

# CITY OF SUMMERSET



## City news



### **Back to school!**

August 30th we will see children returning to school. Hard to believe the summer is already over. As a reminder, slow down and be cautious in school zones. Also, remember to stop for all busses displaying a stop sign.

## A LETTER FROM THE MAYOR

August has been a busy and productive month, along with a few unexpected changes. I was sad to have accepted Commissioner Stephanie McCoy's resignation due to family obligations. She will be missed, has big shoes to fill, and I appreciate all her time and hard work on the Commission. I am happy to report that I appointed Kathlene Thurman to fill the vacancy on the Commission. Kathlene has wealth of knowledge and experience that she brings to the Commission to continue to move Summerset forward in a positive direction. She is also the first resident from Sun Valley to serve on the Commission and I am excited to have representation of all parts of Summerset. When you visit the city building, you will be greeted by a new, smiling face in the front office. Please welcome Brielle Schrock as the newest City of Summerset team member.

This past month, I was asked to participate in the Piedmont Valley Chamber of Commerce End the Summer event. I was asked to volunteer for the dunk tank and help raise money for the new chamber. It was an experience I had not planned on having; however, it was entertaining. It may have been cold water on a chilly day, but it was great to see the community involvement and promotion of local businesses and entrepreneurs. I am grateful for the opportunity.

City employees, the Commission, and I have been diligently working on the 2022 budget and have approved the first reading of the budget. As Summerset grows, we are looking for new revenue sources through commercial and residential development, as well as planning for additional city employees to assist with the growth. Our city administrator, Lisa Schieffer, and I have met with potential new businesses for Summerset and are working closely with county and state resources to ensure success for these new potential businesses. We are also working with county and state officials to ensure we have a strategic plan for growth in Summerset with short- and long-term solutions.



CONGRATULATIONS!

A huge congratulations to the  
**Powell Family**  
on winning the Strider bike!

# Police Department

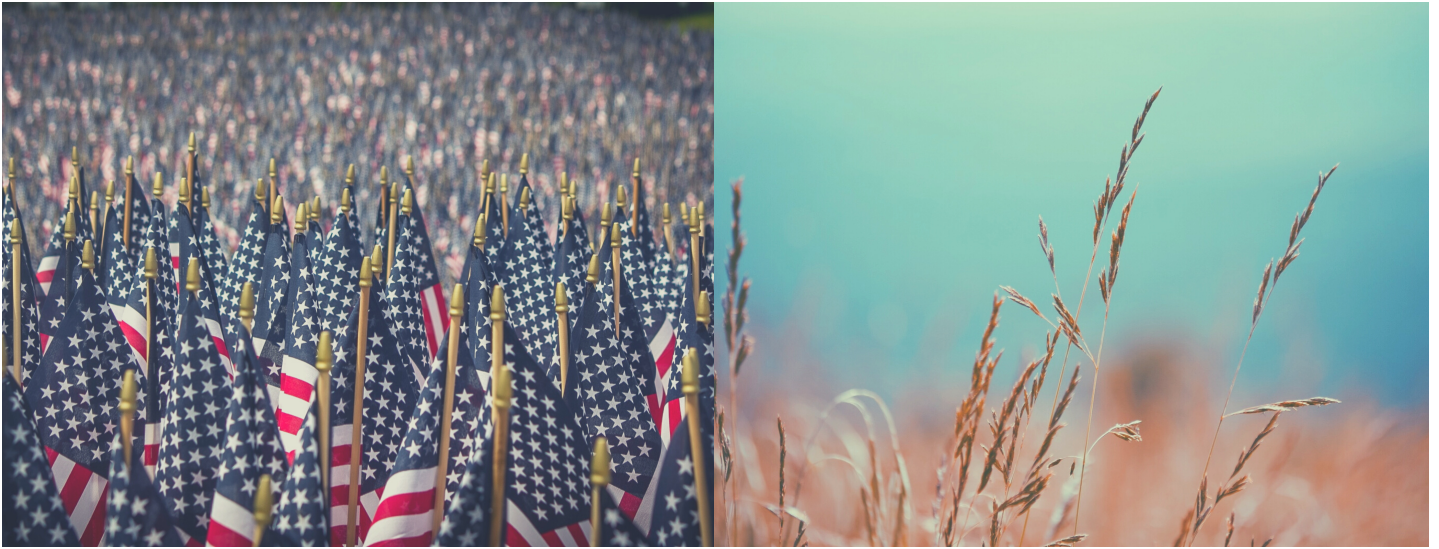
**With school back in session, there needs to be a few reminders on school bus laws and the school speed limit zone.**

**SDCL: 32-32-6** Duty of motorists to slow or stop in obedience to amber or red signal--Exceptions--Violation as misdemeanor.

- The operator of a motor vehicle on a highway that has less than two lanes of travel in each direction or a private road approaching a school bus that has its amber warning lights flashing shall reduce the speed of the vehicle not to exceed fifteen miles per hour and proceed past the school bus with caution. The operator of a motor vehicle approaching a school bus that has its red signal lights flashing shall make a complete stop. The stopped vehicle shall be at least fifteen feet from the school bus and shall remain stopped until the flashing red signal lights are extinguished. A lane that is designated solely for the purpose of turning is not considered a lane of travel for purposes of this section.
- The operator of a motor vehicle on a highway providing two or more lanes of travel in each direction does not need to reduce the speed of the vehicle when approaching a school bus that is traveling in the opposite direction if the school bus has its amber warning lights flashing. The operator of a motor vehicle on a highway providing two or more lanes of travel in each direction does not need to stop when approaching a school bus that is traveling in the opposite direction even though the school bus is stopped and has its red signal lights flashing.
- The operator of a motor vehicle on a highway providing two or more lanes of travel in each direction approaching a school bus that is traveling in the same direction and has its amber warning lights flashing shall reduce the speed of the vehicle not to exceed fifteen miles per hour and proceed past the school bus with caution. The operator of a motor vehicle on a highway providing two or more lanes of travel in each direction shall make a complete stop when approaching a school bus traveling in the same direction if the school bus is stopped and its red signal lights are flashing.
- **A violation of this section is a Class 2 misdemeanor with a \$132.50 fine.**
- There is school zone from the intersection of Stage Stop Road and Sturgis Road to the intersection of Navajo Drive and Sturgis Road. The speed limit is a school zone and is in effect **Monday through Friday from 7:00 A.M. to 8:00 A.M. and 2:30 P.M. to 3:30 P.M.** The speed is lowered from **45 MPH to 35 MPH** during the above listed times and days. Please be aware of your speed, there are children walking to and from school and loading onto their bus. This is not a new school zone and has been around for three years now. Please be aware of your speed.

**SDCL 32-25-14:** Speeding in school zone: **A violation of this section is a Class 2 misdemeanor. Fines start at \$112.50 and go up to \$382.50.**

*-School Resource Officer Brandy Palmer*



## SEPTEMBER HAPPENINGS

Reminder: City offices will be closed Monday **9/6/21** in Observance of Labor Day

September Commission Meetings:  
9/2 and 9/16 at 6pm.

Planning and Zoning Meetings:  
9/14 and 9/28 at 6pm.

THE CITY OF SUMMERSET  
IN CONJUNCTION WITH  
THE CITY OF PIEDMONT

# FREE WORKSHOP

**Open to the public!**

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 30TH, 2021  
6:00 P.M.**

At the Piedmont American Legion  
101 Pine Street, Piedmont SD



## **Topics include:**

Firewise landscaping and programs available;  
Common Pests and Diseases of the Hills;  
Tree Selection and Planning in Urban Sites.



**Put on by the SD Department of Agriculture,  
Resource Conversation & Forestry.**

## AUTOMATIC PAYMENT OPTION!

No cost to the resident! More information call (605) 718-9858 or go to [summerset.us](http://summerset.us)

## CONTACT US

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# Summerset Staff

## **Mayor-**

Melanie Torno

## **Commissioners-**

Michael Kitzmiller, David Butler, Kathlene Thurman, Clyde Hirsch

**City Administrator-** Lisa Schieffer

**Finance Officer-** Candace Sealey

**Assistant Finance Officer-** Brielle Schrock

**Public Works-** Tanner Fenenga

**Waste Water Treatment-** Jon Ambrose, Anthony Kayl

## **Police Chief-**

Don Allen

## **Police Officers-**

Rich Nasser, Colton Juso, Brandy Palmer SRO, Josh Buntain,  
Casey Montileaux, Halayna Ducheneaux

Marc Boddicker, Jeff Twite, Scott Johnson, John Walker, Adam Geigle, Tracey Weist, Brandon Torres, and Jared VanDewater