# MONTHLY NEWSLETTER My Summerset November 2023

**Monthly Happenings** 

- <u>Commission meetings</u>: November 2nd and 16th, 6:00 pm
- <u>Planning and Zoning Meetings</u>: November 14th and 28th, 6:00 pm
- <u>Daylight Saving Time end</u>: Turn clocks back Nov. 5, 2023.
- <u>Veteran's Day Observed</u>: November 10th City offices are closed.
- <u>Piedmont Panther's Meeting</u>; November 15th, 6:00 pm
- Piedmont Valley Chamber of Commerce Meeting: November 22nd, 12:00 pm
- Thanksgiving: November 23rd and 24th City offices are closed.



Wastewater Treatment Plant: Our WWTP Supervisor, Ionathan Ambrose, would like to remind all residents to dispose of any grease, or oil from cooking in their trash. Putting grease down the drain can cause various issues with your sewer system, as well as the City system.

Yard Waste Containers: As mentioned in last month's Newsletter, Yard waste containers will be pulled November 1st, 2023.

Please have all yard waste deposited in the containers by then. After this date yard waste will need to be taken to the Rapid City Landfill.

November 22, 2023 - All Summerset areas will have garbage picked up on Wednesday, November 22nd.

Trash totes need to be at the curb by 7:00 am. They should be placed at the back of the curb, three feet clearance from each other, and all other obstructions.

# CODE ENFORCEMENT

It's that time of year again... Let's start thinking about snow removal.

#### § 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)

§ 50.05 DEPOSITING DEBRIS IN PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY.

It is unlawful for any person to shovel or deposit snow or ice, leaves, material, or other substances of any kind and description from private property onto any public street, alley, or public right-ofway. Such conduct or action is declared to be a nuisance.

(Ord. 18.2017, passed 2-16-2017) Penalty, see §

## **Driving in Winter Weather**

#### The Basics

Slow down. It's harder to control or stop your vehicle on a slick or snow-covered surface. On the road, increase your following distance enough so that you'll have plenty of time to stop for vehicles ahead of you. Don't crowd a snowplow or travel beside the truck. Snowplows travel slowly, make wide turns, stop often, overlap lanes, and exit the road frequently. If you find yourself behind a snowplow, stay far enough behind it and use caution if you pass the plow.

### **Before You Go**

#### Stock Your Vehicle

Carry items in your vehicle to handle common winter driving-related tasks, and supplies you might need in an emergency, including:

- a snow shovel, broom, and ice scraper;
- abrasive material (sand or kitty litter), in case your vehicle gets stuck in the snow;
- jumper cables, flashlight, and warning devices (flares and emergency markers);
- blankets for protection from the cold; and
- a cell phone and charger, water, food, and any necessary medicine

What to Do in an Emergency

If you are stopped or stalled in wintry weather, stay focused on yourself and your passengers, your car, and your surroundings. • Stay with your car and don't overexert yourself. • Let your car be seen. Put bright markers on the antenna or windows and keep the interior dome light on. • Be mindful of carbon monoxide poisoning. Make sure your exhaust pipe is clear of any snow and run your car only sporadically — just long enough to stay warm. Don't run your car for long periods of time with the windows are or in an enclosed space.

You may enjoy these Thanksgiving Trivia Facts.

# Thanksgiving Trivia Facts That Will Give You Wisdom As You Eat Your Turkey

The full article can be found on The Pioneer Woman website.

#### Only male turkeys make a gobble sound.

That's right! Female turkeys don't let out a gobble but give out a cackle instead! Bonus points if you go ahead to hear the noise for yourself!

## Plymouth, Massachusetts looks pretty much the same now as it did in the 1600s.

It's pretty cool, too! You can actually head down to the Plimoth Patuxet and have your own traditional Thanksgiving in the area! You'll get a history lesson on how everything was done back in the day as you enjoy your visit.

## Norfolk Island is the only region in Australia to celebrate Thanksgiving.

This isn't as random as it may seem, though. This is due to American influence in the area during the 1800s, when ships from the United States would make pit stops there—which in turn saw the Australian natives learning about Thanksgiving traditions and adapting it for themselves.

## The first Thanksgiving is believed to have taken place in 1621 in Plymouth, Massachusetts.

Surprisingly, there's actually very little information on record about this "first" Thanksgiving. But we do know that it was a three-day festival to celebrate a bountiful harvest, and that it was attended by planing and the Wampanoag people.

President Calvin Coolidge once received a raccoon as a Thanksgiving gift. Okay, so he was sent the raccoon in 1926 from a man named Vinnie Joyce of Nitta Yuma, Mississippi. It's certainly odd, until you realize that it was meant to be served as a dinner option. But in a turn of some fortunate events, President Coolidge decided that he loved the adorable creature, and kept it as a pet!

#### Two turkeys are sent to the White House each year.

Only one of the turkeys is actually meant to be pardoned by the president, while the second turkey is a backup, should anything happen to the first before the ceremony. However, in 2022 President Joe Biden pardoned both turkeys, Chocolate and Chip.

#### The largest pumpkin pie on record weighed 3,699 lb.

Everyone gets seconds—or even thirds! The world's largest pumpkin pie was made by the New Bremen Giant Pumpkin Growers and displayed at the New Bremen Pumpkinfest in New Bremen, Ohio in September 2010. The diameter of the pie was 20 feet!

#### Thanksgiving leftovers led to the invention of TV dinners.

In 1953, C.A. Swanson & Sons overestimated how much turkey it was going to sell for Thanksgiving and ended up with 260 tons of leftover frozen turkey. A Swanson salesman named Gerry Thomas suggested the turkey be used in frozen dinners in aluminum trays. The following year, the company released what would become known as the first TV tray dinner.

Colchester, Connecticut, once cancelled Thanksgiving due to lack of pumpkin pie.

That's right! The story goes that this New England town postponed its Thanksgiving feast for a week in 1705 because of a molasses shortage. We guess it's just not Thanksgiving without pumpkin pie!



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"November sun is sunlight poured through honey." Conrad Aiken

### Teen Night Kids 13-17

Join us on November 9th at 5 PM to make beaded stars ornaments and eat some pizza!



#### Middle School Book Club Kids 11-13

Join us every Friday at 3:30 PM as we read a Christmas Carol by Charles Dickens!



#### Elementary Book Club Kids 6-10

Join us every Thursday at 3:30 PM as we read A boy Called Christmas by Matt Haig.



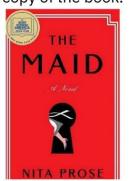
#### Night Owls Book Club

Title: The Maid by Nita Prose

Where: The Library When: Thursday, November 19th at 7 PM

Who: Anyone who wants to join

How: Simply stop by the library to borrow a copy of the book.





### Genealogy Club!

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

#### The Library Will Be Closed



November 11th for Veterans Day and November 23rd-26th for Thanksgiving



# Story Time Bluestockin Title: Killers of t David Where:

Preschool Story Time!

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



#### Bluestockings Book Club

Title: Killers of the Flower Moon by David Grann Where: The Library

When: Friday, November 17th at 10 AM

Who: Anyone who wants to join How: Simply stop by the library to borrow a copy of the book.

