



PIEDMONT PUBLIC NEWS

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Amy Bannister-Board Trustee
Park Board & Planning & Zoning
Diana Evans-Finance Officer
Karlene Silver-Deputy Finance Officer
Jane Abernathy-Library Director
Jeri Hodder-Assistant Library Director
Jeff Kottwitz-water

You are Welcome to Attend:

Regular Meetings on the 1st & 3rd Tuesdays of each Month at 7:30 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 7:30 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 6:30 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 6:00 p.m. at City Hall.

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

In Office Schedule:

Karlene Silver who does Water billing and Bookkeeping is in the Office on Wednesdays and Fridays.

Diana Evans who does Administrative (most everything else) is in the Office on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays



Piedmont will be holding an Election on June 6th for a seat on the Board of Trustees. Ask questions, get to know who is running, make an informed decision and VOTE! Thank You!

Maintenance Worker/Office Help

The City of Piedmont is looking for someone to fill this position.

Hours: Part time, as needed

Pay: \$12.50 per hour

Persons applying must have a valid Driver's License, must be able to perform Manual

Labor, Operate Light Equipment, and work in the outdoors in all weather

conditions. Possible need to obtain Certifications and Licenses. Must be able to pass a Drug Test.

Duties include but not limited to Streets Maintenance, Park Maintenance, Snow Removal, Mowing Ditches, Equipment and Building Maintenance. Some Computer and Office knowledge helpful.

Applications can be picked up at Piedmont City Hall.

Job is open until it is filled.

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ANNUAL DRINKING WATER REPORT

The Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) has generated a drinking water report for the Piedmont Water System. You can pick up copies of this report at the City Hall front desk, or you can view it on the City website.

Phil's Corner

Spring has arrived in the Piedmont area and spring is the beginning of the growing season. Many of us have started planting gardens, flower beds and fertilizing our lawns. The state of South Dakota has begun the rebuilding of the north Piedmont exit on interstate 90. The new Stagebarn middle school is beginning to rise beside our Stagebarn subdivision. Some of you are applying for building permits to "grow" your personal properties. On all levels of government the mantra is "growth is good", or "if you aren't growing you're dying".

Unfortunately all growth is not good. This spring we have a lot of potholes growing in our streets. We are trying to get our contractor out here to repair them. Also growth in our road ditches is not a good thing. The city is currently advertising a part-time position for a summer maintenance position to correct some of these growth problems. If you are interested, contact Dianna at city hall.

Another aspect of growth which we are dealing with is the need to expand city ordinances. Most of us moved to, or remained in the Piedmont area because we like living in the country and with minimal rules. Unfortunately some bad actors feel the rules do not apply to them. Conduct that most citizens would agree is not appropriate and actions that endanger the health and welfare of our children and weaker citizens have to be identified and written into code to allow the authorities to restrict and limit such bad behavior. When we draft ordinances for Piedmont we welcome the input of all of our residents to insure that these rules are not overly burdensome.

Growth has been promoted as a panacea for all things that ail communities. The idea is that if we can increase growth we will create jobs and enhance the tax base for governmental entities. Unfortunately the jobs are often temporary and the increase in taxes does not cover the increased demand for services. Residential growth in the Piedmont Valley and southern Meade County puts more pressure on all aspects of local government. We are justly proud of our library and park and are working to improve water, sewer and street service to our residents, however, the small residential property tax we receive does not allow us to accomplish all that we wish. The additional monies we need to improve our town come from the sales tax. Our efforts need to be in the direction of commercial development rather than residential. Much has been said recently about the need to increase spending on infrastructure in our country. Many of our roads and bridges are substandard. On the federal, state and local levels there is a real need to upgrade our existing infrastructure. Far too often we spend our limited resources on expanding infrastructure (building new roads etc.) rather than maintaining those we have. Far too often efforts to encourage growth only result in suburban sprawl. There are some excellent articles on this problem on the website "strongtowns.org". I would encourage everyone to take a look at this site.

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As summer approaches and we begin to pull out our Campers and Boats, etc. for regular use, be aware of your neighbors and friends. For Safety Reasons

PLEASE DO NOT Block the Sidewalks!

PIEDMONT VALLEY LIBRARY

Books • Audio Books • Movies • Computers • WiFi

LIKE us on Facebook!

111 Second Street, Piedmont
718-3663

piedmont.library@hotmail.com

www.piedmontlibrary.net

Hours: Tues 9-7, W-F 9-5, Sat 9-1

FUN SATURDAY CLASSES FOR KIDS

MAY 13 & 20

9:30-10:30 & 10:30-11:30

-Bring your children ages 5-12 to experiment and build fun science activities using Goldiblox kits and Little Bits Kits! Limited class size, so please call ahead if you plan to come.

-Quadcopter Flying Lessons, May 13, 12-1 PM. Call to pre-register.

-Computer Programming using the Lego Mind-storm EV3 Robot will resume in June. These classes are for ages 10 and up and are a lot of fun! Call to pre-register.

Visit the library's website for more information or call the library.

SUMMER READING PROGRAM

"Build a Better World"

Coming in June and July

Dates & Times to be determined

Registrations start May 1

Preschool through High School

Visit our website or call the library for more information.

**BUILD
A BETTER WORLD**



**PRESCHOOL
STORY TIME**

Every Thursday at 10

MAY/JUN ART DISPLAY

LIAM MARONEY

A photo enthusiast based in Gillette, WY, Liam focuses mainly on landscape and nature photography, but also enjoys documenting his family's life. Some of his favorite places to photograph are the Black Hills of South Dakota, Devil's Tower and the Big Horn Mountains of Wyoming, the plains of Eastern Montana and the mountains of Western Montana.



Stop in during library hours to see Liam's exquisite photographs!

SUMMER ACTIVITIES

-**Star Parties** in Piedmont Park, weather permitting! Watch the library's website and facebook page for dates.

-**Summer Hiking Group!** Some experienced hikers are planning to lead several hikes in the Black Hills for us this summer! Call the library to add your email to the group list for notices of the date, time and location of the hikes as they are planned. Details of the guidelines will also be emailed.

Patrons: you can easily borrow thousands of titles from 11 libraries in the Black Hills through our interlibrary loan option with your online account. Call or stop in the library for assistance!

Monthly Gatherings

GENEALOGY GROUP 2nd Monday at 10 AM.

BOOK GROUP 3rd Thursday at 7 PM.

Newcomers always welcome at both groups.

NEWS FROM THE PARK BOARD

The Park fundraiser pick nick will be Saturday June 3rd from 10-2. \$7 per person and all proceeds go to funding upcoming park projects. We are scheduled to have a chainsaw artist there to carve one of the recently removed trees.

While we have many projects scheduled for the upcoming months, we are all excited about renovating the flower gardens, which will potentially include paved walking paths.

The new restroom is has been a great addition to the park. Very soon, a privacy/wind break panel will be installed. While we will be on a weekly maintenance schedule, if you notice low supplies, or any damage/vandalism, please notify the park board by messaging us on our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/Piedmont-Park-166621380067615/>, or at piedmontparkboard@yahoo.com

Our meetings are the second Tuesday of every month at 6pm. If you would like to attend or add an item to the agenda, please contact Curt Small at theatre@rushmore.com

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Western South Dakota Senior Services, Inc.

303 North Maple Avenue, Rapid City, SD 57701-1538

email: wsdssinc@rushmore.com

www.mealsprogram.com

605-394-6002

is now offering seniors (60+) home delivered meals in the Piedmont area.

Once a week a hot meal will be delivered and enough "second meals" (a frozen option) for either one or two daily meals the rest of the week. These meals are available on a donation basis.

It is their mission to allow seniors to remain in their homes, safe and independent, for as long as possible.

Citizens of Piedmont:

Our Fire/Ambulance Department recently came to the City looking for some help in getting the houses in our City numbered properly and in plain sight. They had an incident where they received a call, but it took about 15 minutes to find the location, because nothing in the area was numbered, or old numbers were still on the houses. **PLEASE** be sure to have your house numbers where they can be easily seen by Emergency vehicles! You don't want your Emergency vehicles to not be able to find You or Your Loved Ones when you need to make that call. The City still has some numbers to give out if you need them. Our Fire/Ambulance workers have a difficult enough job, let's do this one thing to help Them and Ourselves! Thank You!

The City also wants Your Opinion on something that has come to us...

A group of Trail West citizens have come to us asking to be annexed into the City of Piedmont.

Most of us feel that they have always been part of Piedmont, but to actually annex them in means we have another 100 households to look after, 4 more streets to take care of, etc.

So we are taking a survey during the month of May. If you are currently a citizen of Piedmont share your thoughts on this. Please call (you can leave a message if we are not in the office), send an email, or stop in. We will keep a tally as to if you are FOR or AGAINST the annexation of Trail West.

The Board will take your opinion into consideration when moving on with this request.

Thank You for sharing your thoughts.

Vision Piedmont

Thursday, May 25 from 5-6 at Willow General Store

Growth and future development within a community starts with conversation and results in a vision and an action plan. We invite you to be a part of it. Follow Willow General Store's Facebook page for event details or stop by with questions. We welcome all forward thinkers.

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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)

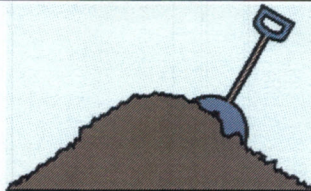
Hours: Wednesday & Saturday 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 (noon)

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FOR SALE

The City of Piedmont has declared Fill Dirt from the Main Street Project as Excess and can now sell it.

Fill Dirt will be sold in 10 yard minimums at \$3.00 a yard.



Dirt will be sold on a first come, first serve basis. Please contact City Hall at 716-5495 or come in at 111 2nd Street

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Open Burn Permits

The City of Piedmont allows Open Burning within the Municipality provided a permit is obtained. To obtain a permit contact the South Dakota Division of Wildland Fire Suppression for a Class A permit (wood materials only).

Permits can be obtained by going to:

<http://apps.sd.gov/applications/ag73burnpermit/login.aspx>

With Internet access you can obtain a permit anytime that they are being issued, even during holidays, weekends or after hours. Or you can call 800-275-4955 from Monday-Friday 8am to 4:30pm.

Look for the next Newsletter in June 2017!!

Thanks for being a part of our beautiful little community!