

*Monthly Newsletter*

**CITY OF  
SUMMERSET**

JUNE 2022

**This Month's Happenings:**

Commission Meetings: 6/2 and 6/16

Planning and Zoning Meetings: 6/14 and 6/28

Primary Elections: 6/7

Summerfest: 6/11

City Hall Closed: 6/20

City Wide Clean-up: 6/24

Coffee with Commissioner: 6/25



# New Faces at the City



## Jeff Smith

**CITY MAINTENANCE WORKER**

### Where are you from?

I was born and raised in Pennsylvania, I have lived in 7 states, and Germany. Currently live in Box Elder, SD

### Why did you choose Summerset?

I needed a change from my previous job working maintenance at a hospital. I have worked for public works, government, and university systems in the past. I wanted to get back into public service. I had a great interview and when I was offered the city maintenance worker position, I felt like it would be a good fit.

So far, it's a great place to work with a very friendly family vibe. It's very refreshing to work with people who are working towards a common goal. The city is growing rapidly, and it has a comprehensive plan to make Summerset a great place to live. I am excited to be a part of it.

### What do you like to do when you're not at work?

Mountain biking, hiking, camping, and road trips to places I have never been. National Parks and Forests, weird roadside Americana, and back roads are some of my favorite things.

### Family, Pets, etc?

I live with my wife Rachel, she works at Ellsworth AFB as a Physical Therapist. No kids or pets.



# New Faces at the City



## OWEN DAVIS

### CITY MAINTENANCE WORKER

**Where are you from?**

Rapid City born and raised.

**Why did you choose Summerset?**

Recently moved back to the area and wanted to avoid working for a big corporation, my skill set fit the bill for them and I liked the offer.

**What do you like to do when you're not at work?**

I enjoy hiking, ultimate Frisbee and video games.

**Family, Pets, etc?**

A wife and two dogs.

# Public Works

**Public Works:** Mulberry drive resurfacing is nearing completion. Also included was Freedom drive, and a resealing of Leisure Lane.

**Sanitation:** Please make sure to use yard waste bags when using the yard waste container. Plastic trash bags are not acceptable for yard waste use. City Wide cleanup will be Jun 24. From 7:30a to 3:00p Please be sure to bring a valid ID or Summerset utility bill to use the containers. Tires and any appliances that use refrigerants will not be allowed. In addition, please have any gas and oil out of small engines.

**Parks:** Summerfest 2022 is June 11 starting at 4:00 pm at City Hall.





# Summerset Police Department

While spring has had some ups and downs here in Summerset, summer is right around the corner. As things begin to get back to normal, I wanted to send out a couple of reminders.

- ☀️ Temperatures will be rising and law enforcement agencies across the country deal with people forgetting pets or children inside their cars. *According to the National Safety Council, an average of 39 children under the age of 15 die each year from heatstroke after being left in a vehicle.* Often times during the summer months, children will fall asleep while in the car. It is of the utmost importance they are not forgotten in the car. Make yourself a routine for when you get to your final destination. Make sure you have your valuables with you. Phone, keys, purse/wallet, but most importantly, your children.
- 🐾 Hundreds of pets die each year as well from being left in a hot car. While temperatures outside may be nice, it takes just a few minutes for the inside of a car to get hot enough to be harmful. Cracking a window does not help lessen the effect of this. Please, if it is not necessary, leave your pets at home.
- 🚗 While we are discussing securing your vehicles, one of the top priorities for the Summerset Police Department is addressing gun violence. Many of our citizens carry concealed weapons or utilize the open carry of firearms. Unfortunately, too many of our citizens also leave their guns in their cars when they are not carrying them. This is extremely unsafe. While the Summerset Police Department is not trying to keep anyone from legally carrying a firearm, we are asking you to please take your firearms inside with you when you are home and secure it properly. Again, it takes just seconds for someone to break into your car.

I hope as our community continues to open up, you will take heed to these few reminders and have a great summer!

# Severe Weather and Safety

Severe thunderstorms are officially defined as storms that are capable of producing hail that is an inch or larger or wind gusts over 58 mph. Hail this size can damage property such as plants, roofs and vehicles. Wind this strong is able to break off large branches, knock over trees or cause structural damage to trees. Some severe thunderstorms can produce hail larger than softballs or winds over 100 mph, so please pay attention to the weather so you know when severe storms are possible. Thunderstorms also produce tornadoes and dangerous lightning; heavy rain can cause flash flooding.

Do you know the difference between a National Weather Service Severe Thunderstorm Watch and a Severe Thunderstorm Warning? Check your knowledge below.

**Severe Thunderstorm Watch: Be Prepared!** Severe thunderstorms are possible in and near the watch area. Stay informed and be ready to act if a severe thunderstorm warning is issued. The watch area is typically large, covering numerous counties or even states.

**Severe Thunderstorm Warning: Take Action!** Severe weather has been reported by spotters or indicated by radar. Warnings indicate imminent danger to life and property. Take shelter in a substantial building. Get out of mobile homes that can blow over in high winds. Warnings typically encompass a much smaller area (around the size of a city or small county) that may be impacted by a large hail or damaging wind identified by an NWS forecaster on radar or by a trained spotter/law enforcement who is watching the storm.

- **Stay Weather Ready:** Continue to listen to local news or a NOAA Weather Radio to stay updated about severe thunderstorm watches and warnings.
- **At Your House:** Go to your secure location if you hear a severe thunderstorm warning. Damaging wind or large hail may be approaching. Take your pets with you if time allows.
- **At Your Workplace or School:** Stay away from windows if you are in a severe thunderstorm warning and damaging wind or large hail is approaching. Do not go to large open rooms such as cafeterias, gymnasiums or auditoriums.
- **Outside:** Go inside a sturdy building immediately if severe thunderstorms are approaching. Sheds and storage facilities are not safe. Taking shelter under a tree can be deadly. The tree may fall on you. Standing under a tree also put you at a greater risk of getting struck by lightning.
- **In a Vehicle:** Being in a vehicle during severe thunderstorms is safer than being outside; however, drive to closest secure shelter if there is sufficient time.



A tornado is a violently rotating column of air extending from the base of a thunderstorm down to the ground. Tornadoes are capable of completely destroying well-made structures, uprooting trees, and hurling objects through the air like deadly missiles. Tornadoes can occur at any time of day or night and at any time of the year. Although tornadoes are most common in the Central Plains and the southeastern United States, they have been reported in all 50 states.

What is the difference between a Tornado Watch and a Tornado Warning issued by the National Weather Service?

**Tornado Watch: Be Prepared!** Tornadoes are possible in and near the watch area. Review and discuss your emergency plans and check supplies and your safe room. Be ready to act quickly if a warning is issued or you suspect a tornado is approaching. Acting early helps to save lives! Watches are issued by the Storm Prediction Center for counties where tornadoes may occur. The watch area is typically large, covering numerous counties or even states.

**Tornado Warning: Take Action!** A tornado has been sighted or indicated by weather radar. There is imminent danger to life and property. Move to an interior room on the lowest floor of a sturdy building. Avoid windows. If in a mobile home, a vehicle, or outdoors, move to the closest substantial shelter and protect yourself from flying debris. Warnings are issued by your local forecast office. Warnings typically encompass a much smaller area (around the size of a city or small county) that may be impacted by a tornado identified by a forecaster on radar or by a trained spotter/law enforcement who is watching the storm.

Find out what you can do when a tornado strikes. Acting quickly is key to staying safe and minimizing impacts.

- **Stay Weather-Ready:** Continue to listen to local news or a NOAA Weather Radio to stay updated about tornado watches and warnings.
- **At Your House:** If you are in a tornado warning, go to your basement, safe room, or an interior room away from windows. Don't forget pets if time allows.
- **At Your Workplace or School:** Follow your tornado drill and proceed to your tornado shelter location quickly and calmly. Stay away from windows and do not go to large open rooms such as cafeterias, gymnasiums, or auditoriums.
- **Outside:** Seek shelter inside a sturdy building immediately if a tornado is approaching. Sheds and storage facilities are not safe. Neither is a mobile home or tent. If you have time, get to a safe building.
- **In a vehicle:** Being in a vehicle during a tornado is not safe. The best course of action is to drive to the closest shelter. If you are unable to make it to a safe shelter, either get down in your car and cover your head, or abandon your car and seek shelter in a low lying area such as a ditch or ravine.



CITY OF SUMMERSET WOULD  
LIKE TO INVITE YOU TO

# Coffee with a Commissioner

*Come on down to the city's Waste Water  
Treatment Plant for a cup of coffee with  
Commissioner Butler- the Commissioner of  
Utilities*

When: Saturday, June 25th, 2022

Time: 10 am

Where: Waste Water Treatment Plant  
14240 Glenwood Drive





# SUMMERFEST

## 2022

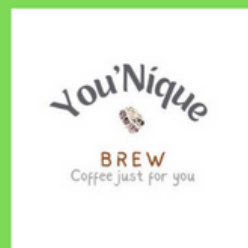
**FREE BBQ, BOUNCE  
HOUSE  
CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES  
AND MORE!**

Come Join the Fun!  
June 11th, 2022 4-7pm  
SUMMERSET CITY HALL

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**THANKS TO THOSE WHO DONATED!**



*City of Summerset*

# CITY WIDE CLEANUP

SUMMER 2022

JUNE 24TH 2022  
7:30AM TO 3:00PM

**Please be sure to bring a valid ID or Summerset utility bill to show proof of residence.**

**Tires and any appliances that use refrigerants will not be allowed. In addition, please have any gas and oil out of small engines.**





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Hours: Tues 10-7, Weds-Fri 10-6, Sat 9-1

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



**Summer Reading Program**  
Kicks off on June 4<sup>th</sup>  
10:00-1:00  
Stop by to grab your bags or get signed up!



**Teen Movie/Craft Night!**

Teens 13+ come to the library on Thursday, June 9<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 PM for a fun Movie/Craft night featuring snacks, a craft, and a showing of Soul Surfer!



Teen nights will continue every 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday at 5:00 PM until further notice.

**CURBSIDE PICKUP AVAILABLE**




**Preschool Story Time!**

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



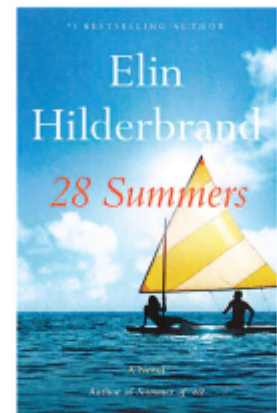
**Bluestockings Book Club**

Title: 28 Summers  
by Elin Hilderbrand

Where: @ The Library

When: Thursday, June 16<sup>th</sup>  
at 6:30 PM

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



**Smart Sitter Courses are coming to the library this summer!**

Class #1 will be June 18<sup>th</sup> from 9-12  
With CPR and First Aid instructed by Piedmont Fire and Ambulance Service.  
Charge is \$8/person.  
Space is limited.

**May/June Art Display**  
**Black Hills**

**Photography Club**  
Stop by the library to view some spectacular art by these local artists!



**Genealogy is Back!**

Welcome back to the regular genealogy club every 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday at 10 AM.



**Middle School Book Club will transform into Middle School Meet Ups during the summer**

Join us at 3:30 PM every Friday for crafts, games, or movies.

