



City Newsletter

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Community Events

Mardi Gras Weekend

February 13 - 14

Wine, Cheese & Chocolate Stroll

February 21

Calamity's Shindig

February 27

St. Patrick's Day Weekend

March 13 - 14

Bill Walsh Day Parade

March 14

Forks, Corks & Kegs

April 10 - 11

Hops & Hogs: Craft Beer Festival

May 15 - 16

Summer Kick-Off in the Square

May 22 - 23

Event dates subject to change

Frontier Flair at 2026 Tourism Conference

Deadwood proudly saddled up and headed to Pierre for the 2026 Tourism Conference, delivering an unmistakable sense of frontier heritage to the heart of the Capitol. Throughout the conference, the Deadwood team had the pleasure of hosting several meals and extending the kind of hospitality that has long defined the town's legendary character.

On Wednesday, January 21, Deadwood hosted dinner, welcoming attendees with an atmosphere rooted in tradition, storytelling, and timeless charm. The experience continued on Thursday, January 22, when they served breakfast and lunch to legislators at the Capitol, offering additional opportunities for connection, conversation, and shared moments.

To make the experience truly unforgettable, Deadwood rolled into Pierre with two iconic symbols of its rich history - the chuck wagon and stagecoach. These timeless pieces instantly transported guests back to Deadwood's frontier days, creating memorable photo opportunities and sparking conversations throughout the conference. These two centerpieces evoked the town's frontier-era beginnings, drawing attention, inviting conversation, and providing memorable moments throughout the conference.

From the first meal to the last, attendees were treated to genuine hospitality and a glimpse into what makes Deadwood such a unique destination. The chuck wagon added a nostalgic presence, while the stagecoach served as a visual reminder of Deadwood's legendary past and enduring charm.

Participation in the 2026 Tourism Conference provided a meaningful opportunity to showcase Deadwood's personality, partnerships, and passion for tourism. Hosting these meals allowed Deadwood to not only share its story, but also strengthen relationships across the state and remind industry partners why Deadwood remains a place where history isn't just preserved - it's lived.

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Thank you to everyone who joined the City of Deadwood in Pierre and helped make the experience remarkable. Deadwood looks forward to welcoming visitors back to a town written in grit, guided by history, and carried forward by its people - one story, one experience, and one adventure at a time.

FEBRUARY 2026

Monday, February 2
Deadwood City
Commission Meeting
5:00 pm @ City Hall

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

Wednesday, February 11
Historic Preservation
Commission Meeting
4:00 pm @ City Hall

FEBRUARY 16
CITY OFFICES CLOSED
PRESIDENT'S DAY

Tuesday, February 17
Deadwood City
Commission Meeting
5:00 pm @ City Hall

Wednesday, February 18
Planning & Zoning
Commission Meeting
4:00 pm @ City Hall

Wednesday, February 25
Historic Preservation
Commission Meeting
4:00 pm @ City Hall

MARCH 2026

Monday, March 2
Deadwood City
Commission Meeting
5:00 pm @ City Hall

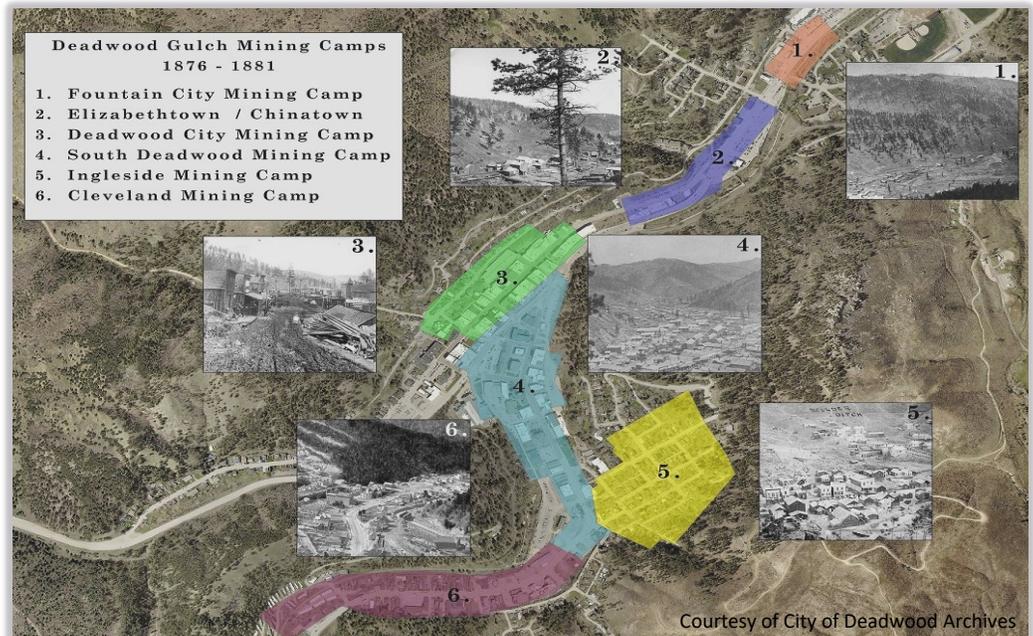
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Official Municipality: City of Deadwood 1881

The spring of 1876 in the Black Hills was a wild convergence of ambition, greed and dust, with chaotic lifestyles and no real government, only makeshift justice and the raw unbridled pursuit of fortune that drew in legends from around the country. In this lawless environment, a sense of order was a distant dream, but in our reality, it was home and hearth to many.

Over the next few years, camps grew, life started becoming a balance-beam of hope. The initial tents and shanties gave way to more permanent wooden buildings, and a fragile sense of community began to form, driven by businessmen and pioneers alike. The need for proper services - reliable water, fire protection, and an organized government - became glaringly obvious, especially after a devastating fire wiped out the business district in 1879.



In February of 1881, the community leaders were finally fed up. They worked together to petition the Dakota Territorial Legislature. A bill was passed to consolidate the scattered camps into a single, official municipality: the *City of Deadwood*.

The formal incorporation unified the various camps under one government, alas! On February 22, 1881, The lawless frontier era was officially over! Daniel McLaughlin was appointed the first mayor, and a city council was established. By pooling their resources, the residents could install the infrastructure needed for a modern town: water lines, fire hydrants, and eventually, the electric streetlight that illuminated Deadwood just a few years later.

The physical boundaries of the official city now encompassed all the old camps, while locals continued to refer to these areas by their old names, they were officially part of a single, functioning municipality. The wild, unregulated gold rush camps had, through cooperation and necessity, brought order to the chaos and evolved into the historic City of Deadwood that endures today.

Calamity's Shindig Fundraiser

**Friday, February 27: Calamity's Shindig -
Deadwood History's Fundraiser**

No one threw a party better than Calamity Jane! Join Deadwood History Inc. for an unforgettable evening, featuring live music by *The Lonely Rangers* and Deadwood Alive star Andy Mosher as Marshal Con Stapleton and Jamie Mosher as Calamity Jane.

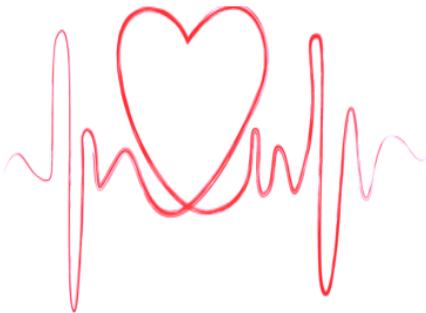
Enjoy hearty hors d'oeuvres by Catering by Dave, a cash bar, and exciting live and silent auctions, with the live auction led by Terry Hupp.

Days of '76 Museum from 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Admission is \$50 per person. Advance reservations required. To purchase, please call (605) 722-4800 or online at Deadwoodhistory.com

Neighborhood Council Luau Event

The Neighborhood Council is holding a Luau event at the Deadwood Recreation Center, bringing together fun, community spirit, and important safety education. Special guests from Octavia's Promise will be offering complimentary CPR training to empower attendees with life-saving skills as well as a safety presentation. There



will also be free bright swimsuits given away to children, helping them stand out and stay safe while swimming.

Mark your calendars for Sunday, February 22, 2026, from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm! The Neighborhood Council welcomes everyone to join the festivities and take advantage of these valuable safety resources.

For more information, please contact the Deadwood Recreation Center (605) 578-3729.

Celebrate America's 250th Birthday and 150 years of Deadwood History!

To celebrate, bunting and flags are encouraged to be displayed on buildings and homes throughout town from May 15 - October 15, 2026! High quality, embroidered bunting and flags are available to purchase.

All proceeds support Main Street Initiative. An order form is enclosed inside this newsletter.

Get yours today!



24-Hour Notice/Vehicle Removal

Based on the number of visitors we see daily in the Deadwood area, the City of Deadwood Parking Officers ask kindly to be aware that if you park your vehicle and it remains unmoved for a specific period of time, it will be ticketed and towed.

Article 10.16-II Dead Storage Vehicles prohibits unmoved vehicles on public property no longer than 24 hours.

Trailers and Attachments:

The only public property upon which trailers are able to be disconnected from the vehicles, that convey them, is the newly constructed Deadwood Hill parking lot, or in other designated parking lots, with a permit, which can be purchased at the Police Department in City Hall.

Thank you for your consideration, respect and helping keep our community safe and clean. Please contact (605) 578-2082 with any questions.

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Lead-Deadwood School Events

March 2

HS Girls & First Day Track Practice

3:30 pm - 9:30 pm

March 6

2 Hour Early Out

March 10

School District Board Meeting

5:30 pm - 7:00 pm

March 19

3 Hour Early Out

Parent Teacher Conferences

1:00 pm - 7:00 pm

March 20 - 23

NO SCHOOL

SPRING BREAK



Deadwood History Inc.

February 12

Overview into GIS and
Preserving Deadwood's Past

At the HARCC

12:00 pm

February 21

Chinese New Year Celebration
Children's Event at the HARCC

11:00 am - 1:00 pm

Chamber & Outlaw Square

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Full Schedule of events is on
www.Deadwood.com/events