

Monthly Newsletter

# City of Summerset

August 2022

## Monthly Happenings

Commission Meetings:

August 4th and August 18th at 6pm.

Planning and Zoning Meetings: August 9th and August 23rd at 6pm.

Late fees:

August 21st

Meade County Back To School:

August 29th

Rapid City Area Schools Back to School:

August 30th



# From the Mayor's Desk

In April, the City of Summerset was awarded grants, state-matching ARPO funds, and a loan through DANR to expand the city's waste water treatment facility. The expansion has been a need for the community for quite some time and has created a standstill in both commercial and residential growth. With the expansion, we have an opportunity to complete new and existing housing developments, as well as businesses such as more restaurants, retail stores, and other amenities that are desired by our residents. As with any growth or expansion, there is a cost associated to that growth.

Throughout the years that the city has inquired about the waste water expansion, the price to the citizens has changed. Originally, it was an estimated \$100 per month, to \$50 per month, and then to \$30 per month per household. DANR has required a monthly service fee in the amount of \$24.15 per household for debt repayment of the \$5.9 million loan. The commission has recently approved this surcharge that will begin February 2023. During the last commission meeting, I stated that I have been working on various methods to reduce the monthly fee and will have a final solution soon. The plan is to decrease the fee of \$24.15 to current Summerset homes to approximately \$6 to \$8 per month. The options to decrease the fee amount were discussed at the July 21st meeting. Once the details are finalized, it will be discussed and approved by the Commission.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at [mtorno@summerset.us](mailto:mtorno@summerset.us). Thank you.

Mayor Torno



# Summerset Police Department

The Sturgis Rally is an exciting time in the Black Hills but can also be a dangerous time due to the increased traffic on the roadways. The increased traffic and considerable number of motorcycles on the roadways can result in many traffic accidents. The Summerset Police Department wants to limit these accidents and remind vehicle drivers and motorcyclists to share the road and use safe driving and riding practices. The Summerset Police Department will have increased patrols throughout the Sturgis Rally focusing on traffic enforcement and traffic safety. Review the following safety tips to help the Summerset Police Department reduce the number of traffic accidents on our roadways.

## Tips for Motorists

- Observe all traffic laws, yielding to motorcyclists, especially while turning at intersections
- When interacting with motorcyclists, avoid distractions that place motorcyclists and other road users at risk.
- Remember, motorcycles are smaller than most vehicles and difficult to see. Their size can also cause other drivers to misjudge their speed and distance.
- Though a motorcycle is a small vehicle, its operator still has the same rights of the road as any other motorist. Allow the motorcycle the full width of a lane at all times.
- Always use a turn signal when changing lanes or merging with traffic.
- If you see a motorcycle with a signal on, remember: motorcycle signals are often non-canceling, and the motorcyclist could have forgotten to turn it off. Proceed with caution to allow the motorcyclists the opportunity to complete the maneuver.
- Check all mirrors and blind spots for motorcycles before changing lanes or merging with traffic.
- Always allow more follow distance — beyond three to four seconds — when behind a motorcycle. This gives them more time to maneuver or stop in an emergency.
- Drive alcohol- and drug-free.

## Tips for Motorcyclists

- Observe all traffic laws.
- Never ride while impaired or distracted — it is not worth the risk of killing or injuring yourself or someone else. Plus, a DUI costs \$10,000 on average, and can lead to jail time, loss of your operator's license, and higher insurance rates.
- Thirty-four percent of all motorcycle riders involved in fatal crashes in 2020 were speeding, compared to 22% for passenger car drivers, 16% for light-truck drivers, and 7% for large-truck drivers. Motorcycle riders 25 to 29 years old involved in fatal crashes had the highest speeding involvement at 45%.
- Drive and ride defensively.
- Obey the speed limit.



# Upcoming Events

- Fall Cleanup September 23/24th
- Back to school
- Labor Day- Offices closed Sept 5th





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### CPR & First Aid Training Class

Smart Sitter Course is happening again.  
August 20<sup>th</sup> from 9-12am  
For anyone who missed out last time, sign up fast.  
Space is very limited.

*“When I got my library card, that was when my life began.”*

- Rita Mae Brown

### August Art Display

This month we are showcasing our Summer Reading Program art contest entries. Stop in and vote for your favorites.



We are in need of more volunteers. If you have ever considered donating a couple hours a week working in a community environment, please stop in and fill out an application.



### Genealogy Club!

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

# 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

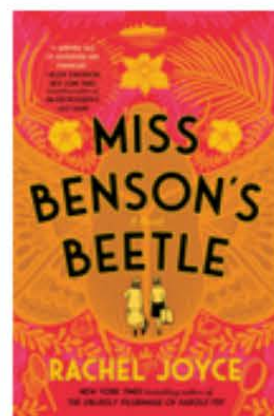
Title: Miss Benson's Beetle by Rachel Joyce

Where: @ The Library

When: Friday August 19<sup>th</sup> at 10:30AM

Who: Anyone Who Wants to Join

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



### Middle School and Teen programs are taking a break in August.

- Teen Movie Night will pick back up Sept 8<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 pm.
- Middle School Book Club will pick back up Sept 16<sup>th</sup> at 3:30 pm.

**HAVE A FUN REST OF YOUR SUMMER!**

