



MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

CITY OF SUMMERSET

DECEMBER 2023

Monthly Happenings

Commission Meetings:

Dec. 1st & Dec. 15th

P&Z Meetings:

Dec. 13th & Dec. 27th

Tentative

Christmas:

Dec. 23rd & 26th - City Hall Closed

Show Us Your Spirit!

It's that time of year again!
Show off your Holiday Spirit for the
Light-Up Summerset 2022
Holiday lighting contest.

Entries must be received by December 15, 2022.

Judging will take place December 16th and 17th.
Please make sure your lighting displays are ready and
turned on between 5pm and 9pm.

Prizes will be given to the Top 3 Placings!

Happy Holidays From The City of Summerset!

Please fill out this slip, detach and bring to City Hall to
register for the Light Up Summerset 2022 Lighting
Contest!

Owner Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____



2022 Holiday Season Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over

Plan for a Safe Celebration

Always remember to plan ahead when you will be celebrating with alcohol. If you plan to drink, make arrangements for a sober driver to take you home. Before you start celebrating this holiday season, look over these safety tips to keep you, your loved ones, and everyone else safe on the road.

- Plan ahead: If you wait until you've been drinking to make a smart decision, you might not. Before you have one drink, designate a sober driver who won't be drinking.
- You have options: designate a sober driver, call a taxi, or use a rideshare service. Getting home safely is always worth it.
- If it's your turn to be the designated driver, take your job seriously and don't drink.
- If you see a drunk driver on the road, contact Meade County Dispatch @605-347-2681.

Do you have a friend who is about to drink and drive? Take the keys away and let a sober driver get your friend home safely.



2022 Holiday Season Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over Continued

Drunk Driving: The Sobering Statistics

- Between December 2016-2020, there were more than 4,400 people killed in drunk-driving-related crashes.
- Male drunk drivers were involved in fatal crashes at a much higher rate (660) in December 2020 compared to female drivers (191).
- Male drivers were three times more likely (3,229) to be involved in an alcohol-related fatal motor vehicle traffic crash than females (1,106) in December 2020.
- Young people ages 21-34 accounted for the highest percentage (26%) of alcohol-impaired fatalities in December 2020.
- Nighttime driving in December 2020 was significantly more dangerous than daytime driving, with 30% of drunk-driving-related crashes occurring between the hours of 6 p.m. and 5:50 a.m. Almost half (44%) occur between the hours of midnight and 2:59 a.m., likely when bars are closing and people are driving home.
- Approximately one-third of all traffic crash fatalities in the United States involve drunk drivers (with BACs at or above .08). In 2020, there were 11,654 people killed in drunk-driving crashes.
- Nationally, it is illegal to drive with a BAC of .08 or higher, except in Utah, where the limit is .05 g/dL.
- Although it's illegal to drive when impaired by alcohol, in 2020 one person was killed every 45 minutes in a drunk-driving crash on our nation's roads.
- Men are more likely than women to be driving drunk when involved in fatal crashes. In 2020, 22% of males were drunk, compared to 16% of females.
- The rate of alcohol impairment among drivers involved in fatal crashes in 2020 was 3.1 times higher at night than during the day.

Public **WORKS**

Christmas Tree Disposal Containers will be out Dec. 27th and picked up Jan. 9th.

Disposal containers will be at both locations





CODE ENFORCEMENT

Reminder

Please remember snow must be shoveled
from sidewalks within 24 hrs.

§ 50.07 REMOVAL BY OWNER.

The owner or occupant of any building or any lot, parcel or plot of ground fronting or abutting on any sidewalk in the snow removal as hereinafter described, shall clear said sidewalk of snow or ice to the full width of the sidewalk within 24 hours after the same shall have fallen or formed. The Public Works Department of the city may waive this requirement in the event of an extended snowstorm.

(Ord. 18.02, passed 4-19-2018)



ARE YOU READY FOR WINTER – HERE'S EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO MAKE A WINTER SURVIVAL KIT FOR YOUR VEHICLE.

Being stuck on the side of the road during a winter storm isn't so stressful when you're well prepared. People often stock their first aid kits and gather supplies in case of emergencies. But during the winter, you need to plan for winter weather travel. In addition to regular maintenance, it's important to ensure your vehicle has weather-appropriate tires with good tread, and to fill your car with gas before driving in severe weather.

Also, consider putting together a winter survival kit for your vehicle. In the event of an emergency, it could save your life and the lives of your passengers. Here is a list of items that could go into your winter survival kit:

- First Aid Kit
- Jumper cables
- Tow rope
- Cell phone charger
- Flashlight with extra batteries
- Waterproof matches and candles
- Bag of car litter for tire traction
- Windshield ice scraper w/brush
- Small shovel
- Necessary medications
- Blankets/sleeping bag
- Extra set of clothes, gloves, hat.
- Snow boots
- Bottled water
- Nonperishable and dried foods, energy bars

If stranded stay with your vehicles and run the engine sparingly. Start with 15 minutes every hour and adjust accordingly. Make sure to keep the exhaust pipe clear of snow. Never go to sleep with the engine running. If you must leave your car for any distance, tie a rope or article of clothing to your car so you can find your way back.

*Remember being prepared could mean the difference between life and death.

Winter Driving

The winter season is upon us once again. It's time for a short refresher on winter driving and preparedness.

The best advice for driving in bad winter weather is *not to drive at all, if you can avoid it.*

Don't go out until the snowplows and sanding trucks have had a chance to do their work, and allow yourself extra time to reach your destination.

If you must drive in snowy conditions, make sure your car is prepared, and that you know how to handle road conditions.

It's helpful to practice winter driving techniques in a snowy, open parking lot, so you're familiar with how your car handles. Consult your owner's manual for tips specific to your vehicle.

Driving safely on icy roads

Decrease your speed and leave yourself plenty of room to stop. You should allow at least three times more space than usual between you and the car in front of you.

Brake gently to avoid skidding. If your wheels start to lock up, ease off the brake.

Turn on your lights to increase your visibility to other motorists.

Keep your lights and windshield clean.

Use low gears to keep traction, especially on hills.

Don't use cruise control or overdrive on icy roads.

Be especially careful on bridges, overpasses and infrequently traveled roads, which will freeze first. Even at temperatures above freezing, if the conditions are wet, you might encounter ice in shady areas or on exposed roadways like bridges.

Don't pass snowplows and sanding trucks. The drivers have limited visibility, and you're likely to find the road in front of them worse than the road behind.

Don't assume your vehicle can handle all conditions. Even four-wheel and front-wheel drive vehicles can encounter trouble on winter roads.

If your rear wheels skid...

Take your foot off the accelerator.

Steer in the direction you want the front wheels to go. If your rear wheels are sliding left, steer left. If they're sliding right, steer right.

If your rear wheels start sliding the other way as you recover, ease the steering wheel toward that side. You might have to steer left and right a few times to get your vehicle completely under control.

If you have standard brakes, pump them gently.

If you have anti-lock brakes (ABS), do not pump the brakes. Apply steady pressure to the brakes. You will feel the brakes pulse — this is normal.



If your front wheels skid...

Take your foot off the gas and shift to neutral, but don't try to steer immediately. As the wheels skid sideways, they will slow the vehicle and traction will return. As it does, steer in the direction you want to go. Then put the transmission in "drive" or release the clutch and accelerate gently.

If you get stuck...

Do not spin your wheels. This will only dig you in deeper.
Turn your wheels from side to side a few times to push snow out of the way.
Use a light touch on the gas, to ease your car out.
Use a shovel to clear snow away from the wheels and the underside of the car.
Pour sand, kitty litter, gravel or salt in the path of the wheels, to help get traction.
Try rocking the vehicle. (Check your owner's manual first — it can damage the transmission on some vehicles.) Shift from forward to reverse, and back again. Each time you're in gear, give a light touch on the gas until the vehicle gets going.

Finally...

PREPARE!!

Maintain Your Car:

Check battery, tire tread, and windshield wipers, keep your windows clear, put no-freeze fluid in the washer reservoir, and check your antifreeze.

Have On Hand:

Flashlight, jumper cables, abrasive material (sand, kitty litter, even floor mats), shovel, snow brush and ice scraper, warning devices (like flares) and blankets. For long trips, add food and water, medication and cell phone.

Stopped or stalled?

Stay in your car, don't overexert, put bright markers on antenna or windows and shine dome light, and, if you run your car, clear exhaust pipe and run it just enough to stay warm.

Plan Your route:

Allow plenty of time (check the weather and leave early if necessary), be familiar with the maps/ directions, and let others know your route and arrival time.



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TEEN BOOK CLUB

Next meeting is December 17th at 10:30 am. This month’s book is *The Afterlife of Holly Chase* by Cynthia Hand. Stop by the library to grab a copy of the book.



TEEN NIGHT!

Teens 13+
December 8th
At 5:00 pm
Join us for a Christmas-themed movie, craft, and snacks!

Teen nights are every second Thursday at 5:00 pm.



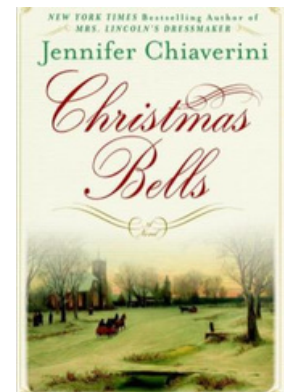
Preschool Story Time!

Join us every Thursday at 10 AM for a fun, preschool story time in the Library!



Bluestockings Book Club

Title: *Christmas Bells*
By Jennifer Chiaverini
Where: @ The Library
When: Friday, December 16th at 10:30 AM
Who: Anyone Who Wants to Join
How: Simply stop by the library to borrow a copy of the book.



MIDDLE SCHOOL BOOK CLUB!

Join us every Friday at 3:30 pm as we read *Escape from Mr. Lemoncello's Library* by Chris Grabenstein!



Closed for Christmas Break Starting Fri Dec 23rd @ 1 pm. We will reopen Tues Jan 3 @ 9 am.



Genealogy Club!

Join the genealogy club every 2nd Monday at 10 AM.



Join us for a very special story time Thursday, December 15th at 10:00 am as we get a visit from Santa and Mrs. Claus!