



PIEDMONT PUBLIC NEWS

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Jack Parks -Board Vice President/Streets
Mike Lee – Trustee/Planning & Zoning
Phil Aitken-Trustee/Park/Code Enforcement
Bruce Lutz-Trustee/Library
Diana Evans-Finance Officer
Mary Jean Voigt-Deputy Finance Officer
Megan Stietz-Library Director
Emily Marshall-Assistant Library Director
Kristin Britt-Assistant Library Director
Jeff Kottwitz-Water
Kyle Bertsch – Maintenance

You are Welcome to Attend:

Regular Meetings on the 1st & 3rd Tuesdays of each Month at 6:30 p.m. at City Hall
-these are formal meetings Open to the Public and Agenda items are discussed.

Planning Meetings on the 2nd & 4th Tuesdays of each Month at 6:30 p.m. at City Hall
-these are informal meetings with open forum for discussion, questions and concerns. Possible
Agenda items for Regular Meetings are discussed.

Planning & Zoning Meetings on the 3rd Tuesday of each Month at 5:30 p.m.
at City Hall.

Library Board Meetings on the 4th Monday of each Month at 5:30 p.m. in the Library.

Park Board Meetings on the 2nd Wednesday of each Month at 5:30 p.m. at City Hall.

*Park Board Meetings are temporarily Canceled

Fax Services are available during City Hall Office Hours-No Charge

Notary Services are available during City Hall Office Hours – No Charge

In Office Schedule:

Mary Jean Voigt who does Water Billing and Bookkeeping is in the Office Monday thru Thursday from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Diana Evans who does Administrative (most everything else) is in the Office on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Phil's Corner

As we move through the summer of 2023 the assault on our values and style of life here in the Piedmont Valley continues to accelerate. The town of Piedmont was incorporated through the efforts of many long-term residents who saw the threat of uncontrolled growth to our style of life. I believe adjacent developments voluntarily annexed into our community because they sought protection from the explosive growth to the south. Our policies of controlled growth, lower taxes, and common sense in government seemed much more attractive. Several other small developments on the west side of town were protected from the threat to the south by our incorporation and the residents indicated that they did not want to be part of our community. While they use our library, park, and drive and walk on our streets, they are unwilling to pay our small tax levy. That is their choice. When they choose to become part of our entity we will welcome them. In the interim their complaints bear little weight.

Annexation is the traditional method where a city extends its boundaries to include those areas that are urbanized or in the process of urbanizing and are adjacent to and contiguous with the existing boundaries of a city. The State of South Dakota has recognized the reality of a city's need to annex by establishing the legal procedures for annexation in South Dakota Codified Law Chapter 9-4. A city exists to provide necessary services and political representation to its residents. Without timely and properly planned annexations, developing towns will be burdened with tax inequities, municipal service inefficiencies, political fragmentation, and a disorderly sprawling growth pattern. Benefits of the annexation include an equitable sharing of the local tax burden. People and businesses located just outside of a city often enjoy many of the services of the municipality without providing tax monies to support their costs. City parks, fire protection, libraries, postal access and building code enforcement are prime examples. The South Dakota Supreme Court in Smith V. City of Rapid City, 1981, reasoned that "the people and property owners of an area proposed for annexation have neither the moral nor legal right to stand aloof from the incorporated community of which they are de facto part, enjoying most of the benefits, but disclaiming their duty to participate in providing these services." 307N. W. 2d 598, 604 (S. D. 1981). Most of the residents of the proposed area have only recently moved to the Piedmont area and are arguing for their rights but ignoring their duties. As Author Daniel Klein said in his article about Adam Smith in the Independent Review, duties trump rights. Only one of the new residents did his duty by talking to local government about the area he was moving into. The rest seem to be part of the entitled populace that is moving into our community. The members of our city government are all part-timers who have been working their tails off to protect our people from opportunists looking to make some easy money.

The City of Piedmont was incorporated August 17, 2007

We started as the original 16 blocks of downtown and the properties bordering Sturgis road to the overpass.

With a few annexations done earlier, our biggest growth began about 2011 when we began receiving annexation requests from property owners that took us south down Sturgis road, ending where our City Limits are now at Midland Heights.

Piedmont takes pride in the continuity of the Board and Office. Because we have been here, we have the knowledge to know when and why things in the past have happened.

Meet your Board

Phil Anderson 2007- current

Phil Anderson is a fourth generation resident of Piedmont, his Family having resided in the Piedmont Valley for over 100 years. He is a founding member of the Piedmont American Legion and a Post, District and State Commander of the Legion. He is a 65 year member of Grace United Methodist Church, a life member of the Masons and forty-et eight, and a 35 year member of the BPOE (Elks) and Disabled American Veterans. I was a graduate of Sturgis High School (Class of 67) and Black Hills State University, did a stint in the US Army and worked as a Construction Foreman in Wyoming before returning to Piedmont in 1980. Me and my wife, Kim, have raised three boys in Piedmont, two of whom still live in the community. I was one of the organizers of the incorporation of Piedmont and has served as Chairman of the Board for all but two of those years of our towns existence as an incorporated entity.

Bruce Lutz 2023-current

I have been a Piedmont resident for 25 years. I care deeply for the Piedmont Community and the Valley. I have been self-employed for the last 15 years. I enjoy listening to people.

Jack Parks 2007-current

John L. (Jack) Parks , 74 years old. Black Hills native, has lived in Piedmont for fifty years, is married to Theresa Parks, and has two grown children, six grandchildren and one great grandson.

I served in the U.S. Army for three years as a surveyor, one of those in Viet Nam. I now belong to the American Legion and a life member of the DAV. After an honorable discharge, I then worked for engineering companies doing surveying and soil testing until 1988 at which time I started my own company, Fire Steel Forge. I specialized in traditional blacksmithing all around the Black Hills. I was on the Board of Directors of Artist Blacksmith's Association of North America and was Co-Chair of our biannual conference held in Rapid City in the middle of July 2012. Over 900 Blacksmiths from all over the world attend.

I like to Garden and raise fruit trees; I would like to have a few chickens. I like to fish, camp and enjoy the outdoors and Piedmont is a great place to do all that. Farmall Tractors is now my hobby.

I have served for fifteen years as the vice-chairman of the City Council. I am one of the original spark plugs that took the initiative to make Piedmont incorporated and I'm still very interested in keeping this community together. We succeeded in getting a first-class water system and are currently working on a sewer system for our geologically sensitive valley here. I also served on the Piedmont Park Board for many years before the city became incorporated and saw to its upkeep and was instrumental in starting the Library as well. I believe society is better off if the people are more self-sufficient, therefore I like to see small business, service organizations, Scouts, orchards, and gardens, and maybe even a few chickens. Piedmont citizens are very volunteer oriented, which I like to see. The Piedmont Valley Public Library is a prime example of that. Piedmont is growing by leaps and bounds and to accomplish what needs to be done, there needs to be controlled growth and conservation of the funds available. I feel that I can help that to happen. My engineering and business experiences help.

Phil Aitken 2019-current

My Family and I moved to the area in 2003 and into Piedmont in 2014. I run a Heating and Cooling Business.

Mike Lee 2020-current

Moved to Piedmont in 2004, and after attending City Meetings was asked to fill in a vacancy on Planning and Zoning Board and was sworn in in 2015. After serving on Planning and Zoning for many years, I filled a vacant seat on the Board of Trustees in 2020. I am currently on the Board of Trustees and Liaison for Planning & Zoning. I enjoy living in Piedmont and the small town feel that it has.

Diana Evans-Finance Officer since 2008

Born the oldest of 3 girls and with a Dad who worked for the US Fish & Wildlife we moved every few years for most of my young life, but most of those moves were in South Dakota. I moved to Rapid City in 1988 and to Piedmont in 1993. I did DayCare in my home for 15 years and started working for the City of Piedmont in the evenings in 2008, moving to days around 2011. I take great pride in our town and being a part of the changes and growth over the last 15 years. I try hard to be the smiling face to greet people when they come to City Hall with a need, question or even sometimes a Thank You!

I believe it is important to be PART of a Community. I have been a Girl Scout Leader, a 4H Leader, Sunday School Teacher, Member of Grace United Methodist Church, Head of our Mission Committee, and take part in many other outreaches connected to the Church. I brought Bountiful Baskets to this community for a few years, and many other things that aren't popping into my head right now.

My husband has a couple of generations of history in Piedmont also! From Great Grandparents who had a homestead just down Elk Creek Road, to now Grandkids being raised here!!

My husband, TY and I made a very thought out decision a few years back to make Piedmont our FOREVER HOME. Some of the things we had to think about is knowing that things were going to change around us (because nothing stays the same) but we knew even with changes this is where we want to be! So we had a few remodel projects done to make our home livable as we age!

I am proud to be a part of our town and community!

Mary Jean Voigt – Deputy Finance Officer since 2018

I work as the deputy finance officer for the City of Piedmont. I was born in Rapid City. My mother Sue Anderson (Phil's oldest sister) and father Kirk (Borneman) Schumacher grew up together here in Piedmont. My grandparents Mary Cooper and Coob Anderson use to own the property the "Barn" bar is located by Spring Valley Rd. My great grandmother gave birth to my grandmother in house located on Hill Top Dr. The Gardner's, Miller's, Boyland's, McIntosh, Gingrass, Bryant's, Farnsworth's, Burn's, Stahl's and Cooper's are some of the first settlers. I have strong ties to this area and believe that the City of Piedmont and all of the board members are working hard for this community. If you want to know more about me, please stop by City Hall and I will gladly share my life story.

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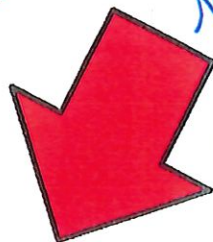
With School about to begin

Look out for
Children

4th Annual City-Wide Rummage Sale August 25th & 26th

1. 12563 Mo Hawk Dr
2. 12403 Navajo Dr
3. 14710 W Valley View
4. 15226 Deerwood Place
5. 15215 Deerwood Place
6. 10647 Grandview Terrace
7. 15367 Grandview Dr
8. 15223 Grandview Dr
9. 10050 Foot Hills Dr (Grace United Methodist Church)
10. 10308 Foot Hills Dr
11. 306 & 308 Pine St.
12. 15767 Sturgis Rd
13. 102 Walnut Street (Genesis Lutheran Church)
14. 16373 N 2nd Street (Piedmont Community Center)
15. 10557 Mt. Shadows Rd
16. 9650 Deer View Rd

MAP



*Available at
Most Addresses
or the
Library*





Are you interested in City Government?
Do you have a desire to participate in your Community?

The City of Piedmont is in need of someone who wants
to sit on the Planning & Zoning Board.

You must live within the City Limits

If you are interested please bring in a written letter/resume to City Hall.

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Summer Water Restrictions are in place.


It goes Even/Odd according to your house number and the date
and watering times are 6:00-9:00 p.m.

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**Brick Order forms for the Park Music area
can be picked up in City Hall**


Commemorate a Family Event, a new Grandbaby, or make a Memorial brick.
Take a look at what others have done.





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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 September 14th at 5 PM for a sunflower painting craft and some pizzal



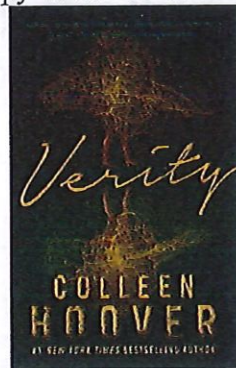
Middle School Book Club Kids 11-13

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



Night Owls Book Club

Title: Verity by Colleen Hoover
Where: The Library
When: Thursday, September 21st at 7 PM
Who: Anyone Who Wants to Join
How: Simply stop by the library to borrow a copy of the book.



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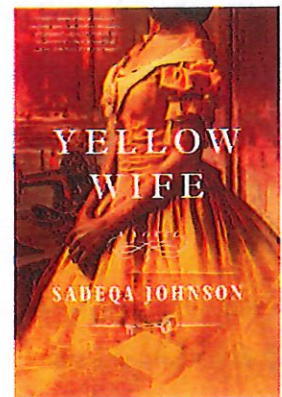

Preschool Story Time!

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



Bluestockings Book Club

Title: Yellow Wife by Sadeqa Johnson
Where: The Library
When: Friday, September 15th at 10 AM
Who: Anyone Who Wants to Join
How: Simply stop by the library to borrow a copy of the book.

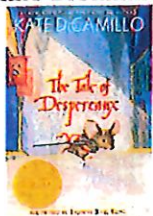


Genealogy Club!

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 will be on Saturday, September 9th from 10 AM-Noon & Saturday October 14th from 10 AM-Noon

Join us for refreshments and conversation with the artist.





2023 One Book South Dakota Author Tour

with *Diane Wilson*

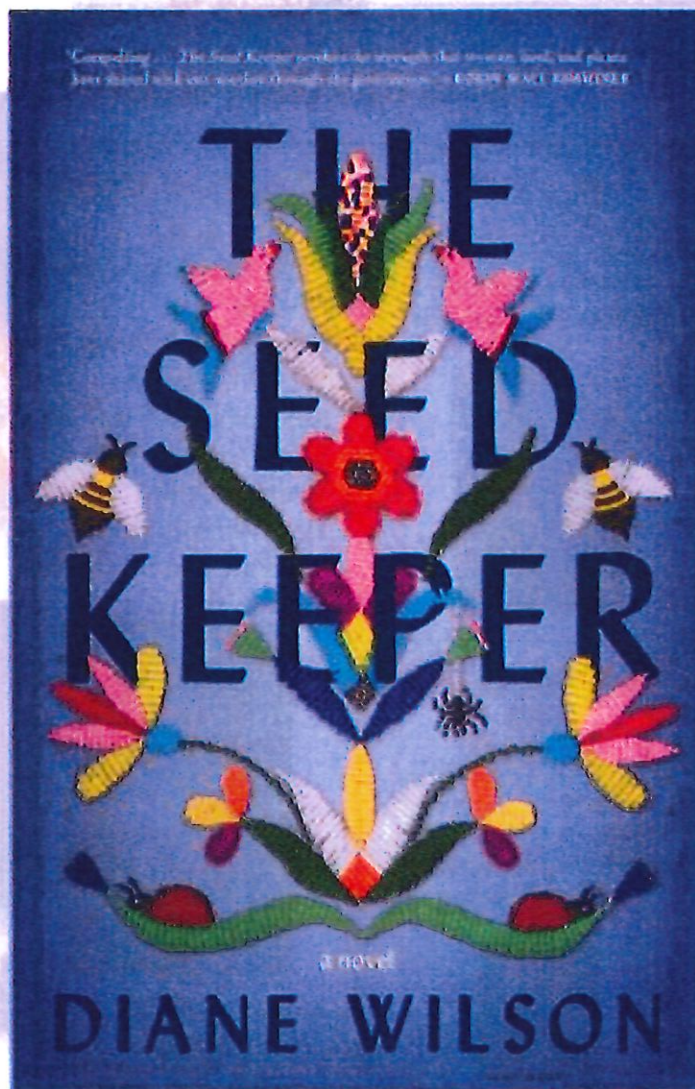
Meet the Author!

Diane Wilson will discuss *The Seed Keeper*, answer reader questions, and sign books in communities across South Dakota this summer and at the Festival of Books in Deadwood, Sept. 22-24!


SDHumanities.org/One-Book-SD



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Meet Diane Wilson:

 **PIEDMONT
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Sunday September 24th, 2023 at 2pm

Piedmont Valley Food Pantry

Located at: Our Lady of the Black Hills Church
12365 Sturgis Rd. Piedmont SD

(Pantry is located in the basement of the Church)

Hours: Wednesday & Saturday 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 (noon)

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It is Very Important to be able to be found in an Emergency

Please be sure that your House has proper House numbers on it and that they are posted where Emergency vehicles can easily see them. We have an Ordinance for this and will be enforcing. We have had it pointed out by Fire and Sheriff that it is hard to find places in Piedmont. Having the proper number posted is very important!

Please don't let an Emergency happen before you comply!

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Bumper Stickers are available at City Hall
for those who wish to display them on your vehicle

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Look for the next Newsletter in October 2023!
Thanks for being a part of our beautiful little community

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