



SUMMERSET CITY NEWS

City Commission

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MEETING DATES/TIMES

Commission
6:00 pm
1st & 3rd Thursdays
each month

Planning & Zoning
6:00 pm
2nd & 4th Tuesdays
each month when needed

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Yard Waste Drop Off Sites

It's that time of year again! Our yard waste sight will be reopening April 6th! The City of Summerset has 2 yard waste drop off sites. One of the sites is located on Recreational Drive, just off of Leisure Lane. The other site is located at the end of Glenwood Drive in Sun Valley.

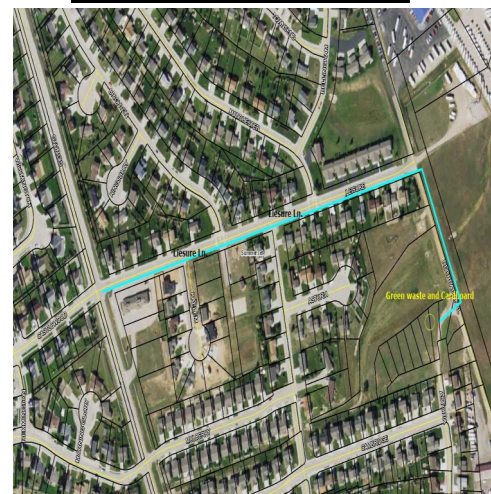
Yard waste must be in paper compostable bags only. **NO PLASTIC BAGS.** Brush includes any wood material less than 6 inches in diameter, such as twigs, bushes, tree branches and small trees. Brush should be cut into 3 foot or smaller sections. Materials such as wooden fences, landscaping timber or building lumber are not considered as part of this service. The cardboard recycling containers are for cardboard only. Please remember to break down all boxes. Do not leave any yard waste next to the container on the ground!

**Please remember this is a privilege. Do not be the one to ruin this service for everyone.*

Glenwood Drive Site



Recreational Drive Site



CDC Guidelines For Covid-19

Know How it Spreads

- There is currently no vaccine to prevent coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19).
- **The best way to prevent illness is to avoid being exposed to this virus.**
 - The virus is thought to spread mainly from person-to-person.
 - Between people who are in close contact with one another (within about 6 feet).
 - Through respiratory droplets produced when an infected person coughs or sneezes.
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 - These droplets can land in the mouths or noses of people who are nearby or possibly be inhaled into the lungs.



Take steps to protect yourself

Clean your hands often

- **Wash your hands** often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds especially after you have been in a public place, or after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing.
- If soap and water are not readily available, **use a hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol**. Cover all surfaces of your hands and rub them together until they feel dry.
- **Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth** with unwashed hands.



Avoid close contact

- **Avoid close contact** with people who are sick
Put **distance between yourself and other people** if COVID-19 is spreading in your community. This is especially important for people who are at higher risk of getting very sick.



Take steps to protect others

Stay home if you're sick

Stay home if you are sick, except to get medical care. Learn [what to do if you are sick](#).



Cover coughs and sneezes

- **Cover your mouth and nose** with a tissue when you cough or sneeze or use the inside of your elbow.
- **Throw used tissues** in the trash.
- Immediately **wash your hands** with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not readily available, clean your hands with a hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol.



Wear a facemask if you are sick

If you are sick: You should wear a facemask when you are around other people (e.g., sharing a room or vehicle) and before you enter a healthcare provider's office. If you are not able to wear a facemask (for example, because it causes trouble breathing), then you should do your best to cover your coughs and sneezes, and people who are caring for you should wear a facemask if they enter your room. [Learn what to do if you are sick](#).

- **If you are NOT sick:** You do not need to wear a facemask unless you are caring for someone who is sick (and they are not able to wear a facemask). Facemasks may be in short supply and they should be saved for caregivers.



Clean and disinfect

Clean AND disinfect [frequently touched surfaces](#) daily. This includes tables, doorknobs, light switches, countertops, handles, desks, phones, keyboards, toilets, faucets, and sinks.

- **If surfaces are dirty, clean them:** Use detergent or soap and water prior to disinfection.



Summerset Development Updates

The City continues with growth even in these dynamic and trying times.

We are looking at innovative ways to create capacity at our Water Reclamation Facility to ensure that growth in housing and businesses can continue without increasing sewer rates.

As I'm sure a lot of you have already heard a new business opened on Stagesop Road. B Coffee Co is Summerset's newest coffee/dining place. They have an awesome staff, great coffee and excellent food. Stop in and check them out!

Several new businesses have expressed interest in moving to Summerset and as things progress keep an eye out for updates.

Development continues in Sun Valley Estates with about 10 new homes under construction and another 16 ready to begin construction.

Community Garden

Community gardens- Public works has been working on building garden boxes that will be placed at the Leisure Lane Park. These boxes will be available for a small yearly fee to help cover water. We hope to have these up and going by May 1. If you are interested in renting a spot please feel free to contact us at 593-8902.



Mayor's Corner

As some of us stay home with our loved ones during this pandemic we need to remember to help each other stay healthy. We have a substantial population of citizens over the age of 65 in our City.

Our older residents may need help with food and supplies. Reach out to them and ask how they are doing. They may just need someone to talk to.

Help your neighbors!

Our police force is still out everyday during this time. Although they are trying to limit contact with people, they still need to do their job.

Please wave and thank them when you see them!

The City's office staff is now working remotely from home. The phones have been transferred and we are still processing paperwork.

The weather is going to get better in the next week or two but for the health and safety of our community all City parks will be closed until further notice.

I'd like to remind everyone that if you must leave your home to buy supplies, remember to shop locally to support our community businesses through this time. Also, I urge everyone to please follow the CDC guidelines and we will get through this.

Thank you,

Bryce Lutz
Mayor

SUMMERSET POLICE DEPARTMENT

response and reminders

"The greatest compassion is the prevention of human suffering through patience, alertness, courage, and kindness."- Amit Ray, Walking the Path of Compassion

During the days of COVID-19, Summerset Police Department would like to remind you of the following recommendations:

- Stay home if possible
- Wash hands
- Keep children home and do not allow their friends to come over or allow your children to go over to their friends' house. No trips to the Park!! (Summerset Parks are closed as of 3/26/20).
- There should be no gatherings larger than 10 people.
- If you are sick and believe you may have COVID-19 Call your health care provider immediately and tell them about any recent travel or exposure.
- Individuals who are concerned that they have COVID-19 should contact their healthcare provider via phone before going to a clinic or hospital to prevent spread in healthcare facilities.
- Avoid contact with other people.
- Follow the directions of your healthcare provider and public health officials

Further information can be found at <https://doh.sd.gov/news/Coronavirus.aspx>

In response to COVID-19, Summerset Police Department will remain open, and will continue to serve and protect our community. Our doors will remain open and unlocked during business hours. After business hours, if you have an emergency, please call 911. For non-emergent calls, please call Meade County dispatch at 605-347-2681 and a Summerset Officer will be in contact with you.

To limit Officer expose to the virus the following precautions have been implemented;

- Officers have been issued masks, gloves and face shields.
- Patrol cars and the Police Department are being sanitized daily.
- Non-emergent calls will be handled over the phone.
- Officers responding to homes, will handle the call outside of the home (if possible).
- Officers have been asked to limit non-emergent contact with the public.

If you have a crime to report and it is not an emergency, please call the Summerset Police Department at, 605-721-6806 or 605-347-2681. The information will be taken over the phone. If it is an emergency, call 911 and an Officer will respond.

We appreciate your understanding and cooperation during these uncertain times.

-Officer Brandy Palmer

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April 6th, 2020

Re: June 2, 2020 Primary Election – Vote by Mail

Dear Meade County Voter:

With the upcoming June 2, 2020 Primary Election approaching and until this emergency passes with the COVID-19 virus, we at the Meade County Auditor's Office want to support the health and safety of our voters, poll workers, and other election staff by offering an alternative to in-person voting.

In this time of crisis, for the Primary Election, we are STRONGLY encouraging you to exercise your right to vote and protect public health by voting absentee by mail.

Enclosed is the South Dakota Absentee Ballot Application Form. This form can also be found at <https://sdsos.gov/elections-voting/assets/AbsenteeBallotApplicationFillable.pdf>. The application itself is simple and self-explanatory. Once the same is filled out and signed it can be mailed back to our office at the address stated above or left in the drop box located at the Meade County Erskine Building, 1300 Sherman Street, Sturgis SD. We cannot accept fax or email versions, unless it is military or overseas citizens. Once we receive the application, the ballot and instructions will be sent to you by mail.

All absentee voting in the State of South Dakota starts, Friday April 17, 2020. The deadline for absentee requests is June 1, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. Authorized messenger requests due to sickness or disability only, have a deadline of 3:00 p.m. on election day. All absentee ballots must be returned to our office before 7:00 p.m. on election day to be counted. Any absentee ballots that come after the deadline will not be counted according to law. Our office will remain open for the early in-person absentee voting option. If you must use this option, best practices of CDC guidelines will be used to screen voters due to the transmission of the COVID-19 virus.

Use of the Express Vote machine will be available at each polling place and the Auditor's Office to comply with the Help America Vote Act, but we ask at this time that it be used to accommodate our voters with disabilities. Best practices will also be followed to reduce the opportunity for disease transmission on touchscreens.

Polling places will be open on June 2, 2020 from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. If you choose not to vote absentee, we strongly encourage social distancing at the polling places and that all precautions for your health and safety, along with the poll workers, are adhered to.

Let's all work together this Primary Election to make it a safe one. Again, we STRONGLY encourage you to vote absentee by mail. You can track the process of your absentee ballot on the South Dakota Secretary of State's web page.

All essential updates on voting, polling place changes, and notices can be found on the Meade County Web page at www.meadecounty.org

Thank you in advance for your consideration. Stay healthy and safe.

Lisa Schieffer, Meade County Auditor

CURBSIDE

PICKUP

AVAILABLE



Steps to use Curbside Services at the Piedmont Valley Library

Put books and DVDs on hold online through our catalog at

<https://piedmont.blackhills.bywatersolutions.com/> or by phone at 1-605-718-3663.

Provide the following information:

1. The name attached to your library card
2. A good phone number
3. The title/author of the materials and/or
4. Subject/genre, age range, and quantity for a mystery bag
5. We will call you when your materials are ready for pick-up, you may then stop by the library anytime between 10-2 Tuesdays-Fridays or 11-1 on Saturdays to pick up your materials.
6. When you arrive, call 1-605-718-3663 and let us know whose books you are picking up and what car you are driving. Someone will be out shortly with your materials. We will leave your materials in front of your car, allow the staff member to re-enter the library before retrieving your materials.

Return used materials via the drop box on the front of the building and repeat steps 1-3

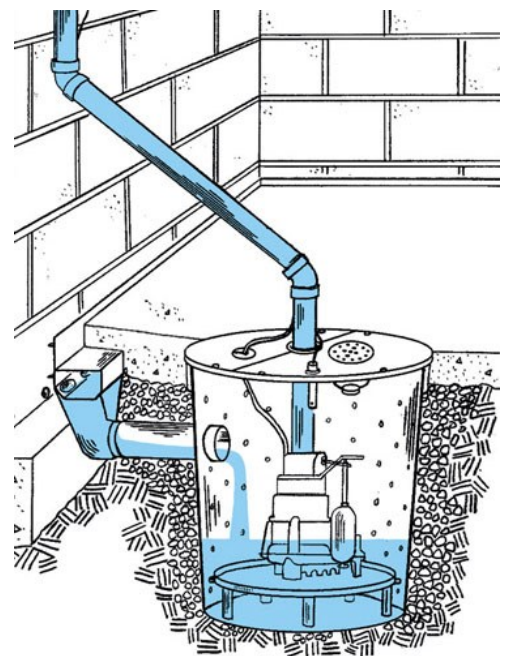
Storm Water Discharge into Sanitary Sewer System

In 2019, the City of Summerset experienced higher than normal sewer flows throughout the City.

Our studies have shown a direct correlation between discharging sump pump water into the sanitary sewer system and sewer backups. The City sanitary sewer system is not designed for the excess flow from sump pumps.

If your property has a sump pump, please investigate where your sump pump discharges. If you have a connection of storm water or ground water into the sanitary sewer. such as a sump pump. you could be contributing to a downstream sewer problem. and the connection MUST be removed. If you need assistance determining if you have a connection or need assistance determining a means of redirecting storm water from the sewer system, please contact 787-6851. We will be glad to help!

If you have questions regarding this letter, please contact our Waste Water Treatment Plant at 787-6851.



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Scott Johnson (Part-time)
Adam Geigle (Part-time)
John Walker (Part-time)
Benny Page (Part-time)
Jerry Moore (Part-time)
Tracey Wiest (Volunteer)
Marc Boddicker (Volunteer)

Wastewater Treatment Plant
Jon Ambrose
Dan Anderson

Friendly Reminders:

City Wide Clean-Up

This years City Wide Cleanup will be held on June 12th and 13th. This is the weekend after the Neighborhood garage sales and will give residents a chance to clean up their properties at no cost to them. Couches, building materials, general trash and metal will be accepted. No appliances with freon will be accepted. Paint and other hazardous materials will also NOT be accepted. Stay tuned for more details!

Sun Valley Drop Box

To make things even more convenient for our residents, we have just recently relocated our payment box in Sun Valley Estates. It is now Located on Sun Valley Drive.



May Office Closures:

May 25th for Memorial Day

May Recycle Day:

May 7th

May Bulk P/U Day:

May 14th