



## GRASS CLIPPINGS AND STORM DRAINS DON'T MIX

With summertime weather comes the mowing season. It is important to remember not to blow grass clippings into the street. Grass clippings in the street ultimately end up in a storm drain where they can build up and cause drainage issues and localized flooding. It is also a violation of Municipal Code to blow grass clippings and other yard waste into the street. Keep grass clippings in the lawn and out of the street. Always remember, everything you put in the storm drains will end up in Spearfish Creek. Help keep the creek clean!

Did you know...

- Grass clippings and other yard waste blown and left in the street are a flooding and water quality concern?

Localized Flooding:

- Grass clippings and other yard waste blown in the street can cause localized flooding by clogging curb inlets and pipes.

Water Quality:

- Grass clipping and other yard waste in the streets can cause high levels of nutrients in local creeks and streams, which can result in algae blooms.
- Keeping grass clippings on your yard can save money on fertilizer by returning nutrients back into the soil and save money on watering by building organic matter in your soil.

Some solutions are...

- If your mower shoots grass clippings out of the side, mow a couple of passes with your mower blowing towards your yard and not the street before mowing the rest of your yard.
- If you bag grass with your mower, make sure you keep the clippings out of the street, curb inlet, ditch or creek.
- If you mulch mow, your mower will not blow grass out the side and you shouldn't have to worry about grass blowing into the street.

## Grilling Statistics from NFPA

- \* On average, 10,200 home fires are started by grills each year
- \* July is the peak month for grill fires, followed by June, May and August
- \* 19,000 patients go to the ER per year because of injuries involving grills, including 9,300 thermal burns
- \* 70% of U.S. households own at least one outdoor BBQ grill or smoker
- \* Gas grills contribute to a higher number of fires than charcoal grills.
- \* 64% of households own a gas grill

Sources: HPBA's "State of the Barbeque Industry" consumer survey; NFPA's 2019 "Research Fact Sheet"



## Storage and Parking of Campers and Trailers

Effective June 13th in residential areas, the only allowed locations for the parking of fifth wheel campers, camping trailers, motorhomes, enclosed cargo trailers, boats on trailers and semi-tractor trucks is in the back yard or side yard of a home. If parked on the side yard, the front of these units can extend up to ten feet beyond the front of the home as long as it is 15 feet from the curb and 5 feet from the sidewalk. Motorhomes must be backed in to the parking space. The exceptions to this rule are pop up campers that are fully stowed and unenclosed trailers both of which may be parked in any location on a front driveway, side yard or back yard provided that the same distances from curb and sidewalk are observed. Also, no parking of these vehicles is allowed on a public boulevard or unimproved City of Spearfish public right of way.

## Keeping a Healthy Lawn!

- Never mow more than 1/3 of the total length of a blade of grass. If the lawn has become very long, cut 1/3 and then cut another 1/3 three days later. Repeat until the desired height is reached.
- A longer cut of grass will require less water during drought seasons. It will also "shade" weeds, hopefully preventing them from growing.
- Mowing 3.5" tall and mulching is a great way to reduce water from evaporating.
- Your lawn needs at least 1"-1 1/2" of water per week (depending on rain conditions).
- Water deeply 1-2 times per week, rather than daily. Daily lawn watering is extremely damaging for a lawn. Daily lawn watering prevents the roots of the grass from growing deep into the soil. These shallow grass roots will make the lawn unable to stay green during the heat of the summer.
- Water as early in the morning as you can, when possible.
- If a brown area doesn't respond to watering, try to find another solution.

## City of Spearfish Regular Meeting Times

Council Chambers  
2nd Floor City Hall

- City Council meetings are held the 1st & 3rd Monday at 5:30pm
- Public Works Committee - Tuesdays at 4:15pm before next Council meeting
- Legal & Finance Committee - Wednesdays at 4:15pm before next Council meeting
- Planning Commission - 1st & 3rd Tuesday at 3:00pm
- Parks, Rec, Forestry Advisory Board - 3rd Thursday at 7:30am
- Airport Board - Qtrly-Mar, June, Sept, Dec-2nd Thursday at 1:00pm

*If a meeting falls on a holiday,  
it will be held the following day.*

*Visit the website for meeting times,  
agendas and minutes.*

## Directory

- City Administrator** - 642-1333
- Mayor** - 642-1333
- Building & Dev** - 642-1335  
Building Dept, Code Enforcement, Fire Marshal, Planning & Zoning, Engineering & Floodplain
- Campground** - 642-1340
- Finance Office** - 642-1325  
Accounts Payable, Cemetery, Utility Billing, Water/Sewer Maintenance
- Fire Dept** - 642-1313
- Library** - 642-1330
- Parks, Rec & Forestry** - 717-1158
- Police Dept** - 642-1305
- Public Works** - 642-1333  
RUS Info, Garbage Collection, Street Dept, Snow Removal
- Rec & Aquatics Center** - 722-1430  
Building & Park Shelter Rentals, Fitness Classes, Waterpark

## July 4th Garbage Pickup

Garbage pickup services scheduled for Thursday, July 4th will be picked up on Friday, July 5th.  
The rest of the week will remain the same.

## Yard Waste Reminder!

Yard waste is not allowed in your city issued garbage can.  
Residents may take yard waste (leaves & grass clippings) to the Spearfish rubble site free of charge.

# Community Events

For more community events and information, visit [spearfishchamber.org](http://spearfishchamber.org) or [visitspearfish.com](http://visitspearfish.com)

## Grace Balloch Memorial Library

625 N 5th St \* 642-1330 \* [cityofpearfish.com](http://cityofpearfish.com)

A Universe of Stories! Summer Reading at the Library!!

Join us as we blast off for summer reading. Look for reading goals and programming for all ages. This event runs through the months of June and July.

Weekly Events start June 4 through July 25

- ~ Toddler Story time (Ages 1-3) Tuesdays at 9:30am
- ~ Story time (Ages 4-8) Tuesdays at 10:30am;  
Wednesdays at 10:30am
- ~ Library Activity Day (Pre-K - Elementary) Thursdays at 10am
- June 24 from 2-4pm - Email Basics - Get help setting up a free email address, learn how to send and receive email, navigate your inbox, and practice downloading and attaching files.
- June 26 at noon - Teen Friends Presents "Astrology - What is it?" Discover the meaning behind your sign and learn more about the lore of astrology. Lunch provided. New month, new topic. Held the fourth Wednesday of each month.
- July 3 at 3pm - LEGO Club for Ages 5-8. Create and build for our space summer reading program.
- July 9 from 2-5pm - Coffee 'n' crafts - For this installment of coffee 'n' crafts we will be making galaxy sun catchers. The library will have craft supplies and coffee available. For adults and supervised children.
- July 10 at noon - Tween Craft - Galaxies - Discover more about galaxies and make your own galaxy soap. Lunch provided. Minimum age 10
- July 11 at 5:45pm - Evening Family Story Time
- July 15 from 2-4pm - Drop-in Tech Help - Have questions about your laptop? Is your smartphone stumping you? We will have librarians ready to help. Bring your device and your questions.
- July 17 at 3pm - LEGO Club for Ages 9-12. Create and build for our space summer reading program.

## D.C. Booth Fish Hatchery

423 Hatchery Circle \* 642-7730 \* [dcboothfishhatchery.org](http://dcboothfishhatchery.org)

- July 30 - Booth Society will be partnering with Sasquatch baseball. A portion of ticket sales will benefit the D.C. Booth Fish Hatchery.
- July 12 from 8-9am - Coffee Connection in Ruby's Garden. This is a Chamber event.
- Canyon Acoustics in the City Park - Each Wednesday from 6-8:30pm - June 26, July 3, 10, 17, 24, 31

## Spearfish Senior Center

1306 N 10th Street \* 642-2827 \* [spearfishseniorcenter.weebly.com](http://spearfishseniorcenter.weebly.com)

- June 22 from 7:30-10am- Monthly fundraising breakfast. Pancakes with sausage or biscuits with sausage gravy will be served with juice, coffee or tea. Donation of \$5. Everyone is welcome!
- June 23 at 6pm - Donnybrook Girls Old Time Dixie-Land Travelin' Hillbilly Band & Comedy Show will be performing at the Spearfish Senior Center. Open to the public with a free will donation.
- July 5 at 1pm - Sip N Paint with Nancy Tripp. Join us for a FUN, SOCIAL time where you will be guided through simple acrylic painting! All supplies provided, including an apron! Take your finished masterpiece with you when you're done! All ages are welcome, no skill needed, we promise!
- Senior Center Fundraising Rummage Sale - July 18th 8am-3pm, July 19th 8am-3pm, and July 20th 8am-12pm. Everyone welcome! Lunch, pies, and caramel rolls will also be sold.

## High Plains Western Heritage Center

825 Heritage Drive \* 642-9378 \* [westernheritagecenter.com](http://westernheritagecenter.com)

- June 30 at 2pm - Author Paul Hedren - "Rosebud, June 17, 1876: Prelude to the Little Big Horn". In Partnership with BHSU and Friends of Case Library. Suggested donation \$5. Includes admission to the museum, coffee and cookies.
- Tuesday's & Thursday's - July 9, 11, 16, 18, 23, 25, 30 & August 1 - The Spirit of the American Cowboy Supper & Show. Supper at 5:30pm catered by Old West Dutch Oven Catering. Showtime at 6:15pm performance by Gordy Pratt & Dalcyce Sellers. Supper & Show Tickets: Adults: \$30 / Kids under 12: \$15. Show Tickets only: \$15. Reservations required.

## Spearfish Rec & Aquatics Center

122 Recreation Lane \* 722-1430 \* [spearfishreccenter.com](http://spearfishreccenter.com)

- June 27 - Aug 1 - Sand volleyball league Thursday evenings at Spartan Park. Registration deadline June 24. \$120/team.
  - July 9 - Movie in the Park - Emperor's New Groove showing in Lions Park at 8:35pm.
  - July 14 at 8am - Kids triathlon for ages 5-14
  - July 29 & Aug 1 - Skills Drills & Thrills Football Camp from 6-8pm for 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Graders.
  - July 30 from 7:30pm-9:30pm - Summer Skate Night!
- Please contact the Rec & Aquatics Center for more information on any of these events.

## Matthews Opera House & Arts Center

612 Main Street \* 642-7973 \* [matthewsopera.com](http://matthewsopera.com)

- June 21-23 - "We Are Monsters" & "The Lonely Boy's Guide to Survival (and Werewolves)" Children's Theater Plays. Don't miss the debut of our new children's theater program, the Froelich Young Actors Guild. On Friday, June 21 at 7pm, children in grades 2<sup>nd</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> will be performing "We Are Monsters." On Saturday, June 22 at 7pm, children in grades 7<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> will be performing "A Lonely Boy's Guide to Survival (and Werewolves)." Both shows will be performed back-to-back on Sunday, June 23 at 2pm. Tickets are on sale for \$8 adults and \$5 youth (18 and under) for Friday and Saturday's performances. Tickets for the Sunday matinee performance of both shows will be \$10 adults and \$5 youth (18 and under). All seats are reserved. Tickets can be purchased online.
- July 1-3, 8-10, 15-17, 22-24, 29-31 - "The Phantom of The Matthews Opera House" Summer Theater. "Is The Matthews haunted?" That has been the question for generations. Summer theater will perform this classic, family-friendly, Paul Higbee 1976 melodrama every Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday in July. All performances are at 7:30pm. Tickets are on sale for \$12 adults, \$6 youth (under 18).
- July 19-21 - The 42<sup>nd</sup> Annual Festival in the Park - On Friday, July 19 the Festival will kick off with \$5 Wristband Night from 4-10pm. The Festival will continue July 20 from 9am - 8pm and Sunday from 10am - 4pm. Live music, over 190 craft and food vendors, and children's events will be available to patrons. The Festival draws over 20,000 people to the area each year and is The Matthews' largest fundraiser.

## Northern Hills CASA

741 N 5th Street \* 722-4558 \* [nhcasa.org](http://nhcasa.org)

- July 13 - 33<sup>rd</sup> Spearfish Canyon Half Marathon & 5K to benefit Northern Hills CASA. [spearfishcanyonhalfmarathon.com](http://spearfishcanyonhalfmarathon.com)
- August 24 - FIRST EVER Black Hills SUPER 6 MTB. Race at BIG HILL Trails. To benefit Northern Hills CASA. 6 Mile loop with 3 Hour or 6 Hour Race options, Teams or Individual. [bhsuper6.com](http://bhsuper6.com)