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Saddle Up for the 2026 Deadwood Community Picnic!

On Friday September 11, from 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm at Gordon Park, authentic chuckwagons will be firing up complimentary burgers and brats for a true western gathering! Bring a side dish to share and come dressed in your best western wear to help set the mood and for an old time western photograph. Settle in for cowboy music and poetry by Paul Larson and Ken Cook and enjoy added frontier fun as Deadwood Alive joins in the festivities.



Round Up the Troops for the Chuckwagon Dinner and Cowboy Show!



The festivities stroll into Saturday, September 12, as the annual Volksmarch hoofs its way from Lead into Deadwood starting at the Homestake Trailhead in Lead at 9:00 am and finishing at the Mickelson Trailhead in Deadwood, connecting two historic communities through the Black Hills.

Following the Volksmarch, step into the frontier days and join the City of Deadwood and guests for live cowboy music and poetry by Paul Larson and Ken Cook and the award-winning cooks will rustle up cowboy fare in Dutch ovens over an open flame, just the way it was done on the trails! Connect with live re-enactors from Deadwood Alive, featuring Deadwood's frontier past.

Wrangle up your family and join in the community spirit! Kick your boots up and enjoy the show this September at Gordon Park! Get your tickets now as space is limited! Go onto [Eventbrite.com](https://www.eventbrite.com) and purchase your ticket now, or stop in to pay at the Finance Office in City Hall.

Together these events honor 150 years of Deadwood's legacy, community pride, and frontier spirit!

AUGUST 2026
Monday, August 3 Deadwood City Commission Meeting 5:00 pm @ City Hall
Wednesday, August 5 Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting 4:00 pm @ City Hall
Wednesday, August 12 Historic Preservation Commission Meeting 4:00 pm @ City Hall
Monday, August 17 Deadwood City Commission Meeting 5:00 pm @ City Hall
Wednesday, August 19 Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting 4:00 pm @ City Hall
Wednesday, August 26 Historic Preservation Commission Meeting 4:00 pm @ City Hall
SEPTEMBER 2026
Wednesday, September 2 Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting 4:00 pm @ City Hall
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 7 CITY OFFICES CLOSED LABOR DAY
Tuesday, September 8 Deadwood City Commission Meeting 5:00 pm @ City Hall



Deadwood and Flag City, USA

On June 17, 2026, the community gathered at City Hall to commemorate Deadwood and Flag City, USA and celebrate a symbol that has stood alongside the community through years of triumphs, challenges, and change. While the American flag represents the freedoms and values shared across the nation, Deadwood has their own flag carrying special meaning, where generations of pioneers, miners, business owners, families, veterans, and community leaders helped build one of the most iconic towns in the American West.

Deadwood’s official City flag was designed by then-fourth grader, Tara Silvernail, in 1989,

featuring a pick and axe, gold, the Black Hills, and the Days of ‘76.

As Deadwood marks its 150th anniversary, it offers an opportunity to reflect on the determination and perseverance that transformed a bustling gold camp into a National Historic Landmark community we proudly call home today.

Flying high at City Hall, the Deadwood Flag stands as a tribute to those who came before us and those who continue to shape Deadwood’s future. The Flag City, USA commemoration and interpretive sign honors the city’s heritage and the unique character, resilience, and pride that make Deadwood unlike any other place holding a prominent place in American history.

Ride Safe, Deadwood!

The Deadwood Police Department encourages everyone to understand South Dakota’s three e-bike classes and follow the rules of the road. Helmets are *not* required by state law for Class 1 and Class 2 e-bikes, but are required for Class 3 riders under 18, anyone riding as a passenger on a Class 3 e-bike, and must be 16 years old. Remember to check your e-bike for its manufactured class label before you ride.



Class 1 e-bikes are allowed on the George S. Mickelson Trail, while class 1 and 2 e-bikes are commonly allowed anywhere bicycles are on South Dakota trails, including multi-use paths, unless a local rule or agency policy says otherwise. Class 3 e-bikes are more likely to be limited by agencies and may restrict all e-bikes on certain natural-surface trails.

No bicycle or e-bike is allowed on the sidewalk in the business district or city parks, except on streets through such parks.

Class 3 e-bikes are more likely to be limited to roadways and on-street bike lanes, and agencies may restrict all e-bikes on certain natural-surface trails. It is best to understand municipalities’ restrictions.

Re-Creation of Funeral for James Butler “Wild Bill” Hickok

Step back into Deadwood’s storied past during the re-creation of the assassination and funeral of James Butler “Wild Bill” Hickok. This once-in-a-generation tribute will begin at 12:00 pm on August 3, 2026, at Outlaw Square. Following the assassination scene, stay for the solemn re-creation of Hickok’s historic funeral, just as it was on August 3, 1876, led by his dear friend, Colorado Charlie Utter.

This is a free event! Come early, bring the family, and be a part of Deadwood history as the Old West lives again!

86th Sturgis Motorcycle Rally

The annual Sturgis Rally returns from August 7 - 16, 2026, bringing increased traffic, large crowds, and a busier pace to Deadwood. Residents should anticipate heavier vehicle/motorcycle traffic on the roads and longer travel times. Please plan your drive accordingly, give yourself extra time, follow any signage, and exercise patience.

The Interpretive Lot and the northwest side of Main Street between the Franklin Hotel and Nugget Saloon is free motorcycle parking. Vehicles are encouraged to use the Welcome Center, the Sherman Street parking lot, or the Broadway Parking Ramp, as well as several Trolley locations.

Deadwood will safely welcome rally attendees while preserving the historic character and spirit that make our town unique.

Badlands Steer Roping

The action shifts back to the rodeo grounds for the Badlands Steer Roping, August 14 - 16, 2026. This cherished rodeo tradition brings some of the nation’s top steer ropers together for three days of skill, speed, and authentic Western competition.

Whether you’re a lifelong rodeo fan or simply looking to experience a true piece of cowboy culture, this free admission event delivers plenty of excitement in the heart of Deadwood.

Kool Deadwood Nites 2026

The chrome and classics roll in for Kool Deadwood Nites, August 18 - 23, 2026. Residents can expect increased pedestrian traffic, classic vehicles cruising Historic Main Street, and the annual Classic Car Auction taking place August 20 - 22 at the Deadwood Mountain Grand. Please use extra caution at intersections, allow additional travel time throughout town, and be mindful of spectators crossing streets to admire the vintage rides.

Preacher Smith Redemption Day at Outlaw Square

Preacher Smith’s Redemption Day is a free event hosted at Outlaw Square. This event takes place on Saturday, August 29, 2026, at 6:30 pm, commemorating the 150th anniversary of the historic passing of Deadwood’s first preacher.

Main Street Initiative Seeking Volunteers!

Community members looking to volunteer or learn more about the MSI committees are encouraged to visit deadwood.com to learn more or contact the Chamber of Commerce at (605) 578-1876. It is a great opportunity to help create and shape community projects, support local events, and contribute to the continued vitality of Historic Deadwood.

Round Up the Young’uns!

Parents, here is a friendly heads-up! The Deadwood Public Library’s After-School Program kicks off September 14, with fun-filled afternoons of stories, crafts, games, and activities. K - 2nd graders meet on Mondays from 3:00 pm to 4:30 pm and 3rd - 5th graders gather on Tuesdays from 3:00 pm to 4:30 pm. Round up your young trailblazers and let them ride into an afternoon of learning and Wild West fun at the library!

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Chamber & Outlaw Square

**Outlaw Square offers
Free Monday Movie Nights
& Wednesday Concerts!**

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visit outlawsquare.com
or deadwood.com

DEADWOOD RESIDENT

Deadwood Alive

Catch free, family-friendly
historic re-enactments &
shootouts, Mondays through
Saturdays on Main Street,
with the season ending on
September 19
Stagecoach rides operate
Tuesdays through Saturdays,
with the season ending on
September 26

Farmers Market

The Farmers Market takes
place every **Friday**, running
from 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm.
It will be **Closed** on August
7 & 21 and the last day
being September 4.

Deadwood History Inc.

Family Fun Tuesdays
Wild West Bingo
At Outlaw Square
August 4, 1:00 pm

History on the
Lawn - JJ Kent
At the Historic
Adams House
August 28, 12:00 pm

For full event details visit
deadwoodhistory.com

Public Library Deadwood 150th Reading Challenge!

Adult Summer Reading
June 1 - August 28

Library Board Meeting
August 20, 12:00 pm

For full event details visit
cityofdeadwood.com

