



## City Commission

### Mayor

George Mandas

### Commissioners

Michael Kitzmiller

Bryce Lutz

David Butler

Stephanie McCoy

## MEETING DATES/TIMES

### Commission

7:00 pm

1st & 3rd Thursdays  
each month

### Planning & Zoning

7:00 pm

2nd & 4th Tuesdays  
each month when needed

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# SUMMERSET CITY NEWS

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## City News



## Summerset's 4th Annual Arbor Day Celebration

was a complete success! This year, 200 kindergartners from Piedmont Elementary and Black Hawk Elementary gathered at Steamboat Park, in Sun Valley Estates, to help us celebrate Arbor

Day and witness our annual tree planting ceremony. A big Thank You to Johnson's Tree Service for donating the tree, Java Junction for donating the delicious coffee and to our local kindergartners for helping us celebrate Arbor Day.



## Planning and Development Update:

### The new middle school located in Summerset

On April 16<sup>th</sup> the Meade School District hosted an open house and tour of the new middle school. The turnout was great with hundreds of new students and parents seeing the finished interior of classrooms and offices. Crews are back at it outside finishing the exterior, landscaping and roads.

### New Business

**Polaris of the Black Hills** has broken ground on their new 18,000 square foot building that includes a showroom, shop and offices. Keep an eye out for updates as construction progresses.

**O'Reilly Auto Parts** is expected to break ground on their new building next to Dollar General with an opening of later this summer. Stay posted for continued updates!!!!



**Summerset Waste Water Treatment Plant** filter and SBR cover project is right on schedule. RCS Construction is finishing up with concrete work for the tanks and building foundation. The metal building has been delivered and should be going up soon. This project will help to ensure that our plant is running at maximum efficiency and protecting the environment for generations to come.



## Code Enforcement

Spring is finally here! As the weather gets warm, the grass and weeds start growing. Our Code Enforcement Officer will be going around and giving verbal or written warnings to residents who have grass or weeds that are in need of attention. Our intent is not to anger or annoy people but to keep Summerset looking nice.



**The following are some of the main code enforcement issues we see each year:**

### 12.4.1 WEEDS AND NOXIOUS VEGETATION

All weeds and plants declared to be dangerous, or noxious weeds by the South Dakota Department of Agriculture or the commission of State Weed control or the Summerset Board of Commissioners and all other weeds suffered or allowed to grow during the growing season which are declared noxious, dangerous or unhealthy vegetation are hereby declared a public nuisance. It shall be the duty of the property owner or any lot within the city of Summerset to cut such noxious vegetation at such time as necessary to prevents its growth.

No landowner shall allow domestic grass, weeds or noxious vegetation to grow to a height of more than eight (8) inches.

### 12.4.3 NOTICE TO CUT GRASS, WEEDS, OVERHANGING LIMBS, ETC.

The Code Enforcement Officer at any time during the growing season shall notify landowners in writing by Certified Mail or in person with a return of service. Upon service the landowner shall have ten (10) days in which to remove the violation, unless the City determines that a shorter period of time is necessary, in which case the notice shall so state. This notice shall in addition, inform the landowner that he/she is required to keep all vegetation cut and in compliance with City Ordinances throughout the growing season. Subsequent notices—after receiving the initial notice to cut any grass, overhanging limbs, weeds, trees etc. the landowner shall be required to abate any similar nuisance within five (5) days of written notification. Nothing in this Chapter shall be construed as requiring the City to give subsequent notices and the City may proceed to abate similar nuisances without giving subsequent notices if cleaned appropriate in its discretion.





## Code Enforcement Cont.

### 12.4.4 REMOVAL OF VEGETATION BY THE CITY

If the owner of said property fails to remove or cut vegetation within the given time allowed by Ordinance, the Code Enforcement Coordinator may cause such vegetation to be removed.

The City of Summerset or its designee may enter upon the property for the purpose of removing or cutting vegetation, which is in violation of this ordinance, with or without notice as determined by the City of Summerset.



### 12.4.5 PENALTY

All violations of this chapter shall be considered a Class II misdemeanor. The City may also impose civil penalties in the amount of \$200 for each violation, which civil penalty will incur on a daily basis for each day the nuisance exists from and after the date of any notice given by the City. In addition, the City may in its discretion revoke any licenses issued to the violator or withhold any approval or permits based upon any such violations and until all civil penalties and costs are paid in full.



Sincerely,

Code Enforcement



## Chief's Corner

Spring is here and Summer is just around the corner. As the weather gets nicer and people are outside more, we ask that the motoring public exercise caution when driving on the streets of Summerset. Be aware of the folks out walking along the sidewalks or the kids playing in the yards. Watch for balls bouncing in to the streets and the youngsters that might be chasing them.

To those who have the four wheelers and UTV's. I remind you of the helmet laws in South Dakota. Anyone under the age of 18 is required to wear a DOT approved helmet when riding on one of these. **Bicycle helmets do not meet the requirement.**

To the homeowners and renters. I remind you to please lock your car doors when you go in for the night. Also, close your garage doors. When the warm weather comes, people tend to stay outside longer, when an open car door or garage door is found it presents an opportunity to some people. The curfew time is 10:00 pm, anyone under 16 must be home by that time.

Enjoy the nice weather and stay safe!

Sincerely,  
Don Allen  
Summerset Police Chief





Us on Facebook!

### Library Closing for Remodel

The Piedmont Valley Library will close on May 2<sup>nd</sup> and will reopen on May 15<sup>th</sup>. This time will be used to replace the carpet and shelving. The drop box at the library and in the Summerset city offices can be used during this time.

#### How Can You Help?

We need strong volunteers to help box books, move shelving, and tear up old carpeting. A sign-up sheet is available at the front desk. We also need paper, bankers, and moving style boxes for the renovation and may be selling the replaced shelving after the renovation.

If possible, please keep all donations until after the project is completed due to a lack of storage space.



### Summer Reading 2018

June 2<sup>nd</sup> will be the kickoff date for the summer reading program this year. Our exciting theme, "Libraries Rock!" will focus on music and sound.

We will be accepting registration for this program following the remodel. Keep an eye on our social media and library notices as we near this great reading opportunity.

### May/June Exhibit: Renatus Woodworks

"If you can dream it, we can build it."

"The name Renatus means "re-born" in Latin. This is both our name and mission as we give old wood a new lease on life, and also as we look to bigger things. Our goal as a business is to give half of our profit to organizations that are dedicated to saving lives. We would love the opportunity to get to know you and to build you just the piece the you've been dreaming of, and in so doing, to give someone else the chance to dream again."

Come in after the renovation to see this very special exhibit of woodworking.

### Preschool Story Time Every Thursday at 10 am

No Story Times May 3<sup>rd</sup> or May 10<sup>th</sup>

### Introducing Our New Library Director!

My name is Megan Eggers and I was born and raised in the Black Hills of South Dakota. I have an Associate's degree in Library Science from Western Dakota Technical Institute and I am working on a Bachelor's degree from Liberty University Online. I was home-schooled from preschool through high school and have gotten used to wearing a number of different hats (sometimes all at the same time).

I currently live in Nemo, South Dakota and I am a member of the Nemo Volunteer Fire Department. Since I graduated with my first degree I have been looking for an opportunity to serve in a small town library and I am finding Piedmont Valley Library to be the perfect fit.





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**City of Summerset Staff**

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 Lonnie Harmon

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 Debbie Muzio

**Assistant Finance Officer**  
 Candace Sealey

**Public Works**  
 Tanner Fenenga

**Law Enforcement**  
 Don Allen, Police Chief  
 Donna Nordell, Volunteer Secretary

**Police Officers**  
 Justin Taylor  
 Brandy Palmer  
 Lonnie Harmon (Part-time)  
 Mark Alley (Part-time)  
 Scott Johnson (Part-time)  
 Rich Nasser (Part-time)  
 John Walker (Part-time)  
 Benny Page (Part-time)  
 Dan Brady (Part-time)  
 Jeff Twite (Part-time)  
 Tracey Wiest (Volunteer)  
 Marc Boddicker (Volunteer)

**Wastewater Treatment Plant**  
 Jon Ambrose

## Friendly Reminders

### CITY WIDE YARDSALE

The dates for the City wide yard sale are  
 Friday June 8th & Saturday June 9th.

### Attention Summerset!

Recently, there has been a lot of garbage in the green waste container (see picture below). The City would like to remind its residents that the yard waste container is for green waste only. When improper items are thrown into the green waste container it is no longer recyclable and there is extra cost associated with disposing of it.



**There is a \$1,000.00 fine for improper dumping.**

### May Office Closures:

**Monday May 28th for Memorial Day**

### MAY Recycle Days:

**May 10th**

**May 24th**

