last general election as determined by the City Finance Officer.

Sample ballots and absentee ballots will be available at City Hall and on the City website by March 26.

The deadline for voter registration is March 26 at 5:00 p.m. If you are not currently a registered voter, you may register at several locations including Sturgis City Hall and the Meade County Auditor's Office. If you are not sure of your registration status, you can contact the Meade County Auditor's Office at 347-2360 or visit the SD Secretary of State website at [sdsos.gov/elections-voting/](http://sdsos.gov/elections-voting/).

You can also view a ward map and other election information on the City website at [Sturgis-sd.gov](http://Sturgis-sd.gov).

## Library News for January

**Artists of the Month** will feature Coleen Walsh Brezny, Kim Oslund and Wade Patton. These artists will feature a variety of works that will be on display in January.

**Armchair Travelers Book Club** will meet on January 2 at noon. Discussion will include *Persepolis* by Marjane Satrapi.

**Koha Patron Training** will take place on Saturday, January 13 at 1:00. Patrons will learn how to use the online library system to the fullest, including:

- ◆ How to manage email & text notices
- ◆ How to place holds on materials
- ◆ How to renew checked out books
- ◆ How to browse shelves virtually

At 2:00 patrons will learn how to opt-in to our weekly email notifications so you never miss a library program or event.

**History at High Noon** will take place on Friday, January 19. Randy Bender will share information about the history of the Buffalo Soldiers and their ties to the Dakotas. Sponsored by the Sturgis Area Arts Council.

**The Annual Children's Friendship Tea** will take place on Saturday, January 20 at 1:00.

Children will enjoy a variety of teas and treats. Everyone will receive a copy of the book *The Friendship Fairy* by Amanda Provins. RSVP is required, call 347-2624 to reserve a seat.



**Thank you Sturgis Rally Charities Foundation** for your generous support of youth programming at the library!

*The Library will be closed on Monday, January 15 for Martin Luther King Day.*

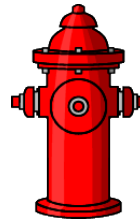
**Calling all Quilters** - Mark your calendar for the 2018 Annual Quilt Show. Quilts must be dropped off at the Library by Wednesday, February 28. There will be a limit of 2 quilts per person (no larger than full size). There will be a special program on Saturday, April 14. For more information contact: Marilyn Bates at 720-3189 or Ruth Mechling at 720-2293.



## Important Safety Reminders

Sturgis Emergency Responders would like to remind home owners to please make sure your home is clearly identified with your correct house number. This information should be easily viewed from the street.

If you have a fire hydrant near your home, please make sure snow is removed from around the hydrant so it can be easily found and accessed in the event of a fire emergency.



Reminder - City ordinance requires all sidewalks to be cleared within 24 hours of a snowfall. When shoveling your sidewalk and driveway, place the snow on your lawn instead of in the street. This will help your grass and shrubs receive extra moisture during the winter months. FYI - It is a violation of City Ordinance to place any amount of snow in the street.

If you need help shoveling this winter, check the snow shoveling resource list on the City website.

If you would like to be added to the snow shoveling resource list as a service provider, contact the City Code Enforcement Office by calling 347-4422.



The 2017 Annual Report will be coming soon. The Report includes information about projects and initiatives the City worked on in 2017.

The Report will be sent to all residents who receive the Sturgis SIP newsletter. The report will also be published on the City website.

## xpress BILL PAY

### Pay your city utility bills online

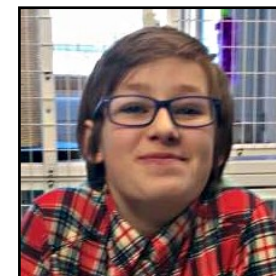
To get started, go to [www.xpressbillpay.com](http://www.xpressbillpay.com) and click on the "Sign Up" button. It's easy to set up and the service is free.

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

## City Names 2017 Employee and Volunteer Of The Year

The City of Sturgis recently recognized one employee and one volunteer for outstanding performance, dedication and commitment in 2017.

**Employee of the Year** was awarded to Sgt. Joe Leveque. Sgt. Leveque was recognized for his service working with the local youth boxing club and for establishing the Police Athletic League (PAL) and the establishment of a local youth Mountain Bike Club. The goal of these successful efforts is to provide ways for the Police Department to strengthen positive relationships between youth and police in hopes of deterring juvenile crime.



**The 2017 Volunteer of the Year Award** was presented to Abby Johnson. 12-year old Abby was recognized as an outstanding volunteer for her hard work and dedication at the Sturgis Animal Shelter. Abby's supervisor commended her for her positive attitude, strong work ethic and love for the Shelter animals.

Please join us in congratulating these outstanding individuals!



✓ A Design Committee made up of downtown businesses is working with the City Engineer to finalize plans to add a shade structure to Harley-Davidson Rally Point.

The original plan for the Plaza included shades; however, the shade portion was postponed in order to meet construction schedules and budget. The Committee's goal is to have a shade structure in place over most of the plaza by summer.

✓ The Sturgis City Council has named The Black Hills Pioneer as the "Official Newspaper" for the City of Sturgis. To meet legal requirements, all legal notices will now be published in the Pioneer.

For your convenience, legal notices are also posted on the City website.

✓ Christmas tree recycling areas at the Exit 32 recycling lot and at the designated lot by the Fire Hall on Ballpark will be available until January 30.

✓ Please remember to park your vehicles off the street if you live on a designated Snow Route when there is 4 inches or more of snow forecast. It is always helpful for snow plowing efforts if you can park off-street during snow events, even if you don't live on a snow route.

## 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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