

Monthly Newsletter

# City of Summerset

July 2023

## Monthly Happenings

**July 3 & 4th-** City Hall Closed

**Commission Meetings-** July 6th and 20th

**Planning and Zoning Meetings-** July  
11th and 25th

**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.

# SUMMERFEST

**Saturday, July 8<sup>th</sup> 2023 from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.**

**Summerset City Hall Campus Area located at 7055 Leisure Lane**

**Free Food Free Activities**  
**Get to know the local businesses in the**  
**Summerset and Piedmont Foothills area.**

You are invited to attend the annual Summerfest celebration held on the Summerset City Hall Campus area. This event boasts free food and fun for all ages. This year we wanted to showcase the local businesses throughout this area. We were awarded a grant from the Black Hills Community Economic Development to help facilitate this event. The basis of this grant was to inform the community of the businesses that are available throughout the Summerset and Piedmont Foothills Area.

Your invitation includes setting up a vendor booth at Summerfest to get added exposure from the public. If you are unable to set up a vendor booth, we would like to have a business card or flyer of your business. We will be handing out advertising bags to all that attend and best of all ITS FREE!

#### **EXPECTED RESULTS & IMPACT TO THE COMMUNITY:**

- Connect the community with the local businesses and services that they provide, along with attracting new business opportunities.
- Networking of available jobs within our community from local businesses.
- Keeping demands for goods and services locally.
- Outreach to adjacent cities for regionalization opportunities and business networking in the southern corridor.
- Getting to know your City Officials and the services provided by City Government.
- Feedback on future community needs due to new and growing population: businesses, housing, schools, infrastructure, and quality of life (parks, trails, etc.).
- Follow up on feedback from the community.

We feel that by connecting our community with the surrounding local businesses that citizens will spend money in our local stores, restaurants, and services within our community. These purchases help ensure a steady cash flow which will keep businesses running smoothly. This cycle is what keeps cities running successfully.

We also feel it is an excellent opportunity for our City Officials to provide community outreach regarding local government, the services provided.

#### **FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CALL:**

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**"I like to travel in the summer, which is why I read."**

### Doodling & Donuts

Friday,  
July 14 at 10 AM

Adults and teens (13+) join us for a relaxing social with delicious donuts. Free adult coloring books will be provided for all in attendance.



### TEEN NIGHT

Teens 13+  
Thursday, July 13th  
At 5:00 PM

Join us as we make sand art succulents while enjoying some pizza and root beer floats!

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

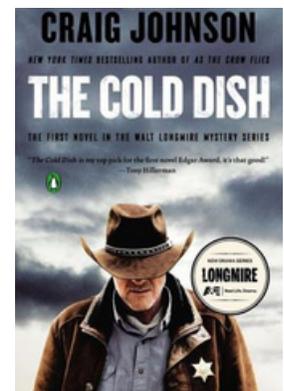
# CURBSIDE PICKUP AVAILABLE



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



**Bluestockings Book Club**  
Title: The Cold Dish by Craig Johnson  
Where: The Library  
When: Friday, July 21st at 10:00 AM  
Who: Anyone Who Wants to Join  
How: Simply stop by the library to borrow a copy of the book.



### Middle School Book Club

Middle School book club will be taking the summer off but see our full Summer Reading Program schedule!



### Genealogy Club!

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

### Elementary Book Club

Elementary book club will be taking the summer off but see our full Summer Reading Program schedule!



FRIENDS OF THE  
PIEDMONT VALLEY LIBRARY

## Annual 4th of July BOOK SALE

**Tuesday July 4th** 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM

Book sale will resume during regular library hours Wednesday, July 5th, and continue through Saturday, July 8th. Silent Auction and Bake Sale run Tuesday only.

The Friends of the Piedmont Valley Library is a 501(c)3 Non-profit organization. All fund raising proceeds go to the Piedmont Valley Library.

End of Summer Reading Program Prize Raffle  
Saturday, July 29th at 10 AM  
All who participated in our Summer Reading Program are invited!