

City Newsletter

January 2024

Deadwood Events

Red Dirt Festival January 12 & 13

Pro Snocross Races January 26 & 27

<u>K9 Keg Pull</u> January 27 <u>Mardi Gras Weekend</u> February 9 & 10 <u>Wine & Chocolate Stroll</u> February 17

> Deadwood VFD Pancake Feed March 10

St. Patrick's Day Weekend March 15—17

> Stardust Fest April 2024

Forks, Corks & Kegs April 12 & 13

> Hops & Hogs May 17-18

Summer Kickoff May 24-25

Black Hills Motorcycle Show May 25

Back When They Bucked May 26

Event dates subject to change*

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Deadwood Water Department Asks For Customer Help

The City of Deadwood Water Department team is participating in a mandatory, nationwide initiative to inventory the location and makeup of public and private water service lines in the community, and we need the help of Deadwood homeowners to complete the job. The water service line inventory, which is required by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and supported by the South Dakota Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources (DANR), requests property owners take a few minutes to look at and test the material of the water service line pipe within their home or business and report what they find via online survey at <u>www.sdwaterpipes.com</u>. The website, which was developed by DANR for water providers across the state, has resources, commonly asked questions, a guide for testing the service line, and a link to the online survey. The primary goal of the inventory is to identify any remaining public and private lead pipes within drinking water systems, as lead is a known toxin for humans and animals.

In Deadwood, the City's Water Department team has proactively identified and removed lead pipes and fixtures from the water system for the past several decades and has worked with private property

owners to do the same. While the inventory's primary goal is to identify lead service lines, it is also a means for the Water Department team to improve and verify the data it has on all service line materials throughout the community. Accurate data supports the city's mission to provide safe and reliable water service to customers. Documenting your pipe helps your family, neighborhood, and water provider. It's a simple process that only takes a few minutes, but it can have a huge impact on community health and safety. Information on how to complete the survey is included in this month's water bill. Contact Public Works at 605-578-3082 with any questions or concerns.



Whitewood Creek FEMA Project Uncovers Artifacts



It's always a treat when something wonderful and unexpected falls into your lap. Throughout December of 2023, city staff continued to monitor the excavation area along Whitewood Creek as part of the FEMA Whitewood Creek Restoration Project. The purpose of monitoring the excavation is to locate any features or humanmade anomalies, such as retaining walls, privy/outhouse, stone foundation, etc. Historically, this area was once part of the Cleveland Mining Camp and contained numerous residential homes. The Sanborn Fire Insurance maps, available online at the City of Deadwood GIS portal

(<u>https://gis.cityofdeadwood.com/portal/home/</u>), provided insight into the types of structures that once lined this portion of Whitewood Creek. Working in unison with the excavator from RCI Construction, city staff monitored each scoop of dirt removed during the excavation. During this

> process, a plethora of glass bottles, ironstone ceramics, glassware, cut bone and metal were exposed by the excavator and collected by city staff. One of the more significant objects was a salt-glazed, wheel thrown stoneware seltzerwater jug. Stamped on the body are the words, "B/NUM37/ SEKTERS/NASSAU". A crowned eagle within a circle was also stamped on the body. According to the publication, <u>Bottles</u> on the Western Frontier by Rex L. Wilson, this bottle dates between 1860-1880. There were also an assortment of alcoholic beverage bottles (wine, champagne, beer, and brandy), along with several patent medicine bottles including three from Deadwood's local pharmacies; Julius Deetken,



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Wednesday, January 10 **Historic Preservation Commission Meeting**

Monday, January 15 Martin Luther King, Jr Day **City Offices Closed**

> **Tuesday, January 16 City Commission Meeting** 5:00pm @ City Hall

Wednesday, January 17 **Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting** 4:00pm @ City Hall

Wednesday, January 24 **Historic Preservation Commission Meeting** 4:00pm @ City Hall

February 2024

Monday, February 5 **City Commission Meeting**

Wednesday, February 7 Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting 4:00pm @ City Hall

Wednesday, February 14 Historic Preservation Commission Meeting 4:00pm @ City Hall

> Monday, February 19 **President's Day City Offices Closed**

Tuesday, February 20 City Commission Meeting 5:00pm @ City Hall

Wednesday, February 21 Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting 4:00pm @ City Hall

Wednesday, February 28 **Historic Preservation Commission Meeting**

City of Deadwood Job Openings

Rec Center Receptionist, Patrol Officer, Lifeguards. Visit https://www.cityofdeadwood.com/jobs for more details on each position.

4. Richard Nixon Trivia Answers: 1. Calvin Coolidge 2. Bill Clinton 3. John Adams

Nathan Franklin/Palace Pharmacy, and Kirk G. Phillips. One of the more unusual items unearthed was an intact ironstone lid from a chamber pot. These items have been cleaned and will be included in the final archaeological report on this project. Over the next few weeks, portions of this assemblage will be featured on the Deadwood Historic Preservation Facebook page https:// www.facebook.com/deadwoodhistoricpreservation/



If there's a fire hydrant near your house, help keep it accessible this winter:

DO YOUR PART SO THEY CAN DO THEIRS

Remove any snow and ice **Clear** a wide enough **perimeter** around the hydrant for firefighters to work (about 3 feet) Clear a path from hydrant to street

LEAR -AWAY ZONE

Anecdotes From The Archives

Edward "Ed" Keene Mayor of Deadwood:1956-1962, 1964-1966 & 1978-1984



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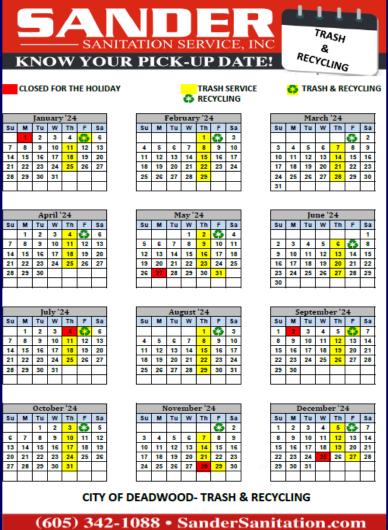
street

Edward W. Keene (June 14, 1910 to April 11, 1992) was a longtime resident. streets commissioner. World War II veteran. alderman, fire chief, and Mayor of Deadwood. Born on June 14, 1910, Keene grew up and graduated from Deadwood High School in 1929. In 1934, at the age of 23, Keene became involved in Deadwood politics when he was appointed as the Deadwood Streets Commissioner, under Mayor Raymond Ewing. Keene held this position for eight years, before being drafted into the US Army, during World War II, in March of 1942. Four months later, Keene married Florence Wagner, of Deadwood, on July 18, 1942. During the next three years,

Ed-John-Florence Keene

Keene and his wife were stationed at Fort Lewis, Washington and he rose to the rank of Sargent, before being honorably discharged in 1945. During his military service, Keene was involved in mountain troop training and developed an interest in downhill skiing. Upon his return to Deadwood, this interest helped him form the Terry Peak Ski Club and later Terry Peak Ski Resort.

Once back in Deadwood, Keene was appointed as the Deadwood Fire Chief in 1945 and held this position until 1952. Five years later, Keene was elected Third Ward Alderman, in April of 1950. He held this position until he was elected Mayor of Deadwood in 1956. Keene served in this capacity on three separate occasions; 1956–1962, 1964–1966, and 1978–1984. Keene passed away on April 11, 1992 and was buried in Oakridge Municipal Cemetery, just outside the Deadwood city limits.



With the arrival of our first substantial snowfall of the winter, it's a good time to remind businesses and residents of the snow removal policies and ordinances in the City of Deadwood.

Snow Removal Policies & Ordinance Reminders

Per the Deadwood City Ordinance 12.20, residents and businesses must remove snow and ice from their sidewalks within 24 hours after snow has fallen or ice has formed. If the sidewalks have not been cleared in that time, the city may pose a fine to remove the snow and ice. Additionally, snow that is pushed onto city streets in such a way that blocks any traffic is classified as a misdemeanor. Also, per SDCL: 31-32-3.1, it is illegal to deposit large amounts of snow on the highway right-of-way (including driving surfaces, shoulders, and ditches).

Knowing all of this, the City of Deadwood asks that you are prepared with private contractors for snow removal to ensure the safety of employees, residents, and our numerous visitors. Please do not push snow onto the street. We ask that you do not block right of ways, trolley stops, sidewalks, crosswalks, or fire hydrants. For the safety of all who are using your business, please make sure to clear the snow as soon as possible, including during snowfall, to prevent any accidents. The City of Deadwood charges \$150 per hour, per city employee to remove snow from your sidewalks and snow moved onto a public street after we have begun our snow removal efforts. If you need assistance in finding a contractor to perform your snow removal, reach out to the City of Deadwood. We have a list of reliable contractors that may be able to assist you.

Again, we ask for your cooperation and please plan accordingly for your snow removal. Thank you very much for your cooperation, and if you have any questions about these policies and ordinances, please contact City of Deadwood Parking & Transportation Department at 605-578-3082.

City Commissioners Recognize Staff for Years of Service

Deadwood City Commissioners took time during their meeting on December 18 to recognize City Staff for their recent work anniversaries with the City of Deadwood.

Jan Peppmeier, Finance Deputy, has worked for the City of Deadwood for 15 years. Finance Officer, Jessicca McKeown, has been with the City for 5 years. Cory Percy, Water Superintendent, has worked for Public Works for 5 years, two of those in his current position.

Front: Jan Peppmeier, Cory Percy, Mayor David R. Ruth, Jr., and Jessicca McKeown Back: City Commissioners Charlie Struble-Mook, Gary Todd, Sharon Martinisko, and Michael Johnson



Chamber Corner

January 26-27: Pro Snocross Races—The greatest show on snow returns to Deadwood, 2024 as the ISOC Amsoil Championship Snocross Series hits the Black Hills for the annual Deadwood Snocross Showdown. More than 200 of the top professional Snocross racers will descend on the historic town's Deadwood Event Complex for a weekend of high-flying, high-speed, high-octane snowmobile racing.

January 27: Deadwood's 7th Annual K-9 Keg Pull—Calling all K9s! We invite all dogs to compete in this exciting winter race, the K9 Keg Pull. Man's best friend will be assigned a division based on their weight. Dogs will wear a harness attached to an appropriately sized keg to pull past the finish line. The fastest dogs in each class win! The races will take place on Main Street by Outlaw Square and begin at 1 p.m. Tickets are on sale now. https://www.deadwood.com/event/pro-snocross-races/

City Office & Museum <u>Hours of Operation</u>

Deadwood City Hall

8 AM- 5 PM (Mon - Fri) <u>Deadwood Public Library</u> 10 AM - 6 PM (Mon - Thu) 10 AM - 5 PM (Fri) 12 PM - 4 PM (Sat)

Deadwood Public Works Office 7 AM - 3:30 PM (Mon - Fri)

<u>Lead-Deadwood Landfill</u> 8 AM - 4 PM (Mon - Sat)

Lead-Deadwood Sanitary District 7 AM - 3 PM (Mon - Sat)

Deadwood Recreational Center 5 AM - 7 PM (Mon - Fri) 7 AM - Noon (Sat) (Closed Sundays)

<u>Adams Museum</u> 10 AM - 4 PM Tues-Sat Suggested donation: Adults \$5, Children 6-12 \$3, Children 5 and under free

> The Brothel - Deadwood Guided Tours from 11 AM - 6 PM Wed-Sat Last guided tour at 6 PM \$15 per person (Must be at least 16 years old)

Historic Adams House Closed thru March 2024

Homestake Adams Research & Cultural Center (HARCC) 10 AM - 4 PM (Mon - Fri)

History & Information Center (Depot) 8 AM - 5 PM Daily

Welcome Center 8 AM - 5 PM Daily

Days of '76 Museum 10 AM - 4 PM Tues-Sat. Admission: Adults \$10, Children 6-12 \$5 Children 5 and under free

> Deadwood Fire Department 8 AM- 5 PM (Mon - Fri)

Deadwood Police Department 8 AM - 5 PM (Mon - Fri)

Lawrence County Courthouse 8 AM - 5 PM (Mon - Fri) Deadwood Chamber of Commerce 8 AM - 5 PM (Mon - Fri)

> *Group tours available with advanced reservations



TROLLEY SCHEDULE - Winter 2023-24

DAYS	NUMBER OF TROLLEYS TIM	IE RUNNING
Sunday through Thursday	1st Trolley	10:00 am to 10:00 pm
	2nd Trolley	10:30 am to 10:00 pm
Friday & Saturday	1st Trolley	8:00 am to 2:00 am
	2nd Trolley	9:30 am to 12:30 am
THERE IS NO 24-HOUR TROLLEY SERVICE		

IMPORTANT NUMBERS

Deadwood City Hall (605) 578-2600 Deadwood Planning & Preservation Office (605) 578-2082 Deadwood Public Library (605) 578-2821 Deadwood Public Works Office (605) 578-3082 Deadwood Recreational Center (605) 578-3729 Deadwood Fire Department *Non-emergency* (605) 578-1212 Deadwood Police Department *Non-emergency* (605) 578-2623 Lawrence County Dispatch (605) 578-2230 Lead/Deadwood Regional Hospital (605) 717-6000

Deadwood City Commission meets the first and third Monday at 5:00 p.m. <u>Planning & Zoning Commission</u> meets the first and third Wednesday at 4:00 p.m. <u>Historic Preservation Commission</u> meets the second and fourth Wednesday at 4:00 p.m.

Presidential Trivia

- 1. Who is the only president born on the 4th of July?
- 2. Which president considered becoming a saxophone player?
- 3. Who was the first president to live in the White House?
- 4. Who was the only man to be elected twice as Vice President and twice as President of the United States?

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MAIN STREET INITIATIVE

Meets as follows:

Main Street Initiative - 3rd Wednesday - Noon - Welcome Center - Ken Gienger (605) 639-3004

The Committees meet as follows:

Promotions Committee - 1st Tuesday - 1:00 p.m. - Desirae Van Roekel (605) 222-1354
Design Committee - 2nd Tuesday - 3:30 p.m. - Kevin Kuchenbecker (605) 578-2082
Economic Restructuring Committee - Tuesday Before MSI Meeting - 9:00 a.m. - Emma Garvin (319) 540-0083
Organization Committee - 3rd Wednesday - 12:00 p.m. - Ken Gienger (605) 639-3004

Recreation Committee - 1st Wednesday - 3:00 p.m. - Kevin Wagner (605) 645-8789

ALL MEETINGS ARE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC