

# City of Summerset

*Monthly newsletter*

*January 2023*

## Christmas Lighting Contest Winners

1st - Toby & Jamie Lehi

2nd - Todd Phillipe

3rd - Kane Diers

4th - Ryan Powell

5th - Alex Moreno

6th - Nicole Yeary

Thank you to all who participated and to those who had lights up but did not enter! Summerset sure knows how to light up Christmas!

## January Happenings

January 5th and 19th - Commission meetings 6pm

January 10th and 24th - Planning and Zoning meetings 6pm

January 2nd - City Hall closed for New Years Day

January 16th - City Hall closed for Martin Luther King Day

Automatic payment option available!  
Stop by the City Hall or print out the form  
via our website under forms  
[www.summerset.us](http://www.summerset.us)

## HISTORY OF MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY

The concept of Martin Luther King Jr. Day as a holiday was promoted by labor unions. After King's death, U.S. Representative John Conyers and U.S. Senator Edward Brooke introduced a bill in Congress to make King's birthday a national holiday. The bill first came to a vote in the U.S. House of Representatives in 1979; however, it fell five votes short of the number needed for passage. Two of the main arguments mentioned by opponents were that a paid holiday for federal employees would be too expensive and that a holiday to honor a private citizen would be contrary to longstanding tradition, as King never held public office. At the time, only two other figures had national holidays honoring them: George Washington and Christopher Columbus.

Soon after, the King Center looked for support from the corporate community and the general public. The success of this strategy was cemented when musician Stevie Wonder released the single 'Happy Birthday' to popularize the campaign in 1980 and hosted the Rally for Peace Press Conference in 1981. Six million signatures were collected for a petition for Congress to pass the law and is considered the largest petition in favor of an issue in U.S. history.

## HISTORY OF MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY Cont.

President Reagan originally opposed the holiday, citing cost concerns. But on November 2, 1983, Reagan signed a bill, proposed by Representative Katie Hall, to create a federal holiday honoring King. The bill had passed the Senate by a count of 78 to 22, and the House of Representatives by 338 to 90. The holiday was observed for the first time on January 20, 1986. It's observed on the third Monday of January rather than directly on Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday because it follows the guidelines of the Uniform Monday Holiday Act.

Martin Luther King's unparalleled contributions to racial justice for Black Americans have been revolutionary. On Martin Luther King, Jr. Day or MLK Day, schools and offices are closed, but people fully participate in remembering and honoring everything King has accomplished. His values and historical place in American history are discussed and advocated to educate communities and coming generations on the importance of equality and King's influence. Movies and documentaries on his life are shown, and businesses and organizations run by and for the Black community are shown some support.

"If I cannot do great things, I can do small things in a great way."

\*quoted from National Today

# Public Works

**Christmas Tree disposal Containers are available until January 10th**

2023 garbage schedule magnet's coming soon

**CITY OF SUMMERSET**  
*City Schedule*

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## 2023

January	February	March	April
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September	October	November	December
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- Holidays
  - Sun Valley Estates
  - South Summerset
  - All Summerset
  - City Wide Clean-up
  - Commission Meetings
  - P & Z Meetings
- All dates are subject to change



# Police Department

**We here at the Summerset Police Department hope everyone had a wonderful and safe Holiday season.**

Summerset Police Department hosted our annual “Cops and Kids” event with South Dakota Highway Patrol, Sturgis Police Department, Meade County State’s Attorney’s Office, Hills View Church, Harlow’s Bus Company, Pizza Hut, Target and many other volunteers.

Thanks to the generosity of donors from the Summerset, Black Hawk and Piedmont area, we were able to take 40 kids shopping. The children were selected from Piedmont Valley Elementary School and Stagebarn Middle School.

After shopping at target for presents, the children went to Hills View Church to wrap presents, play games and eat pizza. We have been extremely blessed to have wonderful partner agencies and relationships with local businesses. We hope to grow this event and continue to provide for more children in the area.


-Happy New Year from the Summerset Police  
Department

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**"When trouble strikes, head to the Library." – Lemony Snicket**

**TEEN BOOK CLUB**

Next meeting is  
January 21st at 10:30 am.  
This month's book is  
Spinning Silver by  
Naomi Novik



**TEEN NIGHT!**

Teens 13+  
January 12th  
At 5:00 pm  
Join us for a Game  
Night and snacks!

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

**CURBSIDE  
PICKUP**  
AVAILABLE



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



**Bluestockings Book Club**

Title: The Reading List  
By Sara Nisha Adams

Where: @ The Library  
When: Friday, January 20th  
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!



**Genealogy Club!**

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

**Newsworthy!**

We will be adding an  
elementary-age book club  
this January! Starting  
January 13th, grades 1-4  
will meet every Friday 3:30-  
4:30pm. Their first book  
will be The Lion, the Witch,  
and the Wardrobe  
by C.S. Lewis!



**WINTER BOOK SALE**

Tuesday, Jan 24 - Saturday, January 28

During Regular Library Hours

**Pokemon Club**  
Next meeting is on  
January 14th at 10:00 am.

