



Monthly Newsletter
CITY OF SUMMERSET
October 2023

MONTHLY HAPPENINGS

- **Commission meetings:** October 5th and 19th, @ 6:00 pm
- **Planning and Zoning meetings:** October 10th and 24th, @ 6:00 pm
- **Native American Day:** October 9th- City Offices are Closed.
- **Piedmont Panther's Meeting:** October 18th @ 6:00 pm
- **Late Fees for City Utilities Bill:** October 21st
- **Piedmont Valley Chamber of Commerce:** October 25th @ 12:00 pm
- **Halloween:** October 31st

FROM THE FINANCIAL OFFICER'S DESK

A REMINDER FOR SUMMERSET RESIDENTS: Your City Utilities, Garbage and Wastewater, Bill has a new look.

Bills were mailed out on 09/29/2023 and we are reminding residents that we have moved over to a new software program so the format will look different. Also, you now have a new account number.

We are going with a more user-friendly, streamlined process, and can now offer E-BILLING! If you would like to receive your bill other than by mail, we can now sign you up for E-BILLING. To sign up, all you need to do is send an email to nbirgen@summerset.us with the email you would like your bill to be sent to. No more wondering if your bill got lost in the mail, GO PAPERLESS!!!

For residents who took advantage of paying their bill through the online portal linked on the City website, you will have to go through a small process to “add” your new account number.

First off, when you log on, the system will say you don't have an account.

Follow these steps:

- **Add account** - use the new account number found on the new white billing postcard - then
- **Verify amount** - then type in the amount of your last City utility payment.

This should enable you to use your new utility account!

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact our office at (605) 718-9858.

FROM THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

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-of-way. Such conduct or action is declared to be a nuisance.

(Ord. 18.2017, passed 2-16-2017) Penalty, see § 10.99

Sanitation: Yard waste containers will be removed November 1st.

Please make sure that your garbage tote has a minimum of 3 feet of clearance all the way around it, and at the back of the curb to ensure service.

Parks: Port-a-potties will be closed/ removed this month.

FROM SPIRITS TO CANDY CORN: THE HISTORY OF HALLOWEEN

This seemingly timeless custom actually has a strange history.



Pope Gregory IV ordered the general observance of All Saints' Day on November 1. The festival's eve eventually became known as Halloween.¹



Scottish poet Robert Burns popularized the word "Halloween" with his poem of the same name.³



Costumes were used to ward off evil spirits and food was offered in exchange for protective prayers.²



Halloween pranks veered toward vandalism. Sugar rationing during World War II almost halted trick-or-treating traditions altogether.⁶



Originally called Chicken Feed, candy corn was invented by a Wunderle Candy Company employee named George Renninger.⁵



Halloween spread to America. Those fleeing the Irish potato famine helped popularize Halloween.⁴



Individually wrapped candies became the standard trick-or-treat gift for door knockers, overtaking coins, nuts, fruit, cookies, cakes, and toys.⁷



The trick-or-treat tradition was firmly established in American pop culture. It appeared in a Peanuts comic strip in 1951 and a Disney cartoon featuring Donald Duck in 1952.⁸



Reese's peanut butter cups became America's most popular Halloween candy.⁹



Halloween has become such a lucrative holiday that Halloween spending on candy alone reached \$2.7 billion.¹⁰



7 Treats That Go Beyond "Fun Size" Candy

Throwing a Halloween office party doesn't always call for one-bite candy bars. Even if the grown-ups are costumed, they'll likely want grown-up treats.

SOUL CAKES

Part cake, part cookie, these "cakes" filled with warming spices such as cinnamon, nutmeg, and allspice will ward off any evil spirits circling the office.¹¹



SOUTHEAST ASIAN PUMPKIN CURRY

On a crisp autumn day, you'll delight in a cauldron of bowl-lickingly delicious pumpkin curry.



GROWN-UP COOKIES

Crank up the music and snack hard on grown-up treats like bacon chocolate-chip cookies and French lychee-rose macarons.



PIMENTO CHEESE SANDWICHES

These ooey-gooley, orange bites on pumpnickel bread incorporate Halloween's signature colors.

CAKE POPS

Cake pops are so precious, your guests will want an extra one for the road.



SPICED-PUMPKIN ICE CREAM

Is it really Halloween without pumpkin-flavored everything?



MUMMY BRIE

Mummify your appetizer spread with a brie wheel wrapped in thin puff pastry strips.



This month in History.

OCTOBER

- **October 1, 1908** - Henry Ford's Model T, a "universal car" designed for the masses, went on sale for the first time.
- **October 9 - Birthday** - John Lennon (1940-1980) was born in Liverpool, England. He was a member of The Beatles, an influential rock group which captivated audiences first in England and Germany, and later in America and throughout the world. He was murdered in New York City on December 8, 1980.
- **October 19, 1781** - As their band played *The World Turned Upside Down*, the British Army marched out in formation and surrendered to the Americans at Yorktown. More than 7,000 British and Hessian troops, led by British General Lord Cornwallis, surrendered to General George Washington. The war between Britain and its American colonies was effectively ended. The final peace treaty was signed in Paris on September 3, 1783.
- **October 24, 1929** - "Black Thursday" occurred in the New York Stock Exchange as nearly 13 million shares were sold in panic selling. Five days later "Black Tuesday" saw 16 million shares sold.
- **October 31st** - Halloween or All Hallow's Eve, an ancient celebration combining the Christian festival of All Saints with Pagan autumn festivals.



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“Those who don’t believe in magic will never find it.” Roald Dahl

Teen Night
Kids 13-17

Join us on October 12th at 5 PM for a tote decorating craft and some pizza!

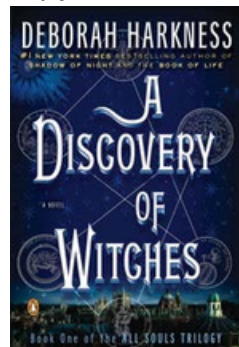


Night Owls Book Club

Title: A Discovery of Witches by Deborah Harkness

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

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



Middle School Book Club
Kids 11-13

Join us every Friday at 3:30 PM as we read Enola Holmes and the Case of the Missing Marquess by Nancy Springer!



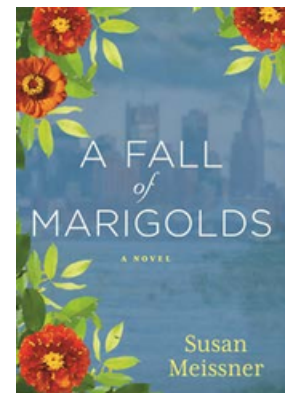
Story Time

Preschool Story Time!

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



Bluestockings Book Club
Title: A Fall of Marigolds by Susan Meissner
Where: The Library
When: Friday, October 20th at 10 AM
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.

Elementary Book Club
Kids 6-10

Join us every Thursday at 3:30 PM as we read The Tale of Despereaux by Kate DiCamillo.



Meet the Artist!



Imagene Biers Artist Reception
Saturday October 14th from 10 AM-Noon

Pokemon Club
Sat Oct 7th at 10 AM

