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Things seem to always be changing, and our staff did a good job of sending off Carrie Harer, our 16-year Director of Marketing and Communications veteran, last month. Carrie was an MVP on the staff for her entire time here, and although we are definitely sad we won’t be working with Carrie every day, we wish her great happiness as she ventures onto her new path with her family.

As things change, they also keep moving forward, and this is the first magazine you are receiving that is produced by Sara Rankin, our new Director of Marketing and Communications. Sara will be attending many of our meetings this spring and summer, so you will all have the chance to welcome her to the municipal family! I think you will be as impressed with her as we have been.

It is a little early for you to be thinking about the Annual Conference, but the City of Sioux Falls and the League Staff have been working on it for a while now, and we want to make sure you are planning to attend. This year’s event promises to be one of the best ever, and the City is very excited to have the opportunity to have you all there, and is arranging some fascinating new features for you all to learn and enjoy.

The Conference schedule allows all affiliate groups to meet on either Wednesday afternoon or Thursday morning, and condenses the most intensive portions for the elected officials into the Thursday and Friday meetings. We realize it is often difficult for elected people to get away for the entire conference, so we hope you will be able to attend at least those two days – and the fall days along the Big Sioux River are really something to look forward to!

For those who are able to get away for more, there will be an entire program of interest to you, beginning on Wednesday morning and continuing until Friday at noon.

Another exciting opportunity is Wednesday evening event, allowing you to have some time on your own to explore all the City has to offer. We hope to arrange some “deals” for you with local businesses and establishments, also. Our Thursday evening event will again be a highlight of the conference, with the banquet and a most amusing entertainment…you’ll just have to wait to hear what we have in store on this, but it is guaranteed to be a great time for all.

And of course, your days will be packed with informative training, learning opportunities, and the chance to discuss your local issues with your peers on the statewide level. At a registration fee of $100, which includes all the training sessions for three days, two breakfasts, two luncheons, and a dinner and entertainment, this is the best deal your city will make all year!

Please see the agenda outline on page 8 for more information, and watch the magazine and your mail for more details!

Until next month, remember we are always available at 1-800-658-3633 or yvonne@sdmunicipalleague.org.

Yvonne Taylor
Executive Director

**SD Municipal Attorneys' Association Meeting**

**What:** Luncheon Meeting  
**When:** Thursday, June 22, 2017  
12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.  
**Where:** Ramkota Hotel, Rapid City  
Visit www.sdmunicipalleague.org/sdmlevents for the agenda and registration.
Regardless of your political affiliation, I think we can all agree that our country’s new president is bringing forward some bold ideas. These ideas are stirring uncertainties across all levels of government, including local.

Will there be changes to our regulatory environment? How could policy changes impact public power? What broad base economic impacts can we expect? The uneasiness caused by these unanswered questions is only amplified by how low sales tax receipts we’re experiencing statewide. With soft sales tax returns and changing regulations, we’re all starting to feel some heat.

As a country, as a state, and as local communities, we have some very large challenges in front of us. While we work to navigate through these uncertain times, I encourage you to keep the important issues in mind. It’s easy to get emotional, and it’s easy to lose sight of what’s important to your community. Do your best not to get caught up in hype and headlines, and instead, focus on serving the good of the people.

When challenges are as profound as drug epidemics, crumbling infrastructure, and workforce shortages, it’s very easy to become paralyzed by the overwhelming nature of the issues. While there is no easy button for these problems, there are people you can lean on. Start with the Municipal League. The League is a fabulous resource that can provide research, explanations, trend analysis, best practices and a network of people who are working on very similar issues. Stay strong, use the resources that are available to you, and do your best to transmit your city not less, but greater, better and more beautiful than it was transmitted to you.

June 30 is my last day as the Mayor of Pierre, and my last day as a member of the Municipal League. From here on out, I’ll be cheering you all on from the sidelines!

Good luck and thank you! Laurie Gill, President
While the 2017 Session was primarily a year to play defense, there were a few measures that passed and will affect how municipalities do business and activities within the community. Refer to the updated Handbook for more information on these issues.

SB 48, An Act to provide for the certification of emergency medical responders
Creates a new category for an Emergency Medical Responder - so someone can give care in an emergency while waiting for an EMT or higher level responder. There is less training involved than for a full EMT, and it is hoped the people who are involved through this might be interested in going up to the full EMT level.

SB 98, An Act to revise provisions regarding deadlines for municipal election recounts
There are currently no deadlines for when candidates involved in a recount must name their representatives, nor for when the recount occurs. This bill set those deadlines.

SB 99, An Act to revise certain provisions regarding the petition signature requirements for municipal elections
Establishes a date (second Tuesday in January) on which the county auditor records the number of registered voters in each municipality. Signature limits for nominating petitions and initiative and referendum petitions are then based on that number for the ensuing year.

SB 143, An Act to create a license for the transfer of alcohol by certain off-sale licensees and to allow certain off-sale licensees to deliver alcohol
Creates a new “Transfer of alcohol by an off-sale licensee” license which allows an off-sale license to deliver alcohol that had been purchased on-site at the ‘package’ establishment. Requires proof of age at both purchase and point of delivery.

SB 146, An Act to revise the voting authority of an alderman
Makes mostly clean-up changes to the chapter governing the aldermanic form of government; clarifies the quorum and majority vote when there is a vacant seat on the council; clarifies that the president of the council, when acting as Mayor, may only vote as an alderman and may not break a tie.

HB 1036, An Act to revise certain provisions concerning voter registration and notices of boundary changes for local elections
Technical revision of voter registration deadlines; changes the deadline to notify the county auditor of boundary changes in even numbered years to at least 100 days before the general election.

HB 1053, An Act to revise certain provisions concerning the attorney recruitment assistance program
Expands the attorney rural practice assistance program to municipalities that have a population under 3,500; and agree to provide the municipality’s portion of the incentive payment; and is determined to be eligible by the Unified Judicial System.

HB 1161, An Act to repeal the requirement for certain township, municipal, and school district fiscal reports to be submitted to county auditors
There is a law that requires all municipalities and school districts to file a report of total indebtedness, liabilities, assets, etc. by December 31 each year. This bill would repeal that requirement.
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JUNE 2017
SDML Annual Conference
October 3-6, 2017
Sioux Falls Ramkota Hotel & Conference Center

Tentative Schedule

Tuesday
All Day
SDPAA Board Meeting
2 p.m. tee off
SDML Golf Tournament
Afternoon
Set-up Exhibit Booths
7 p.m.
SDML Board of Directors Meeting

Wednesday Morning
8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Registration
8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Exhibits Open
9 a.m.
Orientation for New Attendees
9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
SD City Management Association
9 a.m.
SD Municipal Electric Association
10 a.m.
SDML Pooling Meetings/Fun Info Session
Noon
Safety Awards Luncheon

Wednesday Afternoon
1 p.m.
Elected Officials Workshop
1 p.m.
SD Airport Management Association
1 p.m.
SD Association of Code Enforcement
1 p.m.
SD Governmental Human Resources Association
1 p.m.
SD Municipal Street Maintenance Association
4 p.m.
SDML Policy Committee Meetings
4 p.m.
SDML Auditing Committee
4 p.m.
SDML Nominating Committee

Wednesday Evening
5:00 p.m.
Exhibit Area Social
6:00 p.m.
Evening on Your Own to Enjoy Sioux Falls!

Thursday Morning
7 a.m.
SDML 14th Annual Walk/Run
7:45 a.m.
Breakfast and SDML Past Presidents’ Breakfast
8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Registration
8 a.m. to 12 p.m.
Exhibits Open
8 a.m.
Resolutions Committee
9 a.m.
Elected Officials Workshop
9 a.m.
SD Municipal Attorneys’ Association
9 a.m.
SD Building Officials’ Association
9 a.m.
SD Governmental Finance Officers’ Association
9 a.m.
SD Police Chiefs’ Association
Noon
Excellence in SD Municipal Government Award Luncheon

Thursday Afternoon
1:30 p.m.
General Sessions
1:30 p.m.
SD Chapter, American Public Works Association
1:30 p.m.
South Dakota Fire Chiefs’ Association

Thursday Evening
5:30 p.m.
President’s Reception
6:30 p.m.
Dinner and Entertainment

Friday Morning
7 a.m. to 8 a.m.
Yoga with Amy
8 a.m. to 10 a.m.
Registration
8 a.m.
Breakfast
8:30 a.m.
General Sessions
10:30 a.m.
SDML Annual Business Meeting and Election

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This year, the Excellence in South Dakota Municipal Government award will be presented to a municipal employee in South Dakota. The award recipient will be selected from nominations received by the South Dakota Municipal League Past Presidents’ Committee. All nominations must be submitted in writing by August 15, 2017. The award will be presented at the SDML Annual Conference in Sioux Falls on October 5, 2017.

Name of Nominee: ___________________________ Title: ___________________________

Address of Nominee: ____________________________________________________________

Significant contributions to the municipality:
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Significant contributions to the community:
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Significant contributions to other organizations:
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Significant contributions to South Dakota Municipal Government:
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Other Comments:
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Submitted by: ___________________________ Phone: ___________________________

DEADLINE: August 15, 2017

Please submit to: South Dakota Municipal League
208 Island Drive, Ft. Pierre, SD 57532
FAX to 605-224-8655

Nominations are confidential.
Additional supporting documents welcome.
The purpose of this workshop is to provide a basic crash course on local government.

2017 Elected Officials Workshop
Wednesday, July 19, 2017
Ramkota Hotel & Conference Center ★ Pierre, SD
★ THIS WORKSHOP IS OPEN TO ALL ELECTED OFFICIALS ★

Agenda

9:00 a.m. Registration
12:30 p.m. Financial and Compliance Matters
Rod Fortin, Director of Government Assistance, South Dakota Department of Legislative Audit

9:30 a.m. Welcome and Introduction to the League
Yvonne Taylor, Executive Director, South Dakota Municipal League

9:35 a.m. Ordinances, Resolutions, Initiatives and Referendums - Forms of Government
Yvonne Taylor, Executive Director, South Dakota Municipal League

2:00 p.m. Open Meetings and Executive Sessions Do’s and Don’t’s
Steven Blair, Assistant Attorney General, Office of the Attorney General

9:30 a.m. Welcome and Introduction to the League
Yvonne Taylor, Executive Director, South Dakota Municipal League

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Steven Blair, Assistant Attorney General, Office of the Attorney General

10:15 a.m. Municipal Officials and Employees
Laurie Gronlund, Human Resources Director, City of Pierre

11:00 a.m. Liquor Licensing and Laws
Jason Evans, Section Coordinator
Special Tax Division - South Dakota Department of Revenue

11:45 a.m. Lunch (provided) - Galleries DEF&G

3:00 p.m. Conflict of Interest for Municipal Officials
Steven Blair, Assistant Attorney General, Office of the Attorney General

3:30 p.m. Adjourn

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Email

参加人数 ______ @ $50.00/人 = $______________

$50.00/人包括研讨会材料，SDML市政官员手册（60美元价值）和午餐。

请于2017年7月5日之前将表格和付款寄给：南达科他州市政联盟
208 Island Drive
Ft. Pierre, SD 57532

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South Dakota Building Officials’ Association
Summer Training

July 21-22, 2017 • Cedar Shore Hotel and Conference Center • Oacoma, SD
(1500 Shoreline Dr.)

Thursday, July 21

1 – 1:30 p.m.  SDBOA Business Meeting
1:30 – 3:30 p.m.  Fire Stop Systems

7 p.m.  SD Building Officials’ Cook Out
Cedar Shore Campground Pavilion

Friday, July 22

8 a.m. – Noon  2015 IBC Use of Fire and Smoke Separations
Doug Thornburg, AIA CBO, Vice President and Technical Director of Products and Services for ICC

This seminar will provide code officials, fire alarm designers and contractors with the latest updates to NFPA 72 – National Fire Alarm and Signaling Code. The significant changes from the 2010, 2013 and 2016 edition will be discussed. Topics to be discussed include:

- The new format, why it changed, and where to find the more commonly used code sections;
- Proper placement for initiating devices with the intent on reducing potential nuisance alarms;
- Low frequency appliances, including where these devices should be installed and why this change was made;
- Emergency voice alarm communication systems (EVACS) and correlation with IBC/IFC Section 907 requirements;
- Technologies outlined in NFPA 72 for transmitting the fire alarm signal from the protected premises to the supervising station.

Registration Form

Municipality _________________________________________________________________________________

Name ____________________________________________________________
Title ____________________________________________________________
Email ____________________________________________________________

July 20th Meeting: Number of people attending ______
July 20th Golf: Number of people participating ______ (Payment made at Golf Course.)
July 20th Cookout: Number of people attending ______
July 21st Seminar: Number of people attending ______

Registration Fee and Deadline:
SDBOA Member Registration: Free
SDBOA Non-Member Registration: $95.00

Return Registration form by July 7th to:  South Dakota Building Officials’ Association
208 Island Drive
Ft. Pierre, SD 57532

No refunds will be given after July 7, 2017.

Accommodations: A block of rooms has been reserved for the evening of July 20th at the following Cedar Shore Hotel - please call 605.734.6376 to make reservations. Rate is $99.95+tax for a queen or king. These rooms will be held until June 20, 2017.

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2017 Municipal Debit/Credit Workshop
Thursday, June 29, 2017
Ramkota Hotel and Conference Center • Pierre, SD

Course Description: This one day workshop is designed for new finance officers, but has proven beneficial for veteran business officials and office support staff as well. The focus for this workshop will be the logical flow of information through the accounting system to the annual report, internal controls and documentation. Budget and legal compliance will be addressed throughout each segment of the workshop.

Agenda: 8:00 AM – 4:30 PM (Lunch Provided)
- Accounting Overview
- Governmental Accounting Principles
- Computerized and Manual Accounting Systems
- Budgets and Budgetary Accounting
- Taxes Receivable
- Revenues
- Expenditures
- General Journal/General Ledger
- General Long-Term Debt
- Capital Asset Accounting
- Annual Report

Presenter: Rod Fortin, Director of Local Government Assistance, Department of Legislative Audit. He has audited and provided financial and compliance assistance to cities, counties, schools and other local governments for over 19 years.

Registration Form

Municipality: ____________________________________________

Please Print Name and Title as you would like it to appear on the nametag.

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Fort Pierre, SD 57532

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Budget Training
Municipal Budgets – Dollars and $ense

Course Description: This one day training will provide elected officials and finance officers with the tools they need to create and maintain the annual municipal budget. Attendees will learn about available resources, preparation and timelines for completion of the budget, on-going monitoring, contingency transfer and supplemental appropriation.

Agenda:
- Budget and Appropriations
- Budget Resources
- Budget Timeline
- Budget vs. Cash
- Budget Preparation
- Adoption of Appropriation Ordinance
- Budget Execution
- Future Budgets

Presenter: Rod Fortin, Director of Local Government Assistance, Department of Legislative Audit. He has audited and provided financial and compliance assistance to cities, counties, schools and other local governments for over 19 years.

Registration Form

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Please Print Name and Title as you would like it to appear on the nametag.

Name _______________________ Title _______________________ Email _______________________

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Please choose one training to attend:
Each training is from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. local time with lunch provided.

☐ July 13, 2017 Pierre Ramkota Hotel  ☐ July 27, 2017 Sioux Falls Ramkota Hotel

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Special Events Mean Special Coverage

By Lynn Bren, Director of Member Services, SDPAA

Your administrative board has greed to allow Harry Henderson’s family reunion to be hosted at the community center. When he came to the board for permission to use the facility, Harry described the upcoming event as ‘epic’ in nature; they expected eight generations of family coming from five states. They executed the Facilities Use Agreement, which was created using the sample documents from the SDPAA website (www.sdpaaonline.org). The event was held, and it was as epic as Harry had promised. So epic in fact, that Great Uncle Fred threw his back out and fell, breaking his hip while doing his version of the funky chicken. The Hendersons assured the board that all of their coverage was in order, but Harry’s insurance company won’t pay. Now what? Who’s going to help take care of Great Uncle Fred’s medical bills? Who’s going to pay the legal bills when Great Uncle Fred decides to sue?

Help protect your entity from having to try to answer the question; “Now what?”

When special events such as reunions, dances, craft fairs, and the like are held on public property, you need to be sure to transfer as much of the risk as possible to the individual or group hosting the event. However, the existing liability coverage of individuals and other vendors may not provide appropriate liability coverage for those events being held away from their covered location, and they may not be willing - or able - to add your entity as an additional insured for this event. Therefore, when entering into the Facility Use Agreements, take time to discuss insurance coverage for the event.

The Tenants’ and Users’ Liability Insurance Policy (TULIP) is one option that can be offered to those individuals and other third party vendors seeking to host events. When individuals purchase TULIP coverage, your entity is automatically named as an additional insured on the policy, which gives added assurance that your entity will be protected from claims arising from an event held on the entity’s property. TULIP coverages provide $1,000,000 in liability protection for many types of special events, including but not limited to: receptions, reunions, craft
fairs, and concerts. The costs of these coverages vary depending on the specific event details. Once purchased, a Certificate of Insurance is emailed to the purchaser immediately. More information about TULIP coverage can be found at www.onebeaconentertainment.com.

Another option for special events coverage is through the Alliant Special Event Coverage (SEC). Similar to the TULIP option, SEC provides affordable coverage for those third parties seeking to host events on your entity-owned property. SEC does offer options for higher limits to be purchased for liability protection. More information about the Alliant Special Event Coverage can be found at: https://specialevents.alliantinsurance.com.

No matter how large or small that special event may be, taking the time before the event to transfer the risk that these events create via Special Events Coverage will likely save your entity time and money in the long run.

SDPAA is always available to discuss risk management issues associated with your event and to assist with loss control measures and sample agreement language or recommendations. Contact our office at 800.658.3633, option 2 to talk with a staff member about your event.

Sara Rankin joined the South Dakota Municipal League staff as the Director of Marketing and Communications on April 24, 2017.

She graduated from T.F. Riggs High School in 2002 and from Western Dakota Tech in 2007 with a degree in Business Management & Marketing.

Sara worked at the Rapid City Area Chamber of Commerce as the Events Director prior to moving to Pierre. In this position she was responsible for the organization and promotion of the Chamber’s various events that took place throughout the year. She most recently worked for the South Dakota Board of Regents as Student Services Coordinator, where she was administrator to their Regental scholarship programs.

Sara enjoys volunteering in the community, spending time on the water and traveling.

Sara is very excited about the opportunity to work with SDML members through her new position. Contact Sara at 800-658-3633 or by email at sara@sdmunicipalleague.org.
SD Police Chiefs’ Association and SD Sheriffs’ Association Present 2017 Awards

The SD Police Chiefs’ and SD Sheriffs’ Association presented a number of Awards at the Joint Spring Training held in Deadwood on April 19, 2017.

Medal of Honor

The Medal of Honor is given jointly by the South Dakota Police Chiefs’ and South Dakota Sheriffs’ Associations and is for law enforcement officers who willingly distinguish themselves through an act of courage, involving a risk of imminent serious injury or death, for the purpose of saving or protecting a human life or while taking an armed and immediately dangerous suspect into custody.

The recipient of this year’s Medal of Honor is Officer Ty Reinke of the Aberdeen Police Department. The following summary of events is from the nomination form submitted by Chief Dave McNeil of the Aberdeen Police Department.

Officer Ty Reinke distinguished himself for conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of his life above and beyond the call of duty as a member of the Aberdeen Police Department on the streets of Aberdeen on August...
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14th, 2016 at about 12:00 am. Officer Reinke was dispatched to the 300 blk. of South Marshall Street in reference to an individual who had set a structure on fire and was chasing family members with a knife. At the time Officer Reinke was dispatched to this call, he was on another unrelated call. When Officer Reinke was dispatched to the call, he responded to the scene of the active attack without hesitation.

Upon arrival at the scene Officer Reinke encountered the suspect standing in the middle of the street. The suspect had a large homemade knife in his hand which resembled a meat cleaver. Officer Reinke immediately gave the suspect loud verbal warnings to put down the knife. The suspect began yelling and refused to comply. The suspect then charged directly at Officer Reinke and raised the knife in a threatening posture as he charged. As Officer Reinke was charged, Officer Reinke fired his duty weapon at the suspect. The suspect was struck with two bullets. The suspect continued his charge at Officer Reinke. The suspect then swung the knife at Officer Reinke, striking Officer Reinke on the head. As Officer Reinke was struck on the head with the knife, Officer Reinke fought the suspect and took control of the suspect by wrestling him to the ground. As Officer Reinke held the suspect, who continued to resist, he pinned the knife being held by the suspect to the ground until backup officers arrived. Officer Reinke maintained control of the suspect until his backup officers were able to remove the knife from the suspect’s hands and handcuff the suspect.

The suspect was later interviewed by agents from the South Dakota Department of Criminal Investigation (DCI). The suspect told investigators he had been using methamphetamine for days leading up to the event. He told investigators he would have “cut” his family with the knife if they would not have run away. The suspect told the agents that he did not want to live anymore and charged the officer knowing he would be shot.

It is for Officer Reinke’s extraordinary heroism and selfless actions on August 14, 2016 that the Aberdeen Police Department awards its highest award, the Medal of Honor, to him for his actions in responding to a call where the loss of life, including his, was imminent had he not intervened with extreme courage and determination.

Officer of the Year Award

The Officer of the Year Award is given jointly by the South Dakota Police Chiefs’ and South Dakota Sheriffs’ Associations. All sworn officers are eligible to receive the award for exceptional achievement in any police endeavor, including extraordinary valor, crime prevention, investigative work, community policing, traffic safety,
The recipient of this year’s Officer of the Year Award is Lieutenant Boyd Dean of the Spearfish Police Department. Dean was nominated for this award for his initiative in applying and being accepted to attend the FBI National Academy as a member of the 266th session at Quantico, Virginia from October 2 through December 16th 2016. He graduated to join the ranks of 49,686 who represent the alumni of the FBI National Academy since it began in 1935.

**Past President Award**

The current President of the South Dakota Police Chiefs’ Association, Chief Lee McPeek, Watertown Police Department, presented a plaque to Past President Chief Dave Kull, Brandon Police Department, in appreciation for his outstanding dedication and service to the South Dakota Police Chiefs’ Association. Chief Kull was President of the Association from 2014-2016.
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SoDACE Code Enforcement Officer of the Year

The SoDACE Code Enforcement Officer of the Year Award is given each year to a member of the South Dakota Association of Code Enforcement (SoDACE) based on a nomination that highlights the individual’s years of service, contributions to the municipality as a Code Enforcement Officer, contributions to their community as a citizen and personal accomplishments.

The following is from the presentation of the 2017 SoDACE Code Enforcement Officer of the Year Award. The award was presented by SoDACE Board President Dave Smith, City of Sturgis, at the 2017 Code Enforcement Information and Training Conference held at the Ramkota Hotel and Conference Center in Pierre on May 10-11.

“It is my distinct honor to present the 2017 SoDACE Code Enforcement Officer of the Year Award.

The recipient of this award is responsible for all aspects of code enforcement in their city. This person brings a wealth of knowledge to the city. The pursuit of life-long learning is evident in this person’s extensive credentialing in investigative process, fire prevention, fire codes, hazardous materials, emergency response and preparedness, International Property Maintenance Code and the list goes on and on.

The award recipient chooses to serve the community instead of enjoying an early retirement! Rather than viewing the job as a person with badge and a ticket book, this person develops a relationship with the client first and helps them reach their compliance goals in the spirit of cooperation.

Within a short time of being on the job, this person gained the trust of several property owners who had previously had very negative relationships with the city. This led to three of the city’s most significant clean-up efforts resulting in compliance.

It gives me great pleasure to present the 2017 SoDACE Code Enforcement Officer of the Year to Scott Deaver of Spearfish.”

Scott Deaver of Spearfish is presented the 2017 SoDACE Code Enforcement Officer of the Year award.

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New Laws Make Changes to SDRS

By Rob Wiley, Executive Director
South Dakota Retirement System

After recent conversations, I thought it may be helpful to provide some additional input regarding the SDRS legislation passed during the 2017 Legislative Session. We have heard from municipalities, school districts and other employers relating to the changes in the definition of compensation and final average compensation for purposes of the South Dakota Retirement System. As a response to those concerns, I offer this short explanation.

SDRS recognized that some employers were interpreting the compensation statute differently. The 2017 legislation related to compensation was designed to clarify and reinforce what the SDRS Board of Trustees has always considered the intent of the law.

For example:
- The phrase in South Dakota Codified Law 3-12-47.6, “payments for insurance coverage of any kind or any other employee benefit by an employer on behalf of an employee or an employee and dependents”, has always been considered to include payments in lieu of insurance coverage, or in lieu of any other benefit.
- Likewise, “any amount paid in a one-time lump sum payment or over a period of time and based on or attributable to retirement or an agreement to retire in the future” includes additional compensation in lieu of a retirement incentive payment and/or unrelated to position or workload changes paid near or at the end of an employee’s career. These amounts are therefore attributable to retirement and excluded from compensation for SDRS purposes.

As noted, since the passage of this legislation, SDRS has been receiving calls from employers that have been making contributions that are contrary to the definition of compensation for SDRS purposes. SDRS is helping employers comply with the law. Any employer having questions is encouraged to contact SDRS. Penalties for non-compliance were included in the law and SDRS has implemented new audit procedures to identify non-compliance. However, we do not expect to pursue any penalties for employers that self-report during the coming months. Our focus is on accurate and correct reporting and assisting in any payroll corrections that may be required.

It is essential that all SDRS employers meet the requirements of the law so a consistent and equitable benefit can be provided.
Holding a Conference for Entrepreneurial Resource Providers in Local Businesses - Why Didn’t I Think of That?

By: Kari O’Neill & Paul Thares

Members of the SDSU Community Vitality Team spent two days in April attending a “Connecting Entrepreneurial Communities” Conference in McCook, Nebraska. The conference, hosted by University of Nebraska Extension, offered an interesting venue twist: conference sessions were held in main street businesses. First tried by Michigan State University with success, McCook replicated the innovative idea.

Shop owners and managers shared their entrepreneurial journeys, while resource providers like Extension, Small Business Development, and Economic Development discussed tools to assist entrepreneurs. The combination was powerful, with both groups learning from each other.

The team attended sessions such as: Rural Grocery Stores - More than Groceries; Learning. Building.

Growing YEBO (Youth Entrepreneurship & Business Opportunities), Measuring Readiness in Communities, and Is Your Community Prepared for Entrepreneurs? Kari and Peggy presented sessions on the SDSU Entrepreneurial Support DDN Conference, Small Business Beginnings, and Marketing Hometown America. The opportunity to network with colleagues, McCook business owners, and Economic and Community Development staff yielded rich conversations.

Del Gines presenting on Developing Entrepreneurial Leadership at Brown’s Shoe Store.


During the evening conference attendees met at the Bieroc Café for a reception and networking dinner with entertainment. The Bieroc Café is interesting because the building also houses the Sehnert’s Bakery and Tied House; between these three businesses you can get great food, all types of beverages, and live music. Conference participants listened to five talented local high school students perform. https://sehnerts.com/ is worth a stop in McCook.

Two of the high school students who entertained the group at Bieroc Cafe.
In addition to attending a variety of conference sessions we also listened to keynote speaker, Dell Gines, Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City, Omaha. Dell spoke about how to develop place, people and community. He shared how we need to care about all communities and need to demand better strategies. Local development research in the 1970’s showed incentives are not the best way to do economic development work in most communities, however, every decade incentive giving continues. For small rural communities incentive giving does not work. Rural communities suffer from lack of self-depreciation. Dell reminded us...what one community can do...another can do...communities need to share their stories. Small communities need to cultivate the sense of resiliency. Dell ended on the note of starting with the powerful question of “how do we?”

McCook’s size of 7800 people made it a good mid-sized fit, and it was exciting to see the business ideas that were possible there. Good connections were made, conference attendees came from Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Nebraska and South Dakota and similar conferences will likely happen again. Maybe in South Dakota?!

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The South Dakota Transportation Commission awarded 53 Bridge Improvement Grants (BIG) for a total of approximately $9 million at their monthly meeting on April 27, 2017. The grant funding includes 17 bridge preservation projects totaling $2.681 million, seven bridge replacement/rehabilitation projects totaling $4.705 million and 29 preliminary engineering grants totaling $0.872 million. The balance of the $9 million (above) will be used for Construction Engineering costs.

Preservation grant recipients are: Brookings County, Campbell County, Codington County, Gregory County, Perkins County, Watertown, Yankton County, and Ziebach County. Bridge Replacement/Rehabilitation grant recipients are: Beadle County, Brookings County, Brown County, Davison County, Meade County and Union County. Preliminary Engineering grant recipients are: Aurora County, Beadle County, Butte County, Clark County, Day County, Deuel County, Hughes County, Hutchinson County, Jackson County, Jearuld County, Lawrence County, Lyman County, Marshall County, Miner County, Minnehaha County, Sanborn County, Spink County, Turner County, Union County and Watertown.

Grant funds are limited to a maximum of $4 million per entity over a three year period to ensure the funds are shared among as many local governments as possible. The local governments are required to pay a minimum of 20 percent matching funds and have three years to expend the grant. One hundred and ten applications totaling $20.55 million were received by the South Dakota Department of Transportation (SDDOT). Nine cities submitted 11 applications and 39 counties submitted a total of 99 applications.

The BIG program was created in 2015 by Senate Bill 1. SB 1 and set aside $7 million per year from funds generated by license plate fees to be used to repair and replace the aging local government bridges. The SDDOT added an additional $2 million this year, making $9 million available. These grants are in addition to the $6 million in federal highway funding that SDDOT provides for local bridge projects for each of the years, 2017 and 2018.

The grants are divided into three categories: preliminary engineering, preservation and replacement. • Preservation work is done to help extend the life of the structure. Project types include bridge deck overlays, railing repairs, adding riprap for scour protection, repairing backwalls, etc. • Bridge replacement projects are more expensive and these projects are ranked using a point system. Structure condition, detour route length, traffic counts, economic development factors, amount of wheel tax and additional financial commitment are aspects used to rank the projects. • The preliminary engineering grants included funding for survey, hydraulic analysis and structure sizing. This project work will ensure the grant requests for replacement funds will be more accurate. After this phase is completed, some counties and cities may choose to construct the bridges on their own, without grant funding.

For more information regarding the BIG program, contact Doug Kinniburgh at 605-773-4284.
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By Chris Hill, SDMEA Director of Municipal Electric Services

HOMETOWN - Pierre

Ryan Grant gave me fairly good directions to find the Pierre Municipal Electric office. I still continued to drive past it on the way to visit. It didn’t take long to realize that I was now at the Pierre Regional Airport and needed to turn around. It was very reassuring when I decided to turn south and saw transformer after transformer behind a building. I had found it, although, I did feel foolish for driving by the first time.

I met Electrical Superintendent (ES) Ryan Grant for the first time at the Superintendent/Foreman conference and he has made a point to send me pictures of electrical improvements that have been taking place. Including new lighting at the causeway and neat pictures taken from an airplane at night that revealed new LED lighting scattered throughout the city.

Aerial view of the city at night. Photo by Patrick Callahan.

Inside of the Pierre Municipal Electric Shop.

Pierre Causeway lights.

Pierre Municipal Electric Shop Yard.
Pierre Municipal Electric is located in a 30,000 square foot building that looks like it could field an arena football team. Bucket trucks, vac machines, skid loaders, and anything else an electrical department could dream of, sits inside the building. The office houses the Electrical Superintendent’s office (Ryan Grant) and also has a meeting room with four desks for each of the crew leaders (two man crews). Each crew has a diesel four door Ford equipped with a boom and a lift gate.

Ryan informed me that the City of Pierre is 100% underground and put in a new substation in 2013 and two major upgrades coming in 2017 and 2018. Once completed, 3 of the 4 substations will be upgraded as well as distribution totaling about $10 million. They will be replacing feeder lines, and pad mount switches from oil to vacuum. The cost of the switches will total $3 million alone.

Pierre also now replaces light poles with fiberglass poles that are set with a foam mixture to hold the poles in place rather than having to pour concrete.

The City of Pierre has also converted to AMI and has replaced 7500 electrical and 6500 water. I asked about resistance from any customers and Ryan told me that only two of the 7,500 customers had an issue with the conversion to AMI. Currently the water and wastewater system uses SCADA and electrical will be upgrading in the next couple of years to monitor the load.

The Pierre Electrical Department is also responsible for maintaining the 1MW solar farm that is owned by Pierre Solar and has a power purchase agreement with Missouri River Energy Services. The solar farm produces about 1,932 MWh which provides enough energy to power over 200 homes. The farm sits on 8.5 acres with the 4,24 multi-crystalline panels covering roughly five of the 8.5 acres. There is interconnection to the City of Pierre Distribution System and there are 42-24kW String Inverters.

I enjoyed visiting with Ryan and appreciate the opportunity to learn more about the Pierre Municipal Electric Department. Ryan and his crew have to be proud of their department and it was easy to see what makes their HOMETOWN great!

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ReUrbanism: Learning from the Past to Create More Sustainable Cities of the Future.

By Jim Lindberg, National Trust for Historic Preservation, senior director of Preservation Green Lab

In Colorado and across the country, older and historic neighborhoods are coming alive as places to live, work, and visit. Adaptive use of existing buildings, from ornate mansions to simple warehouses, is an increasingly common practice. Environmental advocates, developers, entrepreneurs, and civic leaders alike are seeing the benefits of reinvesting in older buildings and blocks to create healthier, more resilient communities.

At the same time, many communities are grappling with challenges that are impacting downtowns and older neighborhoods. How can more affordable housing be provided? What can be done to retain and support local small businesses? How can growth and greater density be achieved without sacrificing architectural character and diversity?

With these challenges and opportunities in mind, the National Trust for Historic Preservation (NTHP) recently launched a new initiative called ReUrbanism (savingplaces.org/reurbanism#.WLnd8BiZP1J). Inspired by the examples of historic urban development, ReUrbanism seeks to position historic preservation as an essential contributor to the sustainable communities of the future. The ReUrbanism initiative includes research, development of new policies and incentives, on-the-ground demonstration projects, and communication and outreach to advocates and civic leaders.

To guide this work, the National Trust has identified 10 Principles of ReUrbanism:

1. Cities and towns are successful only when they work for everyone. People are at the center of our work. Preservation projects can create opportunities for community residents at all income levels to live, work, and play in a diverse and thriving environment.

2. Older places provide the distinctiveness and character that engender success. Older buildings give municipalities a sense of identity, history, and authenticity — which is the most important competitive advantage they can have in today’s economy.
3. Older neighborhoods are economic engines. Research shows that neighborhoods with a mix of older and newer buildings perform better along a number of social, economic, cultural, and environmental metrics than areas with only new buildings.

4. New ideas, and the New Economy, thrive in older buildings. All over America, the most innovative companies of the 21st century are choosing to make their homes in older buildings. These buildings fuel creativity by being distinctive, character rich, endlessly adaptable, and often low cost.

5. Preservation is adaptive reuse. Adaptive reuse is preservation. Historic preservation is not just about keeping old buildings around. It is about keeping them alive, in active use, and relevant to the needs of the people who surround them.

6. Preservation is about managing change. Healthy, dynamic neighborhoods are always in the process of change. Historic preservation is about managing change: unleashing the enormous potential of older buildings to improve health, affordability, prosperity, and well-being.

7. Communities are for people, not vehicles. Reclaiming city streets and making them more amenable to pedestrian, bicycle, and transit use can help neighborhoods reacquire activity and thrive once more.

8. The greenest building is the one that is already built. It takes energy to construct a new building; it saves energy to preserve an old one. It simply does not make sense to recycle cans and newspapers and not recycle buildings.

9. There are many ways to achieve density. Areas with a mix of older and newer fabric tend to be denser than new-only neighborhoods, and they achieve that density at a human scale.

10. Every community has stories and places that matter. The places worth saving are those where communities choose to come together and that represent the local stories they treasure and wish to see preserved.

As part of the ReUrbanism initiative, the National Trust’s Preservation Green Lab is conducting research to explore the connections between older buildings and sustainable development. For example, NTHP’s Older, Smaller, Better study (forum.savingplaces.org/act/pgl/older-smaller-better) tested ideas first articulated by the famed journalist and urban advocate Jane Jacobs, who once said, “Cities need old buildings so badly it is probably impossible for
vigorous streets and districts to grow without them.” NTHP research in municipalities across the country confirms Jacobs’ theories, finding that areas characterized by older, smaller, mixed-vintage buildings and blocks have:

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- more young residents and residents of diverse ages;
- greater population density;
- more nightlife and 24/7 activity;
- more small and local businesses;
- more women- and minority-owned businesses;
- more jobs per square foot; and
- more creative jobs.

The Preservation Green Lab continues to gather data on the connections between older buildings and blocks and a range of healthy community metrics for cities across the country. The new Atlas of ReUrbanism (forum.savingplaces.org/act/pgl/atlas) includes analysis for 50 cities so far (including Denver), with more to come in the coming year.

The findings in the atlas point to the value of older buildings, blocks, and neighborhoods. These are places

\[ \text{where development has occurred incrementally, over many decades, resulting in a texture, richness, and distinctiveness that we call character. Blocks in high Character Score neighborhoods are lined with smaller, mixed-aged buildings, with many older structures still in use. This variety of building vintages and types provides space for a diverse and dense mix of residents and uses. Local businesses thrive in these neighborhoods, and the streets are full of activity, day and night. Older buildings with layers of history and flexible floor plans are attracting companies large and small. The ability of cities to attract and retain talented young workers is closely tied to the presence of character-rich places.} \]

There was a time when areas such as these were defined as blighted and even targeted for demolition through urban renewal. Data now shows that we can rewrite the formulas about what makes a successful city. Instead of fodder for the bulldozer, blocks of older, smaller buildings are in fact valuable assets that should be stewarded carefully.

Through the ReUrbanism initiative, the National Trust is working with local partners and civic leaders to explore and test new, smart city policies and incentives to conserve older buildings, encourage adaptive use, and support good

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new design. These may include:

• using GIS and remote technologies to more efficiently survey and document historic neighborhoods and districts;
• creating Adaptive Use Ordinances to remove zoning and building code barriers and encourage repurposing of vacant structures;
• rewriting zoning codes to reinforce and complement valued historic patterns of development;
• incentivizing activation of empty upper floors in commercial buildings to provide affordable housing;
• offering incentives for small businesses and companies that retain or move into buildings in older commercial districts; and
• encouraging retrofitting of older buildings for renewable energy through Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) programs and other new financing mechanisms.

Working together, preservationists, community organizations, creative developers, and civic leaders can make reuse of older and historic buildings the default option in our communities. Through conservation and renewal of these assets, we can create communities that are healthier and more sustainable for all.

*This article first appeared in the April 2017 issue of Colorado Municipalities magazine.*
200 Years a Town

Fort Pierre has a history of partying, and it doesn’t plan to disappoint anyone in 2017

Story by Katie Hunhoff | Photos by Bernie Hunhoff

Fort LaFramboise eventually fizzled but in 1832 it was rebuilt as Fort Pierre Chouteau, named for a principal owner of the famed American Fur Company. Chouteau’s post prospered for decades, and became the midway meeting place connecting St. Louis with a number of smaller posts to the north and west in today’s Montana and North Dakota.

The traders and travelers were a colorful and boisterous bunch. In 1850, French artist M.E. Girardin visited and later wrote a detailed account of a dinner and dance held to celebrate the arrival of a steamboat: “The fires are lighted in the middle of the fort. They make great piles of pancakes over which they pour copious libations. Two violin players, one a Canadian, the other Irish, perched on the top of a barrel, recall to me country weddings in my own land. All take part in the dance: employees, hunters, half-breeds, negroes, mulattoes and Indians; and all these figures, white, yellow, black, copper colored and brick colored, lighted by the reddish flame and excited by a new distribution of whisky, have about them something really diabolical.”

Chouteau pioneered the use of steamboats on the long and treacherous Missouri. Though boat captains and crews were befuddled by high water, low water, strong currents and submerged stumps, their cargo of pelts and hides made Chouteau a rich man until the beaver and buffalo began to disappear. By 1855, he was losing money so he sold the site to the U.S. government for use as a frontier army post. Mayor Gloria Hanson puts Fort Pierre’s early history in perspective like this: “Thirty-three years before the Declaration of Independence was signed two French guys claimed it,” she says. “When the fort was established, Napoleon was occupying Europe, the War of 1812 was raging, Lewis and Clark were making their trek, the Louisiana Purchase was being negotiated and then you have Fort Pierre being settled. The history just blows me away,” she says.

We met the energetic Hanson on a sunny afternoon at the popular Silver Spur, a legendary rough-and-tumble nightspot that finally closed its doors. It has since reopened as a family-friendly restaurant and steakhouse. An outdoor patio behind the Spur overlooks the Missouri shoreline where Lewis and Clark got a scare from the Teton Sioux in 1804. Flags and a memorial mark the historic encounter in today’s Fischer’s Lilly Park, located at the mouth of the Bad River. Kids were playing in the park and fishing from a footbridge that connects to the historic downtown. Beyond the park, a rodeo was in progress at the Stanley Six of last years 15 top rodeo bronc riders rode saddles made by David Dahl, who was had a a shop on Deadwood Street since the 1970s. Dahl, the state’s 1968 saddle bronc champ, makes a saddle a week thanks to a little help from his grandson, Drew Harper.

SOUTH DAKOTA’S OLDEST ORGANIZED town, Fort Pierre, is not resting on its historical laurels; the Missouri River city aims to start its third century with a bang. Two hundred years ago, the site of today’s Fort Pierre became a community of sorts when Joseph LaFramboise opened a trading post at the junction of the Bad and Missouri rivers. It was just 74 years after the Verendrye brothers had buried a lead plate on a nearby bluff claiming the region for France.

Chris Maxwell and Mayor Gloria Hanson, pictured in the renovated railroad depot, are planning Fort Pierre’s bicentennial celebration.
Wagon trains and pageantry will be a part of Fort Pierre’s bicentennial, thanks to local cowboys and re-enactors like (from left) history writer Bill Markley, Kristi Vensand-Hall and Terry Hall.

County Fairgrounds, which is also used throughout the year for hockey, horse racing, circuses, concerts and other activities.

Over the sounds of the kids in the park, we discussed Fort Pierre’s 200th birthday plans with Mayor Hanson. John Duffy, a local attorney with strong roots in Fort Pierre, and his wife, Patti, joined us along with Fort Pierre newcomer Chris Maxwell, who chairs the bicentennial planning committee.

Duffy shares his affection for his hometown by guiding local history tours along with Verendrye Museum Board Chairman Darby Nutter and historian Karl Fischer. He says they struggle to fit all the stories into a 90-minute bus tour. The historians tell visitors about the Verendrye Plate, the old forts, the Fort Pierre to Deadwood Trail, Scotty Philip (the man who saved the buffalo), rodeo champ Casey Tibbs and the river captains and gamblers who traveled the Missouri. “A million hands of poker were played in Fort Pierre before Deadwood even existed,” Duffy says.

In his History of the United Church of Christ in South Dakota 1869-1976, writer Edward C. Ehrensperger recounted a quote from the Rev. Stewart Sheldon after he arrived in Fort Pierre in 1880:

“... a strange mixture of Americans, English, Irish, Swedes, Norwegians, Russians, Poles, French, Canadians, half-breeds, Indians, and what not .... Protestants, Catholics, Spiritualists, Moralists, Liberals, Free lovers, Ingersolites, Nothing-arins, and how many others I do not know .... Nearly all the people were in hot and eager pursuit after the almighty dollar! Freighters and cowboys and adventurers from nearly all over the world were duly represented, and there was one continued white heat of excitement week days, Sabbath days, and all. The night before I got there two young men, stimulated by whiskey, drew their pistols on each other in a miserable dance house, and one of them fell dead at the feet of his assailant, and in a few hours was buried on the hillside just back of the town, without hardly more ceremony than if it had been the burial of a dog!”

The Reverend, apparently an optimist, found a way to conclude his report on a positive note: “It was indeed first-class missionary ground without any mistake.”

Fort Pierre’s reputation for partying continued well into the 20th century. The clock is a contributing factor: Pierre, the state’s capital city, sits on the east side of the Missouri in the Central Time Zone while Fort Pierre, on the western shore, is on Mountain Time, at least in the case of “last call” for bars.

“Fort Pierre has always been an evening place. Bars are
open to 3 a.m. and it’s known as a place to go late,” says Duffy. “Fort Pierre history from fur trappers to gold miners to dam builders has a reputation well-earned for a hard drinking town.”

For decades, his uncle Ed Duffy ran the famed Chateau Bar & Restaurant. Like the Silver Spur, it became famous for its mix of cowboys, blue collar types and politicians who sometimes escaped from Pierre, across the river, for privacy as they worked their legislative deals.

Continuing the tradition of welcoming guests and throwing parties, our lunch companions at the Silver Spur discussed big plans for the 200th celebration, being held September 15-17. Duffy says the bicentennial will help reinforce knowledge of Fort Pierre’s history along with new development by connecting people. “The anniversary draws people to become involved and is bringing the town together. We have a lot of young families, retired families and professionals. Eighty-five percent of residents work in Pierre. This is the time to draw everyone together.”

Sitting Bull’s Birthplace is marked on Evan Nordstrom’s family ranch.
Brothers Karl (left) and Bill Fischer, local businessman and historians, trace their family history in Fort Pierre to 1889 when their grandfather arrived. They are pictured by the historic Stockgrowers Bank, a signature building in the city.

The Duffy children (from left: Cormac, Maddie, Lis and Eddie) have a panoramic view of Fort Pierre from a hill above their family’s historic home.

Hanson agrees that the celebration is time to move Fort Pierre in a new direction. “We have never done a good job of capitalizing on our rich history. Last year, for example, for a history field trip, students went to Pierre. I want our kids to have a ‘Don’t mess with Texas’ attitude about their hometown. So if they see trash in the street it would make them mad. I want to develop a passion for this place with everyone understanding how unique and special Fort Pierre is.”

Maxwell, who moved to Fort Pierre five years ago, sees the challenges from a newcomer’s perspective. “I’m into it now,” says Maxwell. “I’m telling people who live here all the things that are here.” He says a lot of developments are combining to create big momentum for the town’s 200th birthday and beyond.

One example is a stylish 90-foot paddlewheeler named Horizon. “The steamboat will be a permanent fixture docked in the Fort Pierre and Pierre area,” Maxwell says. “Plans are that it will be taken out on regular chartered trips, along with hopefully being a part of some ongoing history and dinner cruises.” Horizon is the dream of Caleb Gilkerson, an interesting adventurer who also makes a business of diving in the river. He is also a fishing guide, provides boat charters and tours. He purchased Horizon in St. Louis and coordinated the voyage upriver this spring. The community has more excitement in the works, including construction of a marina close to the downtown, a summer farmer’s market and a sculpture series of historical figures, beginning with the town’s namesake Pierre Chouteau. Recently a new restaurant and convention center, Drifters, opened on the river.

The town’s original railroad depot has been returned just in time for the celebration. The wood depot was built in 1906, but after it closed in 1964 Shirley Miller of Mud Butte moved it to his ranch and used it for sheep shearing and wool storage. Fortunately, he took good care of the depot and he happily arranged for its return when the Verendrye Museum in Fort Pierre expressed an interest. After a $1 million renovation, the depot looks like it did in its heyday. But steamboats played an even bigger role than trains in the community’s early years. Fort Pierre’s downtown was even designed as a port city. The streets are at an angle to make it easier for workers to transport goods from the
steamboats. “I say the steamboats were our city planners,” laughs Hanson. The alleys were created 40 feet wide to give plenty of room to load and unload cargo.

Most renovations happening in the historic downtown are private enterprise, says Hanson, like the renovation of the 1903 Stock Growers Bank, a brick beauty that now houses a farm commodities business and other offices. Three of the Stock Growers’ four original vaults are still in use. Scotty Philip, the pioneer who saved the buffalo, once had an office there.

Several blocks from the Stock Growers’, artist Marty Hallock has opened 605 Studios. He creates unusual sculptures on commission, using wood, copper, polished nickel and other found materials. Across the street, the Dakota Emporium Trading Post sells Native American crafts as well as beads and leathers for artists.

Despite the progress of recent years, the Duffy’s and others lament that there are still a few basics missing. “Just a cup of coffee will get people downtown,” says Patti, but there’s no such place today except for gas stations and bars.

Coffee or not, make no mistake that the Fort Pierre community will remain true to its heritage by hosting a big 200th birthday party. Music is planned throughout the summer. The Silver Spur has been holding concerts near the patio that overlooks the river. The band Hairball performs June 10 and country act Diamond Rio is booked for August 4. Drifters, the new convention center, has local bands scheduled throughout the summer. In September, the community will hold a weekend long celebration with a wagon train trip highlighting historic sites, a parade, a steak feed, arts festival, helicopter rides and a rodeo. If you’re in town be sure to stop by the newly renovated Silver Spur and also the old Chateau which is slated to open sometime before the anniversary. It was purchased from the Duffy’s by Shane Mattheis, who plans to continue the Chateau’s legacy with its famous onion ring recipe.

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Fort Pierre’s 200 Years

1817 – Fort LaFramboise is built as a trading post near the mouth of the Bad River in today’s Fort Pierre.

1832 – Fort Pierre Chouteau trading post is established, and the American Fur Company organizes the community of Fort Pierre.

1840 – First church service held by Stephen R. Riggs.

1850-1851 – Cholera outbreak plagues Fort Pierre.

1855/1856 – The United States Army purchases Fort Pierre Chouteau and Gen. Harney and his troops suffer a cold winter at Fort Pierre. Harney called a Peace Council in 1856 that succeeded until 1862. An estimated 7,000 Indians attended and set up tipis around the old fort.

1857 – First white child is born at the post.

1861 – Dakota Territory is created.

1868 – The Great Sioux Reservation is established through the Fort Laramie Treaty.

1870 – First school opens.

1876 – Gold is discovered in the Hills, and the Fort Pierre to Deadwood Trail becomes a busy roadway, moving travelers and freight west.

1881 – A spring flood expands the river to over 2 miles wide.

1886 – The Deadwood Trail era comes to an end when the Chicago and North Western Railroad bypasses Pierre and Fort Pierre with a line from Nebraska to Deadwood.

1883 – Frederick Dupree, fearing the near extinction of the wild buffalo, captures five calves.

1889 – South Dakota becomes a state on Nov. 2 and Congress opens lands to homesteaders that had been promised to Native Americans.

1898 – Scotty Philip buys Fred Dupree’s buffalo and moves the herd to his ranch near Fort Pierre. Most buffalo in North America can be traced to the Dupree/Philip herd.

1903 – Fort Pierre is booming, with 18 businesses on Main Avenue and 26 on Deadwood Street.

1907 – The Chicago & North Western Railroad builds a bridge from Pierre to Fort Pierre, connecting East with West and completing 170 miles of track between Pierre and Rapid City.

1913 – Schoolchildren find the Verendrye plate that was buried on a hilltop in 1743.

1929 – Rodeo legend Casey Tibbs is born 50 miles north of Pierre.

1947 – Fort Pierre Livestock Auction is built. Friday cattle sales draw buyers from hundreds of miles away.

1948 – Construction begins on Oahe Dam. It is finished in 1959 and dedicated by President Kennedy in 1962. Fishing and water recreation booms.

1952 – Another bad flood sends 2 feet of water into the homes and businesses of Pierre and Fort Pierre.

1958 – The Deadwood Trail era comes to an end when the Chicago and North Western Railroad bypasses Pierre and Fort Pierre with a line from Nebraska to Deadwood.

1964 – A spring flood expands the river to over 2 miles wide.

1970 – First school opens.

1976 – Gold is discovered in the Hills, and the Fort Pierre to Deadwood Trail becomes a busy roadway, moving travelers and freight west.

1981 – A spring flood expands the river to over 2 miles wide.

1986 – The Deadwood Trail era comes to an end when the Chicago and North Western Railroad bypasses Pierre and Fort Pierre with a line from Nebraska to Deadwood.

1989 – South Dakota becomes a state on Nov. 2 and Congress opens lands to homesteaders that had been promised to Native Americans.

1998 – Fort Pierre’s first canals are dug, and upscale housing developments begin.

2009 – The Casey Tibbs Rodeo Center and Mattie Goff Newcombe Conference Center opens.

2011 – Another flood plagues Fort Pierre and Pierre, after record amounts of snow and rain fall in Montana and Wyoming. The flood ravages homes and businesses the entire summer.

2017 – Fort Pierre celebrates its 200th year as a community.

The history of the majestic buffalo is closely tied to Fort Pierre, thanks to pioneer ranchers Fred Dupree and Scotty Philip. Today several herds live in the Missouri River breaks of Stanley County; including a light-haired group on the Eric Nordstrom Ranch.
Applications Being Accepted for Community Access Grants

PIERRE, S.D. – The South Dakota Department of Transportation is now accepting applications for its Community Access, Industrial Park and Agri-Business Grant Program.

The Community Access Program provides funds on a competitive basis to communities with populations under 5,000 for use in new projects involving the repair or replacement of important local roads such as the road to the elevator, to the school or hospital and in the main business district.

The Community Access applications are due to the Department of Transportation by July 17, 2017. The application deadline is intended to provide successful applicants sufficient lead-time to complete design of projects prior to the 2018 construction season. Only applications for projects that have not been constructed will be considered.

The Industrial Park and Agri-Business Grant programs provide funds to assist communities who have a new industry or agri-business and need new or expanded access to the facilities.

Industrial Park and Agri-Business applications will be considered three times each year. These applications are due April 15, July 15 and Oct. 15 of each year. The applications will then be reviewed by SDDOT as well as the Governor’s Office of Economic Development before being considered at the Transportation Commission meetings.

Applications are available from: South Dakota Department of Transportation, Office of Local Government Assistance, 700 Broadway Avenue East, Pierre, SD 57501, or can be downloaded from the DOT website at: http://sddot.com/business/local/economic/Default.aspx.

If you need assistance in filling out your application, contact your local planning district or Paula Huizenga with the Office of Local Government Assistance at 605.773.6253.

For complete road construction information, visit www.safetravelusa.com/sd or dial 511.
**Q:** What is an illegal discharge?

**A:** Any time water leaves the sanitary sewer system, it is a violation of the South Dakota Sewer Discharge Permit. The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) in Denver requires this permit. The state of South Dakota oversees these permits with approval of the EPA.

The proper way in an emergency to discharge is in this order:

1. First, protect the system from backing into homes.
2. The permit requires a call to the South Dakota Department Environment and Natural Resources (DENR). The phone number is in the permit.
3. Take a sample. If you do not have a sample package, buy a bottle of distilled water, empty it and take a sample. Remember the sample must arrive at a lab and analyzed within 24 hours.
4. Record what action was taken and why. For instance, the system had five inches of rain in three hours causing the sewer system to overflow. The duration of the discharge is a requirement of the permit. Make sure the public is aware that the water you are pumping may be contaminated and that the proper steps to protect the public. DENR is required to receive a copy of the report with an explanation of solutions that may solve the problem in the future.

DENR understands that a system cannot do anything about six inches of rain in a short period. On the other hand, smoke testing or televising the sewer system gives the regulatory and insurance company confidence that the system is trying to fix the problems that are occurring.

**Q:** What would you recommend to water systems that want to develop a Wellhead Protection Plan?

**A:** Operations Specialists and Managers should seek technical assistance in identifying the requirements of wellhead protection and the source water assessment process. Contacting adjacent landowners to discuss the need for protection and management is also a good idea.

Secondly, take the information provided by the Source Water Assessment Program and SDARWS to heart, find out what it means, realize the effects of what is around you, and act accordingly. Talk to SDARWS and DENR to get a better understanding of your water resources - or even your Water Development Districts. The EPA’s 5-step process for wellhead protection planning is also another good resource.

**Q:** What is a Sanitary Survey?

**A:** Drinking Water Program staff with Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) conduct sanitary surveys of public water systems every three years. The survey is an on-site review of the water source, facilities, equipment, operations, and maintenance.

Among the main reasons and benefits of a sanitary survey is that it allows the inspector to work with the system operator to:

- evaluate and document a public water system’s ability to provide a safe and reliable water supply
- identify any deficiencies that may adversely impact the delivery of an adequate quality and quantity of safe drinking water
- identify existing and potential sanitary risks to help water systems protect public health, and
- determine compliance with drinking water regulations
The Future of Online Public Engagement: How to build an informed community, measure sentiment, and balance the vocal few.

By Nick Mastronardi and Alex Pedersen, for the National League of Cities

There is incredible wisdom and powerful data when civic engagement is done right. But when it’s not, we get the unfortunately all-too-familiar sequence:

- A few squeaky wheels can intimidate others at a city council or town hall meetings.
- The silent majority remains silent.
- Cities spend time and resources trying to re-engage the silent majority through various communication channels.
- The fractured communication leaves citizens confused and not participating.
- The lack of participation fails to deliver officials data.
- The squeaky wheels and organized interest get their way.

Our organization, Polco, recently worked with the City of Purcellville, Va. To try a new approach to building an informed community, measuring sentiment and balancing the vocal few. Recognizing major shifts and improvement in technology, we designed a new online engagement process that’s easier and more insightful for decision makers and for constituents. Below are our findings from this partnership. We’re excited to share what we did together and how it’s working, and we’ve highlighted five critical steps the City of Purcellville took because we believe they represent best practices in engagement.

1. Define an end state and make a commitment to broad and long-term engagement that’s easy and rewarding for your community.

The City of Purcellville wanted the community to be informed on many key initiatives (and limit misinformation), feel a part of the decision making process, and wanted decision makers to have a strong pulse on community opinions and needs for these key decisions. This was not a single-issue effort. Taking this long-term and holistic approach meant that they could build engagement into more components of their daily operations and solidify it as a habit among local officials and residents.

How engagement looks from city to city may vary dramatically - some may want to engage primarily with an annual survey, others may want to poll in real time on many issues, others may want to engage primarily to message-test or for get-out-to-vote campaigns. Whatever the objective, clearly stating it and receiving buy-in from stakeholders proved critical. Interestingly, this commitment does not necessarily imply an additional time or resource burden. In many cases, developing a long term engagement plan can unify outreach channels, simplify operations, and ultimately save time.

2. Engage consistently and iteratively.

Our biggest role was to help with the “how” - the method of conducting that engagement. We thought ideally the process of engaging should be the same every time so people knew what to expect. Whether through an online forum, a dedicated Facebook page, or (in our case) on Polco, having a single consistent place to receive input from engagement creates habits among a community that keep people coming back naturally and reduces the need for outreach every time. In this case, the city posted additional policy polls about upcoming initiatives over the first few weeks of the campaign. This drew in additional members of the community and set the tone and pace for engagement into the future.

3. Reach more people for streamlined input.

With a plan in place, the next effort was to attract as much as of the community as possible. This may sound straightforward, but the idea of increasing the number of voices in a conversation can be understandably intimidating. However, with the right process to collect, verify, and organize that input, the volume can generate insight, not noise.

To reach the broadest base possible, we wanted to meet people where they already were online, let them engage there, and pipe input back to the central verifying and organizing database. This approach meant citizens could find opportunities to engage on Facebook, email newsletters, embeddable response forms, and in other ways. The list doesn’t even have to be limited to digital channels. For example, Purcellville will include a blurb and link on its upcoming utility bills. And by making sure that all of those outlets directed back to a central location online, there was no need to assemble data from various sources.

4. Report actionable and citable results.

Having the data is important, but organizing it to make it
actionable and citable was a critical next step. For instance, it’s often important to verify that those who are engaging actually live or own a property or business in your community, and collect key information such as specific location, gender or other demographics. We’ve seen this done manually through staff, or automatically using a variety of platforms. In our case, we automatically organized the results by some interesting dimensions, such as district, to help understand geographic differences within the community. With that data in hand, the City or Purcellville had a strong understanding of how the constituents felt on specific policy initiatives and could make informed decisions based on those preferences. This is engagement with impact!

5. Reward engagement with a closed loop.

At the end of the day, this input was provided by residents, and the ability to keep engagement high is likely dependent on the city’s ability to show respondents that their time had impact. We suspect the best way to do that is to communicate the outcome, and give them some closure on the issue. Regardless of whether a decision was made counter to their liking, we think closing the decision-making loop and explaining the outcome is critical to the long term success of any engagement campaign, so we made it easy for the city to do so.

6. What’s next?

We’ve seen great response rates from this campaign and others. Engagement is roughly 10 times that delivered by traditional methods, with nearly three percent of the population participating. But we think it’s possible to do much more. Our target is 100 times traditional methods, with the goal of regularly engaging 30 percent of the population. More participation means more informed communities on the important city issues, with a wealth of clear and actionable data for decision makers. This is what public engagement will look like in the future.

If you are interested in learning more about this case study or Polco, please contact Nick Mastronardi at nick@polco.us.

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WOTUS to Stay at SCOTUS

By Lisa Soronen, National League of Cities

The Trump administration asked the Supreme Court to hold “in abeyance” litigation over whether a federal district court or a federal court of appeals has jurisdiction to rule whether the current 2015 Waters of the United States (WOTUS) definitional rule violates the Clean Water Act. On April 2 the Supreme Court denied the motion meaning the litigation will proceed.

President Trump’s February 28 executive order Restoring the Rule of Law, Federalism, and Economic Growth by Reviewing the “Waters of the United States” Rule calls for the “rescinding or revising” of the WOTUS rule. Many state and local governments objected to the broad nature of this rule, in particular to the expansive definition of ditches and the ambiguous definition of tributaries.

The 2015 WOTUS rule is subject to complicated litigation. In October 2015 the Sixth Circuit issued a temporary stay of the rule preventing it from going into effect nationally. In February 2016 the Sixth Circuit ruled that it, rather than a federal district court, has jurisdiction to rule on whether the WOTUS rule exceeded the Clean Water Act.

In January 2017 the Supreme Court agreed to review the Sixth Circuit ruling that an appellate court not a district court has jurisdiction to rule on WOTUS. This case, National Association of Manufacturers v. Department of Defense, will not be heard until next fall 2017—meaning the Supreme Court may not issue an opinion in this case until as late as June 2018.

The federal government asked the litigation before the Supreme Court to be temporarily halted because the 2015 WOTUS rule may be rescinded or revised per the Executive Order meaning the Sixth Circuit’s ruling it had jurisdiction “may ultimately have little significance for the Rule that is currently under review by the court of appeals.”

A number of parties and interveners who support the 2015 WOTUS rule objected. Conservation groups argued it is “quite unlikely that the detailed rule and technical record at issue could properly be reconsidered so quickly, and it would be inappropriate to prejudge the outcome of the deliberative process of notice-and-comment rulemaking that would apply to any such action.”

Per regular practice the Supreme Court did not explain why it denied the abeyance motion. That the motion was opposed and that the process to finalize new rules is lengthy (and hasn’t yet begun here) may have been factors. Also, the Supreme Court may be anxious to resolve the decade long confusion over federal court jurisdiction under the Clean Water Act, which would apply to future definitions of WOTUS—whatever they might be.

Visit the League’s website!

Visit the Events section frequently on the SDML website, www.sd municipalleague.org, to find out what meetings and trainings are coming up.
New Tools Available for South Dakota Communities to Improve Overall Well-being

Through a collaboration with the South Dakota Department of Health, Wellmark Blue Cross and Blue Shield is pleased to bring Healthy HometownSM Powered by Wellmark to South Dakotans.

The Department’s Office of Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion created Good & Healthy South Dakota to provide a central source of information for South Dakota communities, schools, workplaces, childcare, health care and tribes. The Healthy Hometown program aims to engage communities of all sizes to improve the overall well-being of residents. It offers proven tools that can be used in communities to make long-lasting changes to transform the places where citizens live, work and play by making the healthy choice the easy choice.

“Have you ever noticed how your surroundings affect your activity level?” asked Elizabeth Mendelson, director of sales for Wellmark Blue Cross and Blue Shield of South Dakota. “Just think about your normal day. How often are you on your phone or tablet? Is processed food easier to fit into your hectic schedule than a healthy meal? Do you drive to the store rather than walk? Our day-to-day activities and where we live impact our health. In fact, your ZIP code may impact your health more than your genetic code.”

Expert assistance available
Communities are not alone. Assistance is available to help communities take the first step in making positive changes. Healthy Hometown experts will work with a community to help identify and prioritize goals. Strategies include implementing a complete streets policy, establishing a community or school garden or passing a nicotine-free policy in public parks. As the community works to implement its goals, Healthy Hometown experts will provide guidance in the implementation of tools where the end result has a long-term impact on the health and well-being of residents.

Communities interested in this free assistance can submit a Healthy Hometown Statement of Interest (SOI), available at the Good & Healthy South Dakota website. Once submitted, a Healthy Hometown representative will contact the individual who submitted the SOI to learn more about the community and ask additional questions to gauge the readiness of the community to make long-lasting changes.

Complete an online self-assessment
Any South Dakota community, worksite or school can also complete a free self-assessment and receive a report that will provide tools to help make positive changes to where citizens live, work and play. The self-assessment is available at the Good & Healthy South Dakota website. “From the self-assessment to receiving help from experts, Healthy Hometown offers something for everyone,” said Kiley Hump, chronic disease prevention and health promotion administrator for the South Dakota Department of Health. “Adopting a good and healthy lifestyle is a great way to maintain your health and prevent chronic disease. Being active, eating right, quitting tobacco use and staying educated on important health risks are all steps in the right direction. Let’s work together to make South Dakota good and healthy.”

For more information on the Healthy Hometown program, visit www.goodandhealthysd.org/healthyhometown.

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What Happens After a First Report of Injury is Filed?

How we can work together for a successful investigation and resolution of a workers’ compensation claim.

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Review First Report of Injury
This is our first opportunity to analyze the claim.
SD Department of Labor and Regulation requires we file the information on the form electronically. The more complete, the better. Please include contact supervisor phone numbers and class codes.
The adjuster is assigned and the member receives an acknowledgement email.
The employee’s signature is NOT required. Please do not delay submission for a signature.
Below is an illustration of the timeline from the date of injury to the date the First Report of Injury is received in our office. It is important that we receive all claims timely – even minor first aid or those who haven’t sought any treatment. 10% come on the very day of the injury!

Adjuster Investigation
Review First Report of Injury
Contact Employee for interview
Contact Employer with questions – please also contact us if you have questions!
Review medical records
Authorize medical bills to be processed and paid pursuant to the SD Fee Schedule.
Complete state forms for wage benefits with assistance of the employer
Pay indemnity compensation benefit after 7 consecutive days of doctor ordered off work.
Determine subrogation potential. Is another party negligent?
Determine restitution – was it ordered? This involves our law enforcement departments. We stress the need for internal incident reports, arrest reports, and defendant information in order for us to communicate with the states attorney. Please send this information with the First Report of Injury.

Statutory Requirements
- Employee must report the injury to the employer within three (3) business days.
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- Medical bills paid only after receipt and review of medical records
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Disputes and Resolution
- If not compensable, a denial letter will be sent to the employee and employer and Department of Labor and Regulation
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By Senator Mike Rounds

In the United States Senate, much of our time is focused on crafting and debating legislation, attending committee meetings and making sure federal policies are working for South Dakota families. But we also spend a great deal of time helping South Dakotans who have difficulties dealing with a federal agency. It is a lesser-known but equally-important service that allows us to act as a liaison between you and the federal government. Washington is so broken and our federal bureaucracy has grown so large that individual needs of American citizens are too often lost in a sea of red tape. Our goal is to work with federal agencies to identify your issue and fix it.

Over the past two years, working with the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) on behalf of South Dakota veterans has been the most common situation we’re asked to help with. We have assisted countless South Dakota veterans with navigating the Veterans Choice Act and other VA programs here in South Dakota, while simultaneously seeking changes to federal policy that will improve the care they receive under the current law. We also work frequently with the VA to obtain overdue medals and awards for veterans and their families. I have been able to present a few of those medals to South Dakota veterans firsthand as I’ve traveled around the state. It is a very special honor to recognize these vets, with their family and friends in attendance, and say thank you to them for their service to our country.

In addition to helping veterans get the benefits and services they have been promised, we have also been able to bring families together by helping individuals get visas or expedited passports. We also help people access social security benefits, file tax returns, work with Indian Health Service (IHS) and make sure federal agencies are treating citizens fairly and with respect and attention they deserve. I am very proud of the work we are doing to help South Dakotans who feel like they have been left behind by the federal government and have nowhere else to turn.

Our South Dakota offices are located in Sioux Falls, Pierre, Rapid City and Aberdeen. Our staff members who handle casework are available every weekday, either in person, by phone or by email. You can find the contact information for our offices on my website, www.rounds.senate.gov. My team works closely together across the state and in Washington, and we strive to provide a timely response to everyone who contacts us, particularly if it is an urgent matter in which we are able to intervene.

We take our work on behalf of South Dakotans very seriously, and I am pleased that we’ve been able to help so many constituents already since setting up our office two years ago. Please don’t hesitate to contact us if you are experiencing difficulty dealing with a federal agency. We are here to help.
JULY Community Events

May 26 - October 1
Legends in Light® Laser Light Show
at Crazy Horse Memorial
Crazy Horse

May 26 - September 30
Mount Rushmore Evening Lighting Ceremony
Mount Rushmore

June 4 - August 13
49th Annual Red Cloud Indian Art Show
Pine Ridge

June 30 - July 4
98th Annual Black Hills Roundup
Belle Fourche

July 1 - 2
Prairie Village Railroad Days
Madison

July 1 - 2
Archeology Awareness Days
Mitchell

July 1
1880 Train Old West Shootout
Hill City

Holy Rocka Rollaz Concert
Madison

Extreme Amazing Race
Canton

July 2
Strawbale Winery Sangria Sunday
Renner

1880 Train Old West Shootout
Hill City

July 3-4
Old Time Country Fourth Celebration
Custer

July 3 - 5
Interior Frontier Days Rodeo
Interior

July 3 - August 2
The Phantom of the Matthews Opera House
Spearfish

July 4
Independence Day at Crazy Horse Memorial
Crazy Horse

Greatest Show on H2O at Catfish Bay
Sioux Falls

Uncle Sam Jam
Brookings

City of Yankton 4th of July Fireworks
Yankton

Patriot’s Parade
Custer

July 6 - 9
22nd Annual Hot Harley Nights
Sioux Falls

July 6
1880 Train Old West Shootout
Hill City

July 7 - 22
Northern Fort Playhouse 2017 season
Lake City

July 7 - 8
Neutrino Day 2017
Lead

July 7
Downtown Friday Nights
Spearfish

Greatest Show on H2O at Catfish Bay
Sioux Falls

July 7 - 9
Laura Ingalls Wilder Pageant
De Smet

July 8
Spearfish Canyon Half Marathon & 5K
Spearfish

The Fort to the Field 50 Paddle Battle
Pickstown

Dutch Oven Gathering
Brandon

July 8 - 9
Brookings Summer Arts Festival
Brookings

July 9
Cruiser Car Show & Street Fair
Rapid City

Strawbale Winery Sangria Sunday
Renner

CIVIL ENGINEERING & LAND SURVEYING SERVICES

infrastructure
noun in-frac-ture
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Division of Dakota Fence

Dakota Playground

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Days of 76’ Rodeo and Parades
Deadwood

July 27
Downtown at Sundown
Brookings
Summer Porch at Strawbale Winery
Renner

1880 Train Old West Shootout
Hill City

The Red Willow Band Reunion Concert
Lead

July 28
Downtown Friday Nights: Eskimo Brothers
Spearfish

Greatest Show on H2O at Catfish Bay
Sioux Falls

July 28 - August 6
“Mary Poppins the Musical” Community Theater
Mitchell

July 29
5th Annual Discovery Day
Madison

Folk Off & Rib Challenge 2017
Renner

Farm Fun Day at the Zoo
Watertown

Sherwin & Pam Linton and the Cotton Kings
Madison

Strawbale Winery Sangria Sundays
Renner

Mount Rushmore Rodeo at Palmer Gulch
Hill City

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ADMINISTRATOR, INDUSTRIAL WASTE PROGRAM: Brookings Municipal Utilities, Brookings, SD. This position is responsible for assisting with the administration of the BMU Industrial Waste/Pretreatment Program in accordance with State and Federal regulations. Successful candidates must possess a thorough knowledge or the ability to thoroughly understand the operation of wastewater treatment and sludge treatment processes, industrial waste sampling techniques, chain of custody requirements and laboratory analytical procedures. See website for complete description. Brookings Municipal Utilities offers a great work environment, competitive salary and benefits package. Submit an online application and professional resume by visiting www.brookingsutilities.com.

ASSISTANT CITY ENGINEER: Watertown, SD. Salary Grade 7- $55,488 - $62,489. Applicants must submit a City application, cover letter and resume to be considered for this position. Application Forms and complete position descriptions are available at City Hall Finance Office or on line at http://www.watertownsnd.us/Jobs.aspx. Application materials must be received in the Human Resources Coordinator’s office at City Hall: Human Resources Office, 23 2nd Street NE, PO Box 910, Watertown, SD 57201. Open until filled. Minimum Qualifications: Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering or related field from an accredited college or university and four (4) years experience in civil engineering or municipal engineering with a minimum of two (2) years in a supervisory capacity; Candidates must have a valid driver’s license, and obtain Floodplain Manager Certification within two (2) years from hire date; A Professional Engineer’s License in Civil Engineering (South Dakota Professional Engineer’s License) is desirable, but not required; Must establish residency within 35 miles of the Watertown Regional Airport terminal within six months of hire date. Veteran’s preference points are acknowledged in the City’s hiring process. The City of Watertown’s Personnel Policy, including the City’s policy on Nepotism, can be obtained at the City Finance Office or on our website at www.watertownsnd.us. The City of Watertown does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, gender, religion, age or disability in employment or the provision of services. EOE.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR: Spearfish, SD. Responsibilities: The position is responsible for overseeing the overall leadership and direction of day to day operations of the City of Spearfish. By providing managerial leadership to ensure efficient, responsible, and ethical functions of all City departments; while promoting positive employee relations and a team environment by facilitating an atmosphere of open communication, problem solving, and creating a shared awareness of City goals, objectives and current events. Requirements: Bachelors’ Degree in Public Administration, Business Administration, Management or related field (Masters’ Degree preferred) and seven years of progressive, responsible, extensive management and administrative experience that demonstrates the ability to direct the activities of a municipal government, or an acceptable equivalent combination of education or experience as may be acceptable to the hiring authority. Candidates must have an insurable driving history. Residency required within a distance from the City of Spearfish adequate to meet a 30 minute response time requirement. How to Apply: Interested applicants must submit a City application, letter of intent including salary requirements, and resume to the Human Resource Office, 625 Fifth Street, Spearfish, SD 57783; p 605-642-1354; f 605-642-1329; e jodi.friedel@cityofspearfish.com. The salary range for this position is $102,190 - $154,876 annually, based on qualifications and experience; excellent benefits; EOE. Position open until filled. To view entire position description please visit the City’s website at www.cityofspearfish.com. Individuals with disabilities who need reasonable accommodations to complete the job application process are encouraged to apply and should contact the Human Resource Director to commence the accommodation interactive process.

CHIEF CIVIL DEPUTY STATE’S ATTORNEY: Sioux Falls, SD. Applications are being accepted for the Chief Civil Deputy State’s Attorney for the Minnehaha State’s Attorney’s Office. The incumbent will represent and advise the Board of County Commissioners, elected and non-elected Minnehaha County department heads, and Minnehaha County agencies and offices on litigation and legal issues. Requires graduation from law school, JD degree, and admission by Supreme Court of SD to practice law; or out of state license & eligible to sit for next SD bar exam and 5 years of relevant experience. Working knowledge of civil litigation, collective bargaining, and employment law preferred. Hiring range: $3,552.00 - $3,825.60/biweekly. Minnehaha County offers health, dental, vision and life insurance, a generous paid time off program, extended sick leave, retirement and an employee assistance program. For a full list of qualifications and the application process visit http://jobs.minnehahacounty.org. Posting closes June 19, 2017 at 5 p.m. Contact HR with questions at 605-367-4337. EO/AA Employer.

SOUTH DAKOTA MUNICIPALITIES
DEPUTY FINANCE OFFICER: The City of Pierre, SD is looking for a self-directed individual with strong motivation and willingness to take initiative in the position of Deputy Finance Officer to help lead the City’s Finance Office in achieving financial reliability and transparency. This position is ideal for an analytical and detail oriented candidate that is looking to be a part of a fast-paced, diverse, and hands-on team environment. The Deputy Finance Officer is responsible for the accounts receivable processing, monthly bank reconciliations, inventory processing, journal entry processing, accurate general ledger analysis, monthly sales tax submission to State, review and approve weekly A/P invoices, and monthly Departmental financial reports. Successful candidate will be instrumental in managing the fixed asset inventory, annual inventory verification process, and year-end comprehensive annual financial report. As second-in-command of the City Finance Office, in the absence of the Director, the Deputy is also responsible for Director duties including keeping the Mayor and City Administrator promptly informed of all pertinent matters, assist with customer complaints or concerns, and coordinating the Tuesday night commission Meeting. Minimum Qualifications: Graduation from accredited college or university with a bachelor’s degree in Accounting and 2 years of experience in Governmental Accounting or an equivalent combination of education and experience. Knowledge of Governmental Accounting Standards and Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP). CPA Preferred. Salary: $64,209.18 - $74,462.96 plus comprehensive benefit package. Applications: Human Resources Office, City of Pierre, Box 1253 or 222 E. Dakota, Pierre, SD 57501, Phone 605-773-7429, www.cityofpierre.org. Open Until Filled. EOE.

ELECTRICAL MAINTENANCE SUPERVISOR: Brookings Municipal Utilities, Brookings, SD. This position is responsible for performing administrative and fieldwork in planning, directing, supervising, and coordinating the maintenance of the Utility electrical systems. Successful candidates must possess a thorough knowledge of electrical systems, electrical theory, SCADA operations, substation automation, power quality issues and the operation of equipment used in repairing or building electric power systems. Prior leadership experience is desired. Brookings Municipal Utilities offers a great work environment, competitive salary and benefits package. Salary range for this position is $71,032-$94,723.20. See website for complete description. Submit an online application and professional resume by visiting www.brookingsutilities.com. Questions may be directed to: Human Resources, Brookings Municipal Utilities, Phone: 605-692-6325, Email: HR@swiftel-bmu.com. EOE.
ELECTRICAL DEPARTMENT MANAGER: Brookings Municipal Utilities, Brookings, SD. This position is responsible for the day-to-day oversight of the electrical department which provides power to approximately 10,000 customers with a delivery capacity of approximately 120 MW with a current peak of 66 MW. This position is responsible for overseeing a staff of 26 and an annual budget of $30 million approximately. This individual would report directly to the Executive Vice President & General Manager of the Brookings Municipal Utility Board. The ideal candidate will possess strong planning and management skills. This individual must be a strong leader, communicator, capable of motivating staff to high performance and conveying utility policies and programs to city leaders and the community. Candidate must possess a bachelor’s degree in electrical engineering or an acceptable combination of education and experience. Brookings Municipal Utilities offers a great work environment, competitive salary and benefits package. See website for complete description. Submit an online application and professional resume by visiting www.brookingsutilities.com. Questions may be directed to: Human Resources, Brookings Municipal Utilities, Phone: 605-692-6325, Email: HR@swiftel-bmu.com. EOE.

ASSETANT PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR/GENERAL MAINTENANCE: Eureka, SD. The City of Eureka, an equal opportunity employer, is accepting applications for a full-time Assistant Public Works Director/General Maintenance. Valid driver’s license required. No conviction by any state or federal agency for any crime punishable by imprisonment in a federal or state penitentiary. Appropriate character and behavior traits for public relations. High School graduate or GED certificate required. Experience preferred in heavy machinery operation and knowledge of all city departments and functions in all departments. Must possess or obtain a CDL. Have or ability to get water and sewer certifications by the state of South Dakota. Mosquito spraying certification. Pay

ENGINEERING TECHNICIAN: Brookings Municipal Utilities, Brookings, SD. This position is responsible for engineering work related to planning, design, construction, and management of utility projects and operations. Graduation from vocational/technical school in engineering technology, drafting and design technology or other related field preferred. Brookings Municipal Utilities offers a great work environment, competitive salary and benefits package. See website for complete description. Submit an online application and professional resume by visiting www.brookingsutilities.com. Questions may be directed to: Human Resources, Brookings Municipal Utilities, Phone: 605-692-6325, Email: HR@swiftel-bmu.com. EOE.

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based upon experience. Position open until filled. Apply at the City of Eureka, PO Box 655, Eureka, SD 57437. Contact the City Office at 605-284-2441 for more information regarding job description and application. Any and all applications may be rejected.

HEAD LIBRARIAN: Parkston, SD. The City of Parkston is accepting applications for a full-time Head Librarian. Full coverage health insurance for employee, South Dakota State Retirement, vacation, holiday, and sick leave. High school diploma required. Salary: DOE Submit resume, request application from City Finance Office, or obtain an application online at www.cityofparkston.org. Open until filled. EOE.

POLICE OFFICER: The Viborg Police Department has an opening for a part-time Police Officer. This position will be under the direct supervision of the Chief of Police. Hours include days, nights, weekends and holidays. A certified officer is preferred but not required. Interested parties may obtain an application by contacting the Police Department or City Hall at 110 North Main Street in Viborg, South Dakota or by calling 605-326-5103 or 605-766-6600. This position will be open until filled. EOE.

WATER/WASTEWATER PLANT & ENGINEERING SUPERVISOR: Brookings Municipal Utilities, Brookings, SD. This position is responsible for overseeing the utilities engineering department and the water and wastewater treatment facilities operations. This includes performing engineering analysis, design, and construction management for utility projects. The ideal candidate will possess an engineering degree or a combination of education and experience in the engineering and/or water and wastewater treatment fields. Brookings Municipal Utilities offers a great work environment, competitive salary and benefits package. Salary range for this position is dependent on qualifications and experience. See website for complete description. If interested, please submit an online application and professional resume by visiting www.brookingsutilities.com. Questions may be directed to: Human Resources, Brookings Municipal Utilities, Phone: 605-692-6325, Email: HR@swiftel-bmu.com. EOE.

SEALED BIDS: The City of Murdo is accepting sealed bids on a 1983 Ford F350 Ford Pickup (flatbed, 4 door, former rescue truck for the fire department) and a 2007 Ford Crown Vic Police interceptor car with several police items (cage, radio, etc) in car. The appraised value on these items are $3500.00 and $4500.00 respectively. More information can be obtained at the City Office at 605-669-2272. Sealed bids will be accepted until 7:30 p.m. Monday, June 5, 2017. All bids must be in a sealed envelope and addressed as follows: “Fire Truck” or “Police Car”, City of Murdo, 107 W. Second St., PO Box 432, Murdo SD 57559.

**State Surplus Heavy Equipment for Sale**

The State of South Dakota will be offering a ‘Pre-Sale’ opportunity of equipment to City, County, Township and Tribal Governments from June 13 through July 5, 2017.

After the presale has concluded, the equipment will no longer be available for purchase until public auction week: September 11-15, 2017. No exceptions.

**NOTE:** Be certain to check availability date of equipment.

1. **PREREGISTRATION** to the site is required. (You will only do this once). A login ID and password will be required for the ability to purchase from the site. If you haven’t registered, visit www.sdsurplusproperty.com and click on “Registration.”

2. **SIGN UP** for email notifications throughout the year for surplus information from SD Property Management at www.sdsurplusproperty.com.

Please contact the SD Property Management office with any questions:
SD Property Management
Lennis Axdahl, Manager
1320 E. Sioux Ave., Pierre, SD 57501
605-773-4935 or email: surplus.property@state.sd.us

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concrete@boomcon.com
All bids will be examined at the regular City Council meeting on Monday, June 5, 2017. The City of Murdo reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids.

SALE OF SURPLUS PROPERTY: Notice is hereby given that the City of Eureka, South Dakota, will sell the following property by sealed bid: Onan Generator, Model: 60.0DYA-15R/19S66J, 3 phase 60 KW, 75 KVA, Diesel, Allis-Chalmers 2900 MKI engine with automatic transfer switch Onan Series ATS, Model: ATUED200-5D/1210A, 3 phase, 120/240 volts, 200 amps. Sealed bids will be opened at 7:05 p.m. on June 12, 2017, in the Councilroom of the Municipal Building, 613 7th Street, in Eureka, South Dakota. Any bids received after 5:00 p.m. on June 9, 2017, will not be considered. The property will be sold AS IS. The City reserves the right to reject any and all bids. For any questions, more information, or to make an appointment to see the generator, please contact the City Office at 605-284-2441. Bids must be submitted to the Finance Officer in a sealed envelope clearly marked “bid for Onan Generator”. Bids can be mailed to the City of Eureka, PO Box 655, Eureka, SD 57437 or dropped off at the City Finance Office located at 613 7th Street.

FOR SALE: The City of Doland has the following for sale: 3 Submersible Sewage Pumps. Model S4MRC500M34, Impeller diameter 7.5, 4 inch discharge, 5HP, 230 Volts 3ph 60 Hz. For further information contact City Hall Monday thru Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at 605-635-6590.

FOR SALE: Air Conditioning Unit: MFG: Lennox; Model: CHA16-513-5y; Electrical Rating 208/230 Volt 3 Phase, 60HZ. The City of St Lawrence purchased this a few years ago but due to it being 3 phase electric could not use it. Call City of St Lawrence Office Mon, Wed, Fri 8:30 am-11:30 am at 605-853-2246, or Dale Simons at 605-853-3430.

FOR SALE: Snow-Ex sander, Model V-Maxx 8500, polyvinyl hopper with hydraulic hoses. On steel frame for truck bed mounting. Sold as is. Contact the City of Eureka at 605-284-2441.

NOTICE OF CALL FOR BID

The Town of Bison in Bison, South Dakota, will receive FIRM sealed bids at City Hall, 400 West Carr Street (Perkins County Fair Building), Bison, South Dakota, 57620–0910, up until 7:35 p.m. on June 5, 2017 for a water storage tank. Bids will be publicly opened at 7:35 at the regularly scheduled Town Board meeting.

The complete set of bid specifications is on file with the Owner at City Hall and may be obtained by writing Town of Bison, PO Box 910, Bison, SD 57620 or by calling 605-244-5677 or 605-244-5231.

The Town of Bison reserves the right to accept or reject any or all BIDS, to waive any informality in the Bid received and to accept the BID that is to the advantage of, and in the best interest of the Town of Bison.

Each bid must contain a certified check, a Cashier's check or Draft, for five percent (5%) of the amount of the bid; such check to be certified or issued by either a State or National Bank and payable to Town of Bison or in lieu thereof a Bid Bond for Ten percent (10%) of the amount of this bid, such bond to be issued by a Surety authorized to do business in the State of South Dakota and payable to Town of Bison as a guarantee that such bidder will enter into a contract with said Town of Bison and it's Town Board thereof in accordance with the terms of such letting and bid in case such bidder is awarded the contract. The Certified Check or other guarantee, or bid bond of the successful bidder will be returned to him forthwith upon the execution of the contract and surety hereafter provided for.

At the time the successful bidder enters into a contract for the construction of public improvement or the furnishing of any material or labor thereof, the Contractor will be required, before commencing such work, to furnish surety in an amount not less than the contract price, for the faithful performance of such contract, with additional obligation that such performance of such contractor will promptly pay all persons supplying him with labor or material in the prosecution of the work provided for in such contract. The Contractor shall also provide proof of liability insurance and workman’s compensation insurance, as per section 21 of the General Conditions.

Bids will be sealed and marked “Water Storage Tank”. The Board of Trustees requests the Original Bid. Bids should be mailed to PO Box 910, Bison, SD 57620-0910 or hand delivered to City Hall, 400 West Carr Street (Perkins County Fair Building), Bison, South Dakota, 57620-0910.

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Municipal Calendar

June

June elections – Follow the Municipal Election Calendar for all election deadlines.

Third Tuesday in June – A municipality may combine its election with a school district and hold the election on the third Tuesday in June. (SDCL 9-13-1.1; See Hdbk., sec. 7.050)

First meeting following election – Except as otherwise provided, every officer of the municipality will begin to discharge the duties of the office as soon as the officer has qualified by filing an oath or affirmation of office. The oath must be filed within ten days after the first meeting of the month following the election or appointment. (SDCL 9-14-5; See Hdbk., sec. 5.115)

First meeting following election – Appointed municipal officials are usually appointed. The appointment may be annual, or for an interval determined by the governing body. (SDCL 9-14-3)

First meeting following election – In municipalities having the mayor and common council form of government, the council must elect a president and vice-president for the ensuing year. (SDCL 9-8-7; See Hdbk., sec. 2.520)

First meeting following election – In municipalities governed by a mayor and four commissioners, the board must designate by a majority vote, the following commissioners: Public Safety, Public Works, Utilities, and Finance and Revenue. Commissioners are assigned areas of responsibility under the law. (SDCL 9-9-18 to 9-9-24; See Hdbk., sec. 2.590)

First meeting following election – In municipalities governed by a mayor and two commissioners, the board shall by a resolution adopted by a majority, at the first meeting following the annual election, assign and apportion between the members, all duties that are not assigned to the mayor. (SDCL 9-9-27; See Hdbk., sec. 2.595)

First meeting following election – In those municipalities employing a city manager and under the commissioner form of government, at the first regular meeting in the month following the annual election, the commissioners must elect one of their members to serve as mayor for a term of one year. (SDCL 9-10-6; See Hdbk., sec. 2.615)

Tax levy – The governing body of the municipality may impose an excess tax levy with an affirmative two-thirds vote of the governing body on or before July fifteenth of the year prior to the year the taxes are payable. The decision to increase taxes must be published within 10 days of the decision (certain publication size restrictions apply), and may be referred upon a petition signed by at least five percent of the registered voters in the municipality and filed within twenty days of publication of the decision. The referendum election shall be held on or before October first preceding the year the taxes are payable. (SDCL 10-13-36; See Hdbk., sec. 12.170)

By June 30 – Applications for renewal of licenses for the sale of malt beverages should be filed before the expiration of June 30. (SDCL 35-4-2.5; See Hdbk., sec. 11.465)

By June 30 – All mechanical or electronic amusement devices must be registered. The secretary of revenue shall distribute the registration fee to the municipality in which the device is located. (SDCL 10-58-3 and 10-58-5; See Hdbk., sec. 12.255(7))

No later than July 1 – Each municipal governing body shall provide to the Department of Public Safety, Division of Emergency Management, information that will enable emergency agencies to reach the members of the municipal governing board and the mayor at any time, day or night. The information necessary shall include home, business, and other personal telephone numbers including any facsimile transmission machines and cellular or mobile telephone numbers; home, business, and other personal addresses; employer’s name and telephone number; and home, business, and other personal email or internet addresses. In addition, each municipal governing body shall provide contact information for the municipal employees responsible for the following functions if the municipality employs a person in such a capacity: City administrator or city manager; Building inspection;
Engineering; Electrical; Fire; Police and law enforcement; Public works; Streets and highways; Sewer and waste water; Water; Telephone; Utilities; Emergency services or civil defense; Coroner; and 911 coordinator. (SDCL 33-15-11.1; 33-15-11.2; See Hdbk., sec. 9.400)

**July**

**July 1** – The effective date of any new or amended municipal sales tax ordinance. The municipality must notify the Department of Revenue of the ordinance at least 90 days prior to the effective date. (SDCL 10-52-9; 10-52A-13; See Hdbk., sec. 12.263)

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**July 4** – Independence Day – State holiday (SDCL 1-5-1)

**First meeting following election** – In municipalities governed by a mayor and four commissioners, the board must designate by a majority vote, the following commissioners: Public Safety, Public Works, Utilities, and Finance and Revenue. Commissioners are assigned areas of responsibility under the law. (SDCL 9-9-18 to 9-9-24; See Hdbk., sec. 2.590)

**First meeting following election** – In municipalities governed by a mayor and two commissioners, the board shall by a resolution adopted by a majority, assign and apportion between the members, all duties that are not assigned to the mayor. (SDCL 9-9-27; See Hdbk., sec. 2.595)

**First meeting following election** – In those municipalities employing a city manager and under the commissioner form of government, at the first regular meeting in the month following the annual election, the commissioners must elect one of their members to serve as mayor for a term of one year. (SDCL 9-10-6; See Hdbk., sec. 2.615)

On or before **July 15** – The governing body of the municipality may impose an excess tax levy with an affirmative two-thirds vote of the governing body on or before July fifteenth of the year prior to the year the taxes are payable. The decision to increase taxes must be published within 10 days of the decision, (certain publication size restrictions apply), and may be referred upon a resolution of the governing body of the municipality or by a petition signed by at least five percent of the registered voters in the municipality and filed within twenty days of publication of the decision. The referendum election shall be held on or before October first preceding the year the taxes are payable. (SDCL 10-13-36; See Hdbk., sec. 12.170)

By **July 15** – The secretary of revenue shall apportion the money in the local government highway and bridge fund. (SDCL 32-11-35; See Hdbk., sec. 12.255(6))

**Boundary changes** – Municipalities must notify the Department of Revenue of any resolution or amendment enacted which changes the boundaries of the municipality. Notification shall be in written form, shall contain a copy of the resolution or amendment, and may be sent by electronic means or registered mail. Municipalities shall also provide any changes and additions to streets and addresses. (SDCL 10-52-13; See Hdbk., sec. 14.172)

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