



City Adopts Sturgis 2022 Program

| City-Wide

At the December 19, 2012 City Commission meeting, Commissioners adopted two focus areas and nine goals for the **Sturgis 2022** Program.

The two focus areas of **Sturgis 2022** are *A Great Place to Do Business* and *A Community of Choice*. These focus areas reflect a vision of a Sturgis where more businesses choose to locate, grow, and thrive. A place where more people choose to live, work, and play. It is a vision that sees new entrepreneurs and growth of established businesses. That sees a community that attracts young families and

A GREAT PLACE TO DO BUSINESS

Business | Quality Jobs Sturgis will be a leader in the region in creating quality jobs through business expansion and attraction.

Business | Entrepreneurs Sturgis will be a premier community for entrepreneurs.

Business | Commerce Sturgis will be the primary commerce center for the area.

Business | Workforce Sturgis will have a highly-skilled workforce with a majority of citizens who have post-high school degrees or training.

senior citizens. That features a strong downtown and thriving commercial sector. That has a strong workforce, quality housing, and great streets.

We are asking individuals and organizations to sign onto our **Sturgis 2022** Partnership Resolution. For more information, please visit our website at www.sturgismi.gov/sturgis2022. You can also visit our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/sturgis2022.

A COMMUNITY OF CHOICE

Community | Families Sturgis will be a preferred place for families to raise their children.

Community | Streets Sturgis will have one of the best street systems in Michigan.

Community | Downtown Sturgis will have a vibrant and active downtown that is the centerpiece of the community.

Community | Housing Sturgis will be the desired location in the area for people seeking quality housing and neighborhoods.

Community | Seniors Sturgis will be an attractive community for retirees and seniors.

Spring & Summer City Ordinance Reminders

| Code Enforcement

Grass and Weeds

Properties in the City are required to cut or remove all weeds and "noxious growth" (including grass) of excessive length. This does not include trees, shrubs, cultivated flowers, or gardens. Homes found in violation are subject to fines and will be maintained by the City with expenses charged to the homeowner.

Garbage and Recycling Carts

Outdoor storage of garbage by a property owner or occupant in the terrace area or yard of a residential property is prohibited unless in a covered and approved container for a period not to exceed 24 hours. Bulky materials (such as furniture or brush) may also be placed without a container for up to 24 hours while waiting for pickup. Containers or materials left for more than 24 hours (including garbage cans, recycling containers, and brush) may be issued a citation.

Outdoor Storage of Household Furniture and Appliances

Homeowners may not store or use furniture or appliances designed for indoor use on an open porch or in their yard for a period of more than 24 hours. This includes but is not limited to cushions, pillows, mattresses, couches, chairs, washers, dryers, refrigerators or freezers.



Compost Site Hours

| Department of Public Services

The Compost Site is now open for the season. City of Sturgis and Sturgis Township residents can access the site free of charge, others must purchase a pass for \$35.00. Non-City residents will need to register and obtain a compost pass card at the Clerk's Office in City Hall to access the compost site.

HOURS

April thru October:

Mon. and Thurs.—Noon to 7:30 p.m.

Saturday—9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Sunday—1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

2013 Street Millage

The City Commission approved the placement of a dedicated street millage on the May 7th ballot.

These funds would be dedicated to improve the streets and sidewalks in the City of Sturgis.

The ballot language is as follows:

"Should the City of Sturgis levy a new three (3) mills property tax for a period of ten (10) years commencing in calendar year 2013 to be used exclusively for street and sidewalk reconstruction, repair, and improvement projects as approved by the Sturgis City Commission? The estimated increase in revenue to be collected by the City in the first year if the millage is approved is \$770,652.00."



A **YES** vote means that the City of Sturgis will have dedicated funding through a tax collection to improve the condition of a number of streets in the City over the next 10 years. A **NO** vote means that the City of Sturgis will continue to complete street repairs as funding is available using operating tax dollars. Based on current funding, City officials believe the streets will continue to get worse over time. For more information, please visit www.sturgismi.gov.

Residents learn to be "Energy Smart"

City of Sturgis Electric, in partnership with the Energy Smart Program, is providing Sturgis residents with incentives to assist with the installation of energy-efficient equipment in their homes.

With summer just around the corner, be sure to select high-efficiency equipment when updating your cooling systems and help keep your utility bills lower. The City of Sturgis is offering incentives up to \$150 per air conditioning unit for those who qualify for updates or replacements.

For a list of eligible equipment and more information, as well as and to obtain an incentive application, please visit www.mienergysmart.com and select Sturgis in the drop down menu or call 877-674-7281.



Upcoming Events

April 1st thru May 5th—T-Ball Registration at the Doyle Community Center
May 12th—Mother's Day Buffet at the Sturges-Young Auditorium
May 17th—Middle School Dance at the Doyle Community Center
May 18th—Sturgis Council of the Arts presents Tim Doot, a piano virtuoso
June 28th—Sturges-Young Auditorium Pro-Am golf outing

For more details on these events and other events from around the community, visit the Sturgis Area Calendar online at www.sturgisareacalendar.com. If you are interested in adding an event to the calendar, please contact the Sturgis Area Chamber of Commerce at (269) 651-5758.



Contact Us

City Hall: (269) 651-2321

Doyle Community Center: (269) 659-8110

Police/Fire (non-emerg.): (269) 467-4195

Public Services: (269) 651-2879

Sturges-Young Auditorium: (269) 651-8541

Utility Customer Service: (269) 659-7254

ONLINE: www.sturgismi.gov/contactus

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