



City of Spearfish

July 2010 Newsletter

West Nile

The City of Spearfish has started treatment for West Nile 2010. All major waterways, including standing water to small creeks have been treated. Please be aware, it is mosquito season and it is time to use precaution when outside. Remember to use mosquito repellent with DEET, limit activities outdoors during peak mosquito times and wear appropriate clothing. To eliminate mosquito breeding sites around your home and yard, remove standing water or treat them with appropriate chemicals.

Please direct any questions to Public Works Department at 642-1333.

Police earn promotions



During the June 21 Spearfish City Council meeting, congratulations were offered to policemen receiving promotions. Left to right, Spearfish Police Department Patrol Lt. Curt Jacobs recognizes Boyd Dean, SPD Operations Lieutenant; Mark Weber, SPD Sergeant; and, Mike Hansen, SPD Corporal.

City officials canvas election results

Results from the June 8
Primary Election are:

Mayor
Jerry A. Krambeck 816
Michael Kane 750
Terri Dunwoody 578

Ward I

Travis Geppert 233
Tom Quinn 142
StanLee Ager 90

Ward II

Paul Young 370
Larry Klarenbeek 350

Ward III

Don Aaker 441
Paul Thomson 401

Reminders

HOLIDAY GARBAGE SCHEDULE

During Labor Day, Sept. 6, Monday's collection will be picked up on Tuesday. The rest of the week will remain the same.

RESTRICTED USE SITE HOSTS FREE WEEKEND

On July 24 and 25, the Restricted Use Site will host a Residential Free Weekend. Residents of Spearfish can take accepted items to the RUS free of charge, giving their address as proof of residence. The RUS is open from 9 am to 5pm, seven days a week. For questions, please call the Public Works office at 642-1333. In case of inclement weather and RUS closure, the following weekend would be utilized.

GARBAGE REMINDER

Yard waste including grass, branches, leaves, and garden waste is not permitted in your City garbage container. Yard waste may be taken to the Spearfish Restricted Use Site.

For safety reasons, the road through the City Campground will be closed from May 15 to Sept. 15.

Crews do trimming

Recent attempts to grade and re-gravel Spearfish alleys were hampered by over-growth of hedges and trees and encroaching into the right-of-way. In order to facilitate the proper drainage and surface maintenance of our alleyways, vegetation must be trimmed. The right-of-way is 20-feet wide from property line to property line. Residents should check their property for infringements and trim, if necessary.

As a courtesy, trimming will be performed by City crews this summer. Door-hangers will be issued with trimming times and important information. Direct questions to Public Works at 642-1333.

Elm trees put to test

Questions are arising about the dead or declining trees seen around Spearfish this year. The majority of these trees are Siberian Elm, a fast growing and short-lived tree.

This spring, just as they were setting buds and leafing out, we experienced a week long cold period with lows below freezing. This took the newly forming buds. The trees are now leafing out, but very sparingly. The trees may recover and may not. Time will tell.

Leaves are very important to trees. The leaves perform the process of photosynthesis and produce food for the tree. As a tree grows, it has to grow more leaves to meet its food requirements to stay healthy. Obviously with limited leaves as the Siberian Elm are experiencing this year, they will be stressed. Stress this year, along with previous years of drought, and a short lifespan are making the survival of these trees doubtful.

Advice would be to let them go this year and see how they come through the next winter and leaf out next spring.

Dance instruction comes to SRAC



If you've never danced with a partner before, you'll enjoy this fun beginners' class at the Spearfish Rec & Aquatics Center! Dwight and Connie Wagner take it step-by-step as you learn the Texas Two Step, Jitterbug, Country Waltz, and Polka. You and your partner will learn basic social dances using a variety of

music from Country & Lite Rock to Rock 'n Roll Oldies.

The seven-week Couples Dance Class for Beginners begins Friday, July 9, and runs from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. The cost is \$120 per couple.

To register, see the SRAC Front Desk Attendant or call 722-1430 for more details.

2010 Street Improvements Project continues

Construction continues throughout Spearfish.

Traffic controls are utilized on University Street, Mason Street, and Jonas Boulevard to facilitate the asphalt milling activities Wednesdays through

Fridays. Temporary delays are expected so please seek alternate routes when possible.

Parking adjacent to these streets will be limited during the milling activities.

Construction of water line within University Street, from Jackson Boulevard to Mason Street, was anticipated, June 14.

Adjacent residences will be notified prior to any temporary water shutoffs.

Swimming Lessons

The Spearfish Recreation & Aquatic Center will offer swimming lessons at its outdoor pool. The cost is \$45 for ten 45-minute sessions during two-week periods between June 14 and Aug. 20.



Summer fun peaks at Spearfish library

Summer Reading runs through July 30. Stop by the library or visit our website www.cityofspearfish.com/library to get your reading log and details.

Weekly Programs run through July 30.

Baby/Toddler Storytime (ages 0-2)

Tuesday at 9:30 and 10:30 a.m.

Preschool/Lower Elem. Storytime

Wednesday at 10 a.m. and 11 a.m.

Craft Time

(Young children require adult assistance)

Thursday at 10 a.m.

July 7 - Indiana Bones, Storyteller

10 a.m. at the Pavilion in the City Park

July 9 - Meet the Author/Book Signing

Noon to 2 p.m. at the library,

June Harvey will be at the library to sign

and talk about her book *An Incredible Life*: true stories about her father, former Spearfish resident, Clarence Riggs

July 13 - Dragons are Too Seldom Puppet Show and Puppet-Making Workshop 9:30 a.m. at the Pavilion in the City Park with workshop to follow

July 22-24 Friends Book Sale

July 27 - Monthly Book Discussion at 6:30 p.m. July selection is *Animal, Vegetable, Miracle* by Barbara Kingsolver

July 28 - Yoga Storytime with Scottie Bruch

9:30 and 10:30 a.m. at the library

July 30 - Grand Finale at the library

5-7 p.m. Pizza, prizes, storytime, and games for all ages.