



PIEDMONT PUBLIC NEWS

June 2021

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Phil Aitken-Trustee/Park/Code Enforcement
Kim Plymate-Trustee/Library
Diana Evans-Finance Officer
Mary Jean Voigt-Deputy Finance Officer
Megan Eggers-Library Director
Jeri Hodder-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 6:30 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 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays – No Charge

In Office Schedule:

Mary Jean Voight 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.

The City of Piedmont will NOT be having an Election this June.

Congratulations and Thank You
to **Jack Parks & Mike Lee**
for Serving another 3-year term.

City Wide Rummage Sale

Are you interested in participating in a City-Wide rummage Sale? We tried this in 2019 and had about 5-6 families participating, then came 2020...

We would like to try it again! We will co-ordinate with the timing of the Methodist Church Rummage Sale which is planned to be August 27th & 28th.

If interested in taking part, please let the City Office know you want to be on the list and give us your address. About a week before the sale, we will make a map and hand them out as people visit the sales.

Please feel free to visit with Diana in the office. 😊

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**Brick Order forms for the Park Music area
can be picked up in City Hall
Commemorate a Family Event, make a Memorial brick or
Take a look at what others have done.**



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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!



PIEDMONT VALLEY LIBRARY

Books • Audio Books • Movies • Computers • WiFi

 Like Us on Facebook!

111 Second Street, Piedmont
605-718-3663
piedmont.library@hotmail.com
www.piedmontlibrary.net
Hours: Tues 10-7, Weds-Fri 10-4, Sat 10-1

“When trouble strikes, head to the Library.” – Lemony Snicket



Summer Reading 2021

Join us on June 5th
between 10 and 1 for our
open house kick-off!!

Mountain Lion Activity Day

Ages 7-14
June 24th at 1 PM

Soap Making Class

Ages 18+
June 26th at 1:30 PM

Teens and Tweens (Ages
11-17) and Adults (18+)
Ask about our Animal Art
Contest!



Summerset Satellite Location

Stop by our
Summerset Satellite
Location in the
Summerset City
Offices for easy
book drop off and a
small selection of
new and relevant
titles!

7055 Leisure Ln,
Summerset, SD 57718



CURBSIDE PICKUP AVAILABLE

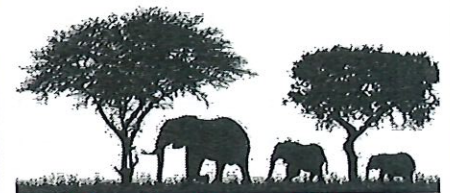



Outdoor Preschool Summer Reading Story Time!

Join us every Thursday in
June and July (except
July 1st) at 10 AM for a
fun outdoor story time in
the City Park!

We will have live
animals and a take home
craft at each story time.

Each program counts as
10 points toward summer
reading prizes!



Bluestockings Virtual Book Club

Theme: Animals

Where: Virtual Zoom Meeting

When: Thursday, June 17 at 6 PM

Who: Anyone Who Wants to Join

How: Simply read a book about
animals or with an animal main
character and email
piedmont.library@hotmail.com to
request the Zoom link.



Ask about our circulating STEAM Kits!

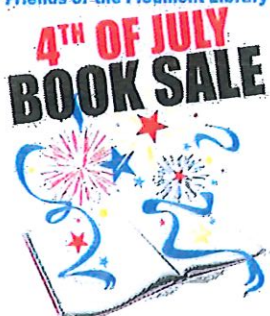
The Friends of the Library Book Sale!

The Annual Independence Day Book Sale Fundraiser begins at 11 AM on July 4th
and ends at 1 PM on July 10th!

We will have books at \$5 a bag and a silent auction that will run on July 4th only.
Stop by to support this wonderful organization and get some great reading material!

**This would also be an excellent time to use those free bag of books coupons
from your Friends Membership!**

Friends of the Piedmont Library



Phils Corner

Spring is here, the pandemic appears to be over and life is getting back to normal. But, what is normal? The last year has seen many new people moving to our area and the number of people who now see Piedmont as a recreational destination has exploded. Our community has always been a live and let live open society. One of the first things we hear at city hall when we propose an ordinance or a change to an ordinance is “we’ve always done it that way”. When I was a boy, kids were taught to drive by letting them get behind the wheel on an old country road or trail and make their mistakes where they would not endanger anyone. That no longer works. As our community has grown, it is not safe to allow unlicensed vehicles and children operating them on our city streets.

The next thing we hear when we propose changes or enforcement of rules is “I don’t see what it’s hurting”. This comment usually comes from someone who has a vehicle or trailer parked on a public right-of-way or in an alley. While individual property owners are responsible for maintaining the right-of-way next to their property, this gives them no special entitlement to the use of that right-of-way. It is public property and as our town grows there is increasing demand for this public access. I see many more residents out walking than in the past. Our long-term plans include sidewalks and improved streets to enhance this experience. Alleys need to be open for sewage, garbage collection and access to the back portions of everyone’s property. Poor planning by county government in the past allowed developers to build areas with inadequately sized public right-of-ways. There are subdivisions in town where residents with multiple vehicles are parking on sidewalks and in public areas where it becomes increasingly difficult to provide services. This is an area that requires additional government action.

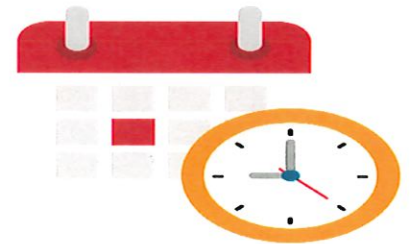
The third thing we hear all too frequently is “what about-ism”. When city code enforcement approaches someone about a violation, oftentimes the first thing they hear is the circular argument “what about so and so”. This is the response we often get from people who know what they are doing is wrong but don’t seem to care. We are seeing a tremendous influx of four-wheelers who come to town and park trucks and trailers anyway they want. The next thing we know everyone is doing it and the response is “what about-ism”. During our annual Easter egg hunt we had over one hundred fifty children and their parents and grandparents attend. One young family showed up and the father parked his oversize pickup and box trailer across four parking spots. He was indignant when I asked him to back up and occupy only two. It seems like there is not nearly enough civility in people anymore. Recently we put signs around the park requiring head on parking. Our city park is a jewel in our town and used by many people, resident and non-resident. Please obey the rules to make the experience more pleasurable for all.



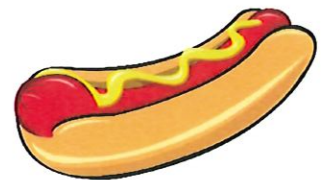
Farmers Union INSURANCE

Proudly Sponsors:

Family Night



Every other Wednesday
May 26th through Sept 1st
4:45 pm - 6:15 pm



Hot dogs provided for

Fun activities, Games
and experiences
for youth ages 3 to 8





Piedmont Valley American Legion

Post 311's

Annual 4th of July Parade

*Piedmont, SD, 4 July 2021: All are welcome to attend and participate in Piedmont Valley American Legion Post 311's Annual 4th of July Parade at Piedmont, SD. The American Legion Post 311's color guard will lead the parade starting at 12 PM (**note time change since 4th of July falls on Sunday this year**) from Post 311's Post Home located at 101 Pine Street, Piedmont, SD. Registration and line up for parade entries is from 10:30 to 11:30 am at Piedmont American Legion Post 311 Post Home at 101 Pine Street. Registration location for hot rods is still to be determined. In recognition of his outstanding community leadership and support of Piedmont Elementary, Meade County Deputy Sheriff Ron White will be the Grand Marshall for the 2021 4th of July Parade. The Parade's theme is "Salute to Freedom's Heroes." There are no entry fees, trophies will be award in multiple categories. Please follow us on our Facebook page, **American Legion Post 311, Piedmont SD**, to stay current with the details of the parade updates (i.e hot rod registration, parade route, online registration etc.)*

Point of contact: is Kevin Morello, American Legion Post 311 Adjutant, at phone 605-787-0619 or via email at KMORE29442@aol.com.

Come and enjoy the patriotic, friendly, family oriented, small town atmosphere at Piedmont, SD, on the 4th of July.



City of Piedmont 2020 Drinking Water Report

Full Report is available in City Hall
or on the City Website



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)



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



Look for the next Newsletter in Fall 2021!
Thanks for being a part of our beautiful little community!!