



Safety Town Brick Campaign

| Police

Safety Town is now under construction at Wall School. Safety Town is a mock city that will be used to teach preschool and elementary age children bicycle safety, street safety, bus safety, fire safety as well as school safety. Curbing, sidewalks and asphalt have been installed. Buildings and other details will follow. Safety Town is scheduled to open in Spring 2014.

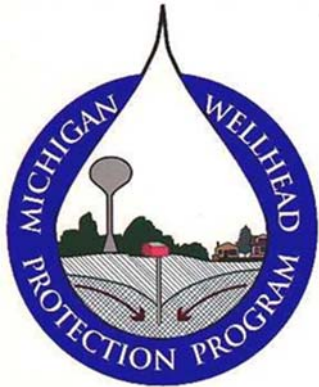
The Police Department is promoting a Brick Campaign for the project. If you or your family is interested in owning a piece of this historic project, bricks are available for \$50 each and can be engraved with the donors name and an inscription. Applications for the Brick Campaign may be picked up at the Sturgis Police Department or on the Police Department's web site at <http://www.sturgismi.gov/pdfs/safetybrick.pdf>. Paver brick crosswalks will be installed the first of August.

This project is a joint effort between Sturgis Police /Fire Departments and Sturgis Public Schools.



City of Sturgis Wellhead Protection Program Update

| Engineering



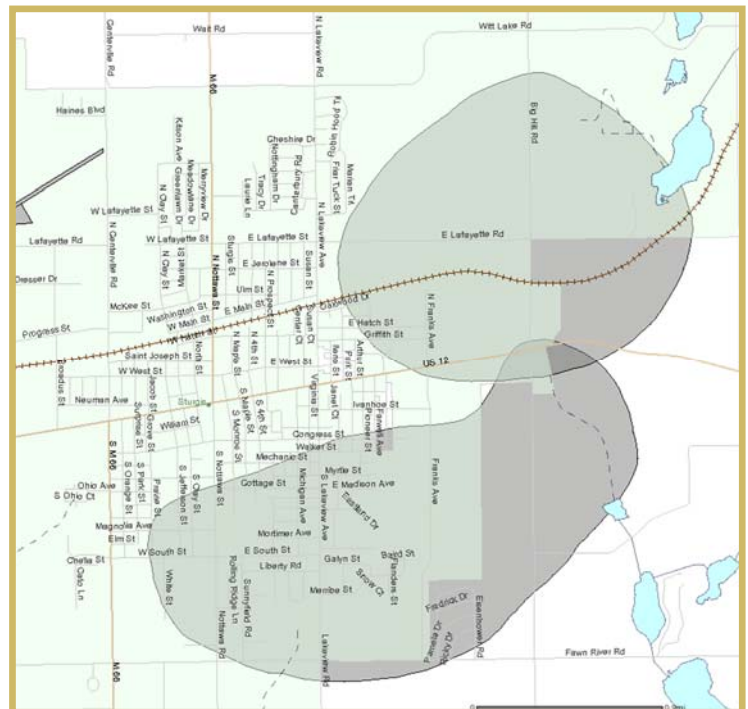
Like most communities in the Great Lakes State, we rely on groundwater for many purposes including drinking, cleaning, manufacturing goods and keeping our lawn's green. So, taking good care of our only groundwater supply is pretty important. This includes understanding our "wellhead". Our "wellhead" is the point where we draw our community drinking water supply, which is a deep groundwater aquifer. Over a decade ago, we calculated our "Wellhead Protection Area", which is the portion of the aquifer that is eventually drawn into our community water wells.

Preserving our Wellhead Protection Area is important since groundwater is our only source of drinking water! To help keep our water safe, we created the Sturgis Wellhead Protection Team several years ago. Our Wellhead Protection Team is tasked with helping to keep our drinking water supply safe.

Currently, the team received a grant from the State of Michigan to work on a number of items. Each of the following items are geared towards helping to keep our water safe:

- * Adopting proposed enhancements to the City's Site Plan Review process for building permits.
- * Providing assistance to builders regarding state and federal regulations.
- * Reviewing our plan to respond to water supply emergencies.
- * Reviewing potential sources of contamination to our groundwater.
- * Increasing awareness of the importance of our wellhead Protection Area.

For specific information on our program, contact Barry Cox at 269-659-7249. More general wellhead protection information can be found at <http://www.michigan.gov> ("Wellhead Protection Program").



Shaded areas represent our Wellhead Protection Area

Pool Permits

If you are thinking about using a pool to cool down when summer heats up, remember to review the rules on placement and pool security before using it. All pools that can contain water over 24 inches deep, including hot tubs, spas, and in-ground, above-ground, and portable/inflatable pools are subject to these regulations and require a permit prior to use.



Pools are allowed in all zoning districts, but must be located in the (non-street) side yard or back yard of a property; they cannot be closer than six feet to any side or rear lot line. The location of the pool also must have clearance from electrical wires. When applying for a permit, please consult with the Community Development Department to ensure proper placement.

Pools requiring a permit must also have a barrier at least 48 inches high; above ground pools with sides 48 inches high and a removable ladder, gated ladder, or fold-up locking ladder qualify. Other barriers include fences, walls, or building walls. They must completely surround the pool; any access gates must be self-latching.

For more information, please contact the Community Development Department at 269-659-7330.

Garage Sale Signs

It is officially garage sale season. With this in mind, remember that garage sale signs are not allowed to be affixed to any electric light pole, telephone pole, sidewalk, fence, gate, tree or upon any part of any building within the City. They are also not allowed to be placed on the terrace area of any property within



Fun Fridays

Come join the Sturgis DDA & friends for Fun Fridays at Free Church Park located at the corner of Chicago Rd. and S. Monroe St. Each Friday there will be food, free live music and fun!

Upcoming Schedule:

July 12 th	Wasepi Bluegrass Band
July 19 th	Coyote Moon
July 26 th	Schrader Family Reunion
August 2 nd	Reconciled
August 9 th	Dan Jackson & Dylan Mark
August 16 th	Three Rivers German Band
August 23 rd	County Line
August 30 th	Fire & Rain



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



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