



## Community Events

**St. Patrick's Day**  
March 13 - 14

**Forks, Corks & Kegs**  
April 10 - 11

**Arbor Day  
(Plant 150th Trees)**  
April 24

**Hops & Hogs**  
May 15 - 16

**Save Our Tail Parade**  
May 22

**Summer Kickoff  
at the Square**  
May 22 - 23

**Black Hills  
Motorcycle Show**  
May 23

**Back When They Bucked**  
May 24

*Event dates subject to change*

## Deadwood Advocates for Restructuring Gaming Revenues

The City of Deadwood and the Historic Preservation Office have been heavily involved with monitoring the 101st Legislative Session. The City remains focused on ensuring our fiscal autonomy and historic preservation efforts are protected. By actively engaging legislators in Pierre, city leaders have advocated for a future where the revenues generated by local gaming are more directly reinvested into the very streets and structures which draw more than 3.4 million visits from visitors across the globe. Deadwood's presence in Pierre underscores the city's commitment to securing long-term funding for its rich and unique historical heritage.



Introduced by District 31 Senator Randy Deibert, with several co-sponsors including District 31 Representatives Mary Fitzgerald and Scott Odenbach, Senate Bill (SB) 102 proposes a shift in how gaming taxes and fees from Deadwood's gaming industry are allocated. The current antiquated formula has not changed since 1995.

If successfully passed, SB 102 addresses the formula that determines how gaming revenues support historic preservation in Deadwood and throughout South Dakota. The current formula has effectively capped these revenues at outdated levels due to a complicated and unreasonable calculation method. While needs have grown, the formula has not kept pace.

By modernizing the funding formula, SB 102 ensures that Deadwood's historic structures, infrastructure, and preservation efforts — as well as desperately needed historic projects across South Dakota which would share in the funds— can receive the support they deserve.

The testimonies provided a clear narrative - the sustainability of Deadwood's heritage tourism economy was inextricably linked to Senate Bill 102. This is about more than dollars and cents. It's about honoring our heritage, protecting the places that tell our story, and ensuring future generations can experience the history that makes our state unique.

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***Preserving history isn't just about the past —  
it's about investing in our future.***

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## MARCH 2026

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

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

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

**Monday, March 16**  
\*Government Day\*  
Deadwood City  
Commission Meeting  
1:00 pm @ City Hall

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

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

## APRIL 2026

**Wednesday, April 1**  
Planning & Zoning  
Commission Meeting  
4:00 pm @ City Hall

**Monday, April 6**  
Deadwood City  
Commission Meeting  
5:00 pm @ City Hall

**Wednesday, April 8**  
Historic Preservation  
Commission Meeting  
4:00 pm @ City Hall

## Built for Deadwood, Under One Roof

Beginning in the 1890s, the citizens of Deadwood became interested in securing land for the development of an auditorium. In 1911 a devastating fire along Sherman Street provided suitable flat land for construction. After much debate and a publicized vote, the Sherman Street lots were selected for the auditorium. Prior to construction the Deadwood Businessmen's Club raised \$25,000 for the auditorium.

Plans for the auditorium were simple yet elegant in design. The walls were constructed from gypsum block and finished with an exterior brown tile. The roof was supported by six steel trusses manufactured by J.C. O'Donnell Company of Billings, Montana. The auditorium floor, constructed from maple, received thirteen gallons of varnish and twenty-four pounds of floor wax prior to the dedication.

On March 25, 1913 over 600 participants celebrated the official grand opening of the Deadwood Auditorium. Six days later, the first ever Black Hills Automobile show was held in the auditorium. Local newspapers projected 20,000 spectators to visit the building.

Over the next forty years, the auditorium was used for home shows, retail fairs, concerts, and dances. In 1959, City Commissioners decided to convert the auditorium into a public recreational center. Upon its completion, the auditorium boasted a heated swimming pool and indoor gymnasium. In 2010, the City of Deadwood added a new swimming facility and renovated the building.

This building stands the test of time and is known as the Deadwood Recreation Center and is used for wellness, community and activity.

The Deadwood Recreation Center is open Monday - Friday 5:00 am - 9:00 pm and Saturday 7:00 am - 5:00 pm.

For more information, please visit: [www.cityofdeadwood.com/parksrec](http://www.cityofdeadwood.com/parksrec)



## 2026 City Commissioner Election

Petitions may be taken out with circulation beginning on Monday, February 2, 2026, for two City Commission seats, each 3-year terms.

Petitions must be returned no later than March 24, 2026 at 5:00 pm. Due to changes in SDCL, the city election will be combined with the county election.

Early voting begins on April 17, 2026 with Election Day on June 2, 2026 from 7:00 am to 7:00 pm at the Lawrence County Auditor's Office.

## GOLD RUSH™ BURGER BATTLE

The "Gold Rush Burger Battle" is back! This is a collaboration between the Deadwood and Lead Chambers along with local restaurants

This year's battle will feature two businesses per week, lasting nine weeks! Beginning January 14, 2026 and ending March 17, 2026, the battle is between participating businesses. Customers have the opportunity to rank each burger they try over the nine weeks. The voting window for each business will be 10 days, starting on the Wednesday of their scheduled week until the following Friday.

Visit each establishment and vote on a variety of categories with a star rating system. Burger names, descriptions, and a social media highlight will be released on the Wednesday of each businesses feature week!

Try them all! Where burgers collide and taste buds decide! Visit [www.Deadwood.com](http://www.Deadwood.com), for more information.

## Lead-Deadwood Community Fund

The Lead-Deadwood Community Fund is accepting applications for organizations and non-profits within the confines of the Lead-Deadwood School District. Applications are open until March 20th at 5:00 pm and awards granted at the 14th annual chili feed at the Deadwood VFW Post #5969 on April 24, 2026 from 5:00 - 7:00 pm.



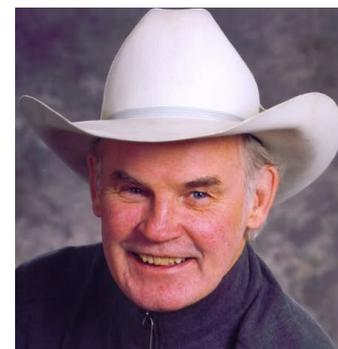
Deadwood is tipping its hat to tradition, community, and a bit of Irish luck this spring as it proudly welcomes back Bill Walsh as Parade Marshal for its Irish Heritage celebration during the St. Patrick's Day Parade on March 14, 2026 at 12:00 pm.

A familiar and well-loved figure in Deadwood's history, Walsh's return carries special meaning for locals who remember his long-standing contributions to the community. His role as Parade Marshal represents continuity, shared memories, and the enduring spirit that keeps Deadwood's traditions alive.

The celebration will shine a spotlight on Irish heritage, adding in a unique and spirited touch to the event will be a special performance by the beloved Singing Nuns, whose voices promise to bring warmth, humor, and heartfelt joy to the festivities. Their performance is expected to be a highlight blending faith, folklore, and fun in a way that feels distinctly Deadwood.

More than a single day of celebration, the weekend events reflect Deadwood's commitment in keeping connections strong! From green-clad spectators to the excitement downtown, the celebration will be a reminder that Deadwood's history isn't just preserved - it's lived!

As Deadwood brings back one of its own and celebrates Irish heritage in true hometown style, residents and visitors are invited to line the streets, join the cheer, and take part in a tradition where the past and present proudly march side by side.



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## America's 250th & 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 through April 17, 2026.

All proceeds support Main Street Initiative.

An order form is enclosed inside this newsletter.

Don't delay - get yours today!



## Deadwood History Inc.

**March 19**

Sarah Campbell  
She Vanquished with  
the Vanguard of Civilization  
At the HARCC  
12:00 pm

**March 21**

Celebrating Women  
Who Inspire Us  
Children's Event at the  
Days of '76 Museum  
10:00 am - 12:00 pm

## Chamber & Outlaw Square

**St. Patrick's Weekend**

March 13 - 14

**Gold Rush Burger Battle**

January 14 - March 17

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

## Deadwood Public Library

**Library Board Meeting**

March 19  
At the Public Library  
12:00 pm

**150th Deadwood,  
150,000 Minute Challenge**

March 1 - December 31  
At the Public Library

(Reading logs can be  
picked up at the Library.  
Prizes at the end of each  
month & the year!)

## Deadwood Fire Department

**Annual Pancake Feed**

March 8  
At the Fire Dept  
9:00 am - 1:00 pm