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## Community Events

### Kringle Crawl

December 12 - 13

### Christmas Day

December 25

### New Years Eve Celebration & Chimes

December 31

### K9 Keg Pull

January 24

### Pro Snocross Races

January 23 - 24

### Mardi Gras Weekend

February 13 - 14

### Wine & Chocolate Stroll

February 21

### St. Patrick's Day Weekend

March 13 - 14

*Event dates subject to change*



## Christmas Time on the Frontier

In the rugged Black Hills, far from the marbled halls of Washington D.C., a little mining town named Deadwood made history. On December 22, 1883, the streets of Deadwood were illuminated by electric light - well before the White House and most major American cities would install theirs. It was a moment that lit far more than dusty streets, it marked Deadwood as a symbol of innovation, grit, and frontier ambition!

Deadwood in the 1880s was booming, gold fever had transformed the former gulch into a bustling hub of miners, merchants, gamblers, entrepreneurs, and families carving out new lives. With prosperity came risk: buildings packed closely together, wooden sidewalks, flickering lanterns, and the ever-present threat of fire. The community wanted safety, progress, and a little greatness. Electricity answered all three. Judge Squire P. Romans brought electricity to Deadwood by founding the Pilcher Electric Light Company of Deadwood in 1883. He ordered an Edison Dynamo and Incandescent lights for the city, which began illuminating streets and businesses shortly after the equipment arrived in September 1883.

Electric lights flickered to life along the street, glowing brighter and steadier than ever. While President Benjamin Harrison wouldn't see electric light at the White House until 1891. The people of Deadwood were already living in the glow of the new age ready for Christmas!

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## DECEMBER 2025

### Wednesday, December 10

Historic Preservation  
Commission Meeting  
4:00 pm @ City Hall

### Monday, December 15

Deadwood City  
Commission Meeting  
5:00 pm @ City Hall

### Wednesday, December 17

Planning & Zoning  
Commission Meeting  
4:00 pm @ City Hall

### Tuesday, December 23

Historic Preservation  
Commission Meeting  
4:00 pm @ City Hall

December 25

CITY OFFICES CLOSED  
CHRISTMAS DAY

## JANUARY 2026

January 1

CITY OFFICES CLOSED  
NEW YEARS DAY

### Monday, January 5

Deadwood City  
Commission Meeting  
5:00 pm @ City Hall

### Monday, January 7

Planning & Zoning  
Commission Meeting  
4:00 pm @ City Hall

### Wednesday, January 12

Deadwood City  
Commission Meeting  
5:00 pm @ City Hall

## Another Year Comes to a Close in Historic Deadwood

As December closes out the calendar year, it is a good time of year to reflect on the work within the City of Deadwood through the dedicated work of our Mayor, City Commissioners, the various boards, committees and commissions, city departments and staff, along with the numerous community volunteers. These committed individuals are engaged in the management of anniversaries, projects, dedications and the overall success and operation of our historic city. To list all the countless accomplishments in detail would take a list longer than is available in this newsletter.

The following list highlights several notable projects and activities completed in 2025: conclusion of the Whitewood Creek reconstruction (FEMA) project; planning for Deadwood's Sesquicentennial in 2026; a new picnic shelter in Gordon Park; additions to the Deadwood Trail System; celebrating Deadwood Elementary School's 100th anniversary; dedication of two bronze statues on Historic Main Street; a successful Farmers Market; installation of two veteran's graves in Deadwood's historic cemeteries; completion of four retaining walls; work on the water redundancy line; new exhibits in our museums; installation of a playground in Stage Run; additional collections accessioned into the City Archives; and the development of new Trailhead Parking Lot by the Lodge.

The City of Deadwood wishes you and your family a Merry Christmas, a Happy New Year and all the best in 2026 as we celebrate Deadwood's 150th!



## Residential Utility Rates for the New Year

The City announced the water and wastewater rates will remain unchanged for the coming year. For many, this stability brings reassurance amid economic uncertainties and rising costs elsewhere.

There is a small change to note: the residential garbage rates will increase slightly, moving from \$25 to \$26. The adjustment was necessary to continue providing quality waste management services to the community as part of the contract with our provider.

Despite this modest increase, the City of Deadwood remains steadfast in its commitment to serve its residents. One highlight is the continued offering of curbside recycling, allowing residents to conveniently recycle at home and contribute to a more sustainable environment. This service remains demonstrating the city's dedication to environmental responsibility and resident convenience.

All these rates and fees are outlined in the official fee schedule, adopted by resolution of the City of Deadwood. For those seeking specifics, the fee schedule is readily accessible on the city's website and will take effect on January 1, 2026.

Through careful planning and commitment, the City of Deadwood ensures its essential services remain reliable and accessible, balancing the need for fiscal responsibility with the promise to continue serving its community well.



## City Receives 2025 Safety Award



Deadwood has always been known for its rich historic stories and saloons. But in recent years, the City of Deadwood had become known for something entirely different - its safety achievements. For the 16th consecutive year the City has been awarded the Loss Control/Safety Achievement Award for 2025. This is a statewide recognition honoring communities that demonstrate outstanding commitment to public safety, emergency preparedness, and community risk reduction.

The award was presented on October 1st, 2025 at the South Dakota Municipal League Conference in Pierre, SD. Mayor Charlie Struble-Mook and Justin Lux, Safety Officer showed great honor and pride in the recognition. Together they noted the award represents the dedication of the entire community.

In the coming year, City employees can expect continued safety workshops, expanded training opportunities, and ongoing improvements to equipment and emergency planning.

## Deadwood Snow Removal Policy

In preparation of the upcoming winter snow, the Public Works Department reminds you cars need to be off the street a day in advance of the scheduled cleaning. Streets will be posted prior to the snow removal day. If cars are not removed prior to snow removal it will be ticketed and towed.

Sidewalks need to also be cleared within 24 hours after the snow stops falling. Failure to clear your sidewalk will result in it being cleared by the City at a rate of \$150 per person per hour or a contractor hired by the City. Those fees will be passed along to you with a \$50 administrative fee.

Snow should not be shoveled or blown into the street after its been cleaned. The City appreciates the cooperation of the citizens to assure our streets and sidewalks are safe and passable. If there are any questions, please contact us at (605) 578-3082.

CodeRED Public Notification System provides vital information - scan the QR Code for website to sign up.



## Paint Grant Program

The Paint Grant Program was developed to inspire property maintenance and improvement of the National Historic Landmark District both residential neighborhoods and the commercial district.

The Historic Preservation Commission uses funds to preserve and protect Deadwood's historic resources and make the city more attractive for residents, business owners, and visitors.

Contact Historic Preservation Office for more information at (605) 578-2082.



TROLLEY SCHEDULE - WINTER 2025		
DAYS	NUMBER OF TROLLEYS	TIME RUNNING
Sunday through Thursday	1st Trolley	8:00 am to Midnight
	2nd Trolley	9:30 am to 10:30 pm
Friday & Saturday	1st Trolley	8:00 am to 2:00 pm
	2nd Trolley	9:30 am to 12:30 pm
	3rd Trolley	5:20 pm to 10:20 pm
Please note there is <b>No 24-hour Trolley Service</b>		

## Important Numbers

**Deadwood City Hall**  
(605) 578-2600

**Planning & Historic Preservation Office**  
(605) 578-2082

**Deadwood Public Library**  
(605) 578-2821

**Public Works Department**  
(605) 578-3082

**Deadwood Recreational Center**  
(605) 578-3729

**Deadwood Volunteer 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



## City of Deadwood Job Opportunities

Custodian (Full-Time)

[www.cityofdeadwood.com/jobs](http://www.cityofdeadwood.com/jobs)  
for more details on each position.

## Public Library

**December 13**

Holiday Craft Day  
1:00 pm - 2:00 pm

## Deadwood History Inc.

**December 13**

Christmas Cheer Workshop  
At the Days of '76 Museum  
10:00 pm - 12:00 pm

## Chamber & Outlaw Square

**December 12 & 13**

Kringle Crawl  
Full Schedule of events is on  
[www.Deadwood.com](http://www.Deadwood.com)

## Lead-Deadwood School District Events

**December 17 - 19**

HS Semester Tests

**December 19 - 20**

Stateline Shootout  
1:00 pm - 8:00 pm

**December 22 - January 2**

NO SCHOOL (Christmas Break)



## NORMAL HOURS OF OPERATION

### CITY OF DEADWOOD

#### Deadwood City Hall

8:00 am - 5:00 pm (Mon - Fri)

#### Deadwood Public Library

10:00 am - 6:00 pm (Mon - Thu)

10:00 am - 5:00 pm (Fri)

12:00 pm - 4:00 pm (Sat)

#### Public Works Department

7:00 am - 3:30 pm (Mon - Fri)

#### Deadwood Recreational Center

5:00 am - 9:00 pm (Mon - Fri)

7:00 am - 5:00 pm (Sat)

### DEADWOOD HISTORY, INC.

#### Adams Museum

10:00 am - 4:00 pm (Tues - Sat)

Closed Sun, Mon, & Winter Holidays

#### The Brothel - Deadwood

Guided Tours & 16+ in age

11:00 am - 5:00 pm (Fri - Sat)

#### Historic Adams House

10:00 am - 4:00 pm (Tues - Sat)

#### Days of '76 Museum

9:00 am - 5:00 pm (Tues - Sat)

#### Homestake Adams Research & Cultural Center (HARCC)

10:00 am - 4:00 pm (Mon - Fri)

### CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

#### Chamber Office

8:00 am - 4:00 pm (Mon - Fri)

#### History & Information Center

9:00 am - 5:00 pm Daily

#### Deadwood Welcome Center

9:00 am - 5:00 pm Daily

### FIRE & POLICE

#### Deadwood Fire Department

8:00 am - 5:00 pm (Mon - Fri)

#### Deadwood Police Department

8:00 am - 5:00 pm (Mon - Fri)

### OTHER GOVERNMENT

#### Lead-Deadwood San. District

7:00 am - 3:00 pm (Mon - Fri)

#### Lawrence County Courthouse

8:00 am - 5:00 pm (Mon - Fri)

#### Lead-Deadwood Landfill

8:00 am - 4:00 pm (Mon - Sat)



## MAIN STREET INITIATIVE COMMITTEES MEET AS FOLLOWS:

<b>Promotions</b>	1st Tuesday - 1:00 pm	Addington (605) 591-2711
<b>Design &amp; Beautification</b>	2nd Tuesday - 3:30 pm	Kuchenbecker (605) 578-2082
<b>Economic Restructuring</b>	Tuesday prior MSI - 9:00 am	Garvin (319) 540-0083
<b>Main Street Initiative</b>	3rd Wednesday - 12:00 pm	Koth (605) 530-2795
<b>Recreation &amp; Trails</b>	1st Wednesday - 3:00 pm	Wagner (605) 645-8789

ALL MEETINGS ARE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC