

BELLE FOURCHE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT



Leadership Belle Fourche

November 18, 2021

Time: 12:00 p.m.

Location: BFDC Conference Room - 5th & Grant Plaza, 608 5th Ave.

BFDC Board of Directors Meeting

November 10, 2021

Time: 7:00 a.m.

Location: BFDC Conference Room - 5th & Grant Plaza, 608 5th Ave.

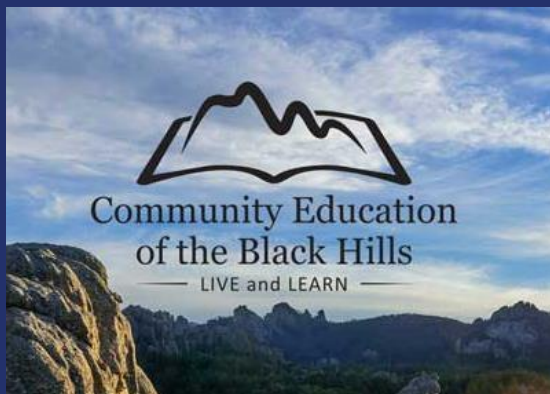
RESOURCE

Rushmore Region Economic Development Alliance

RushmoreRegion.com

We hope you enjoy and share this video of the amazing resources available in our 6-county region. Belle Fourche is in two different spots in the video.

Watch Video [HERE](#)



Live and Learn

The Fall 2021 Season of Community Education is here!

Registration Begins September 1st.

www.CommunityEducationClasses.org

City Collects Record September Sales Tax

BEACON STAFF news@bellefourchebeacon.com

BELLE FOURCHE - City sales tax figures continue to reflect strong economic activity in the community for 2021, but some say the numbers may not last past this year.

According to city finance office figures a September monthly record \$423,633.95 was collected. That was the best September on record by far and follows a record collection of more than half a million dollars taken in during July, an all-time high monthly total.

The yearly total through nine months shows \$2,846,870.42 in sales taxes collected. With fourth quarter figures yet to come in, that total surpasses the yearly total in 2016, 2017 and matches the 2018 annual figure. With a monthly average in 2021 of \$316,318 the city is on pace to set a record for sales tax collection if the trend continues.

The holiday season is coming up and October and November are strong retail months, however supply chain issues could be a drag on economic activity.

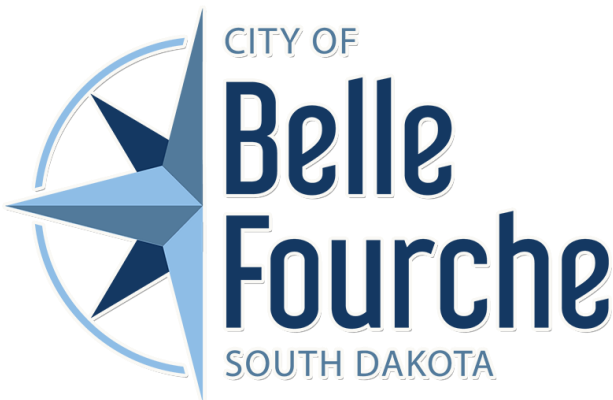
The September total is 57% ahead of last year and set a September monthly all-time record by more than \$144,000. Year-to-date collection is 19% ahead of last year.

Third penny sales tax also set a September record at \$32,363.19 and is the second-highest monthly total on record. July 2021 set the bar with \$36,842.70 added to city coffers. Third penny tax generally reflects tourism and visitor/ resident activity as the tax is collected on hotel stays, alcohol and dining. The September figure was a whopping 73% higher than last year's pandemic affected number and collections are running 30% ahead of last year. With the fourth quarter yet to go the third penny collections are also expected to reflect record-levels as the 2021 yearly total matches 2017's yearly total and is just \$11,000 short of 2019's high-water mark.



As the city is in the midst of budget planning right now Breanna Schaefer, Finance Officer, cautions that the trend may not continue, in light of all the pandemic-related stimulus spending among residents and local government entities.

“One thing I keep trying to remind people is that we’ve had a lot of stimulus funding, people have had cabin fever, those factors ramped things up quite a bit,” she said. “It’s great while we’ve got it for sure, but I don’t know if we’ll be able to sustain those numbers after this year.”





Leadership Belle Fourche

Thank you to Butte County for sharing the interworkings and many responsibilities in each department. We are thankful for all you do! Grateful to Donna Jones in the Planning Department for being our tour guide.

In November, the Leadership Belle Fourche class will include City of Belle Fourche tours and overview.

Beautiful Belle Fourche



HUNTER ANDERSON PHOTOGRAPHY - Based in the Black Hills of South Dakota, Hunter specializes in candid, event, rural & real estate photography as well as 360 virtual tours. Follow us each newsletter as we feature his “Beautiful Belle Fourche” photos. HunterAndersonPhotography.com

NEW CONSTRUCTION – Ready for Lease!

- 767 +/- sq. ft. of retail or office space
- 3 – 11x15 offices
- Build to suit space in the west end of the building

Located in a downtown business plaza, excellent parking, and Highway 85 signage. Shared common space lobby and restrooms. Shared scheduled space of oversized conference room with technology in place. FREE Wi-Fi throughout the facility.



For more information: 605-892-5065



Why teach Community Ed?



Increased reach & visibility

With 110,000 Community Education booklets sent out annually throughout the Black Hills region, teaching a Community Ed class offers greater exposure to the instructor and/or business as people love getting the booklet!

Giving back & Supporting the community

Instructors say teaching Community Education classes provides the good feeling of supporting their community and giving back, plus enhances a business's image, as well as expanding the range of skills and interests offered to the public.



Social connection

A social connection is key to everything currently, especially the connection made between the instructor and the students coming to the class or business! They may have never taken a class before or been into the establishment, and the relationship built carries over long after the class is finished.



Widen your audience

The Community Education audience encompasses a wide range of ages and people from all walks of life enjoying affordable lifelong learning.



It's a win-win!

Instructors get to impart their knowledge and skills on a topic they're passionate about or try out something new on a captive audience.

The students get to learn and have fun with a teacher who passes that knowledge along...it's a win circle for everyone!



What Community Ed Instructors are saying:



Accessibility & Variety

"I love the accessibility that Community Education of the Black Hills has to offer. With such a wide variety of classes and activities, there is always something new to try and explore in the Black Hills."

Master Naomi Even-Aberle, www.FullCircleMAA.com

Sharing the love & Making friends



"I love teaching Aikido with Community Ed because I get a chance to share my love of Aikido to the community and gain friends who stay on. I think it is affordable too."

Willi Kurniawan, Aikido Instructor, Rapid City



Passion & Joy

"Sharing a passion for good food brings joy to the heart."
Jeff Slathar, Head Chef at The Colonial House & Cooking Instructor, Rapid City

A Place to Gather

"We all drink from wells we have not dug.' Writing classes give us writers a place to gather, to stretch ourselves by 'writing in new directions,' and to learn from others." Jean Helmer, Writing Instructor, Belle Fourche

Learning & Enjoyment

"I enjoy my role in helping students learn the Mah Jongg rules and procedures of this challenging tile game. Over the years a number of people have attended these classes and derived many hours enjoyment in the Mah Jongg community.

I am proud to be a part of that effort."

Linda Lockner, American Mah Jongg Instructor, Rapid City



Cultural Sharing

"I teach Japanese language and cooking classes. I want to introduce and share my culture of Japan for American people. So, we can make good relationship for both countries."

Kazumi Tinant, Japanese Language, Culture, and Cooking Instructor, Rapid City

Join us! We're always looking for new instructors!

If you are interested in teaching a Community Education of the Black Hills class, please contact, Program Coordinator, Tammy Sellars:

tsellars@clcbh.org
(605) 394-5120

communityeducationclasses.org

TEAMMATESSM

MENTORING
of BELLE FOURCHE



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Do good by being you.

Join our team of mentor/mentee matches Belle Fourche schools. You don't have to be an expert to be a mentor. You just have to be there.

A mentor is:

- A safe, adult friend
- A cheerleader
- Empathetic
- Strengths spotter
- Caring
- Supportive
- A promise keeper
- Willing to meet in school once a week
- Non-judgemental
- Committed to youth

Go to TeamMates.org to join the team!