

Monthly Newsletter

# City of Summerset

July 2022


## Monthly Happenings

**July 4th-** City Hall Closed

**Commission Meetings-** July 7th and 21st

**Planning and Zoning Meetings-** July  
12th and 26th

**Late Fees-** July 21st



The City of  
Summerset would  
like to wish  
everyone a safe  
and happy Fourth  
of July!

## 4th of July Fun Facts:

1. The Liberty Bell rings 13 times every 4th of July to honor the 13 original states.
2. The first public 4th of July event at the White House occurred in 1801, Thomas Jefferson was President.
3. Three presidents died on July 4th: John Adams and Thomas Jefferson both died on July 4, 1826. James Monroe died July 4, 1831.
4. Inscribed on the tablet held by Lady Liberty is "July IV MDCCLXXVI" (July 4, 1776).
5. Calvin Coolidge was the only president born on July 4th (July 4, 1872).
6. Massachusetts was the first state to recognize the 4th of July.
7. New York City has America's Biggest 4th of July Fireworks display.
8. We didn't actually declare Independence on the 4th of July. It is widely believed that America declared their independence from Britain on July 4th 1776. However, the official vote took place two days before and the declaration was published in the papers on July 4th.
9. Americans will enjoy 150 million hot dogs during the 4th of July according to the National Sausage and Hot Dog Council.
10. According to the American Pyrotechnics Association, Americans will spend more than \$1 Billion on fireworks each year, but only 10% of firework displays are set off professionally. That is why there is an estimated 12,900 firework-related emergency room visits across the country.

**HOW ARE YOU SPENDING YOUR 4TH?**





Summer has arrived and while the sun is shining bright it's a golden time to highlight July as UV Safety Awareness Month!

We all love to take in those warm summer rays, but everyone must remember to protect their skin and eyes from the damaging effects of the sun.

The sun emits radiation known as UV-A and UV-B rays. Both types can damage your eyes and skin:

- UV-B rays have short wavelengths that reach the outer layer of your skin
- UV-A rays have longer wavelengths that can penetrate the middle layer of your skin

By learning the risks associated with too much sun exposure and taking the right precautions to protect you and your family from UV rays, everyone can enjoy the sun and outdoors safely.

Here are the harmful things unprotected sun exposure can do:

- Cause vision problems and damage to your eyes
- Suppression of the immune system
- Premature aging of the skin
- Skin cancer



Fortunately, there are things you can do to minimize the risk that comes with sun exposure.

1. **Cover Up: Wearing a Hat (preferably wide brimmed) or other shade-protective clothing can partly shield your skin from the harmful effects of UV ray exposure. Proper clothing may include long-sleeved shirts, pants, hats, and Sunglasses - for eye protection.**

2. **Stay in the Shade: The sun's glare is most intense at midday. Staying in the shade between the hours of 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. will further protect your skin. The sun can still damage your skin on cloudy days or in the winter. For this reason, it is important to stay protected throughout the year.**

3. **Choose the Right Sunscreen: This is extremely important. The U.S. Food and Drug Administration's (FDA) new regulations for sunscreen labeling recommend that your sunscreen have a sun protection factor (SPF) of at least 15, and should protect against both Ultraviolet A (UV-A) and Ultraviolet B (UV-B) rays.**

4. **Use the Right Amount of Sunscreen: According to the National Council on Skin Cancer Prevention, most people apply only 25-50 percent of the recommended amount of sunscreen. When out in the sun, it's important that you apply at least one ounce (a palmful) of sunscreen every two hours. You should apply it more often if you are sweating or swimming, even if the sunscreen is waterproof. By taking the proper precautions and following this advice you and your loved ones can enjoy the sun. If you are having any problems after being in the sun, be sure to talk to your healthcare provider.**

Enjoy the outdoors this summer and remember to protect your eyes and the skin you're in!

# Summerset Police Department

LET FREEDOM RING....but not with fireworks!

FIREWORKS PSA-Please be safe this holiday weekend and remember it is a violation of City Ordinance to fire them off within city limits. Enjoy the 4th safely at the many public fireworks displays around the area.

Summerset City Ordinance  
§ 96.12 FIREWORKS DISPLAY.

(A) It shall be unlawful for any discharge or cause to be discharged, except as hereinafter permitted, any fireworks.

(B) The use of certain novelty fireworks within the city are permitted and are limited to the following:

- (1) Party poppers (not to exceed 0.25 grain);
- (2) Snappers (not to exceed 0.02 grain);
- (3) Sparklers (not to exceed 3.5 ounces);
- (4) Toy caps (not to exceed 0.25 grain); and
- (5) Flitter sparklers (not to exceed 0.2 ounces).

(C) Nothing in this chapter shall prohibit a public display and discharge of fireworks, providing such licensed individual, firm, partnership or corporation planning to make a public display and discharge of fireworks, shall first secure a written permit from the city and Chief of the Fire Department upon which jurisdiction falls.

(D) This chapter extends to and shall cover all of the territory within the corporate limits of the city and its one-mile jurisdiction.

-Any violator of this chapter is guilty of a Class II misdemeanor

Be aware that fireworks are permitted within Black Hawk and Piedmont.

Lastly, drive sober or get pulled over!



# Public Works

## Reminders on Yard Waste...

- No plastic bags.
- No construction debris or landscaping timbers.
- Trees must be cut to fit inside the container.

## General Reminders

- Garbage cans must be out by 7 am on your collection day.
- Garbage must fit inside the can, bags laying outside the can will not be picked up.
- If you would like a second can please call City Hall to arrange for a second can at the rate of an additional \$10 per month.



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



**Summer Reading Program**  
Is still going strong.  
Input minutes with the ReadSquared App and earn prizes!

### Teen Night!

Teens 13+ come to the library on Thursday, July 14<sup>th</sup> at 5:00PM for Canvas Painting or Thursday July 28<sup>th</sup> at 5:00PM for Game Night!



Teen nights will take a break in August then start back up in September and continue every 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday at 5:00 PM.

# CURBSIDE PICKUP

AVAILABLE



### Preschool Story Time!

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



### Bluestockings Book Club

Title: The Book Charmer  
by Karen Hawkins

Where: @ The Library  
When: Friday July 15<sup>th</sup>  
at 10:00AM

Who: Anyone Who Wants to Join  
How: Simply stop by the library to borrow a copy of the book.



### Creative Life Writing Workshop

July 16<sup>th</sup> from 11:00-1:00

Presented by South Dakota Humanities Council Scholar Molly Barari

### July Art Display

Alana Pritts & Abbigail Stietz  
Stop by the library and see their work!



### Genealogy is Back!

Welcome back to the regular genealogy club every 2nd Monday at 10 AM.

## MIDDLE SCHOOL MEET-UPS!

Fridays at 3:30pm

July 8<sup>th</sup> ~ Craft Night

July 15<sup>th</sup> ~ Game Night

July 22<sup>nd</sup> ~ Movie Night

July 29<sup>th</sup> ~ STEAM Kit Exploration

Middle school group will take a break during August and start back up in September.

FRIENDS of the  
PIEDMONT VALLEY LIBRARY  
**Annual 4th of July BOOK SALE**

**Monday 9:00AM to 1:00PM**

Book sale will resume during regular library hours Tuesday, July 26<sup>th</sup>, and continue through Saturday, July 28<sup>th</sup>. Special Auction runs Monday only.

