



# PIEDMONT PUBLIC NEWS

November 2021

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**Monday-Thursday**  
**9:00 - 5:00**

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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 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each Month at 5:30 p.m.  
at City Hall.

Library Board Meetings on the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of each Month at 6:30 p.m. in the Library.

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

**\*Park Board Meetings are temporarily Canceled**

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**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**

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## **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.



# PIEDMONT VALLEY LIBRARY

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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**



## Santa and Mrs. Claus Visit Story Time!

Join us Thursday, December 16<sup>th</sup> at 10 AM for a fun story time featuring a visit from Santa and Mrs. Claus. Give your letters to Santa directly, participate in a fun Christmas craft, and maybe even get some Christmas goodies to take home!



## Teen Movie/Craft Night!

Teens 13+ join us on Thursday, November 11<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 PM for themed snacks, a coat of arms shield craft, and a showing of the film The Kid Who Would Be King!



Teen nights will continue every 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday at 4:30 PM until further notice.

## CURBSIDE PICKUP AVAILABLE



## Story Time Preschool Story Time!



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



We will not have story time on November 25<sup>th</sup> or December 30<sup>th</sup> in celebration of Thanksgiving and Christmas

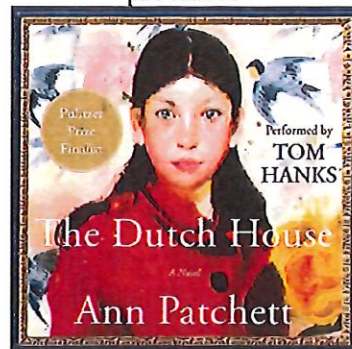
## Bluestockings Book Club

Title: The Dutch House by Ann Patchett

Where: @ The Library

When: Thursday, November 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM

Who: Anyone Who Wants to Join  
How: Simply stop by the library to borrow a copy of the book and come discuss it at the time and date provided.



The Library will be closed December 24<sup>th</sup>-January 1<sup>st</sup> for the Christmas Holiday.



## Happy Thanksgiving!

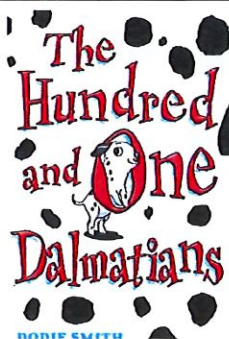
The Library will be closed from Thursday, November 25<sup>th</sup> through Saturday, November 27<sup>th</sup> so staff and patrons can be with family for the holiday.

## Middle School Book Club

Join us at 3:30 PM every Friday for readings, discussion, and activities around the children's classic The Hundred and One Dalmatians by Dodie Smith.



We will not have book club on Friday, November 26<sup>th</sup> or Friday, December 24<sup>th</sup> and December 31<sup>st</sup>.  
We Will Watch the Movie When We Have Finished The Book!





## **Phil's Corner**

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Sunday night, All Hallows Eve, and the goblins are out in force. We've always enjoyed Halloween and it was great to see so many kids out trick or treating again. It seems as though we are getting back to normal, at least here in South Dakota. Hopefully we can keep the coronavirus at bay and enjoy the upcoming Holidays. A lot has been going on here in Piedmont and city staff is keeping busy. It appears that many of our Piedmont natives (and others) that went on to greener pastures have decided that small town living is not so bad. We are seeing a great deal of interest in returning to the foot of the mountain, with staff answering queries on housing in the Piedmont Valley.

The highway interchange at exit #46 that has been in the planning stages for many years is now moving forward. Koby Stoll is leading a push to move forward with getting a central sewer system designed so that we can work with the state DOT and bring central sewer to our town while the construction of the new exit is on-going. He is working with the SD School of Mines to keep design costs down. Mary Jean, in the office, actually got us a pretty good chunk of the Federal relief money to proceed with this project. Hopefully, this spring we will have students trying to identify where the old car bodies and 55 gallon drums that are septic tanks for some our houses are located so that we can move forward with this project.

Piedmont has been fortunate to have maintained a great deal of continuity in our city's leadership since we incorporated fifteen years ago. We lost some of that great leadership when Kim Plymate had to resign, however we were fortunate that Jim Runyon agreed to come back on our city board. Also Bill Vallette decided fifteen years on Planning and zoning was enough. Once again one of our long-time community members, Don McVay, stepped up and came back on planning. Thanks to Kim and Bill for their service to our town.

We are proceeding with some of our street projects and extension of the water line. We are planning to let some of these projects out for bid after the first of the year. Another issue that has come up is the legalization of medical marijuana. Since the referendum passed, the legislature needed to give other local governments a lot of guidance. This has been slow in coming. If you are interested in any of these items please stop by our meetings Tuesday nights at 6:30.

Also there is a community craft fair the weekend of November 20<sup>th</sup> at the American Legion and Vision Piedmont is having their Christmas celebration in the park. Watch your local bulletin boards and facebook for more information.



## SNOW REMOVAL

PLEASE MAKE SURE THAT VEHICLES ARE NOT ON THE STREETS WHEN IT IS SNOWING.  
BE CONSIDERATE! PULL INTO YOUR DRIVEWAY.  
IF IT IS DIFFICULT FOR THE SNOW PLOW THEY WILL NOT PLOW YOUR STREET. A SIMPLE MOVE MAKES IT EASIER AND NICER FOR EVERYONE! THANK YOU!



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!**



Keep your eye on the Park.

Christmas lights will be showing up in early December





## **Water Department Information**

### **Waterlines and Freezing Temperatures**

Colder temperatures are once again just around the corner. Piedmont and Trail West water customers are encouraged to inspect the waterlines on your property for adequate frost and freeze protection. A properly insulated line will avoid expensive repairs when the temperature drops. Also, keep in mind if Piedmont issued meters and appliances are injured by freezing or use of a torch to thaw, or otherwise damaged by the act or neglect of the occupant of the premises, or of his or her agents, the cost of repair or replacing the same shall be paid by the owner or occupant. There's still several warm days remaining so please "check and protect" the lines at your home for proper insulation before it really gets cold.

### **Underground and Non Occupied Spaces**

Excluding Trail West residents, customers who have water meters located in "underground non occupied spaces or pits" are encouraged to check these areas several times per year for leaks thereby avoiding a costly water bill. The property owner is responsible for leaks from the curb stop to your home.

### **Water use and especially unattended Leaks can quickly add up to excessive water bills!**

Water Leak Statistics: The following shows the amount of water that can be lost for various size leaks.

#### **A dripping leak consumes:**

15 gal. per day              450 gal. per month

#### **A 1/32 in. leak consumes:**

264 gal. per day              7,920 gal. per month

#### **A 1/16 in. leak consumes:**

943 gal. per day              28,300 gal. per month / At 60psi, a 1/16" hole leaks 74,000 gallons (9,850 cubic feet) in 3 months

#### **A 1/8 in. leak consumes:**

3,806 gal. per day              114,200 gal. per month / At 60psi, a 1/8" hole leaks 296,000 gallons (39,400 cubic feet) in 3 months

#### **A 1/4 in. leak consumes:**

15,226 gal. per day              456,800 gal. per month / At 60 psi, a 1/4" hole leaks 1,181,500 gallons (158,000cf) in 3 months

## Water Dept. - continued

### **A 1/2 in. leak consumes:**

60,900 gal. per day    1,827,000 gal. per month

### **Common water Loss examples:**

Leaking Toilet @1/2 GPM = 21,600 Gal/mo

Drip Irrigation @1 GPM = 43,200 Gal/mo

Watering Garden for 2 hours @ 5 GPM = 18,000 Gal/mo

Watering Garden for 2 hours @ 10 GPM = 36,000 Gal/mo

Unattended Water Hose 1 night @10 GPM = 5,400 Gal/mo

Broken Services Line 1 night @15 GPM = 8,100 Gal

1 day @15 GPM = 21,600 Gal

1 week @15 GPM = 151,200 Gal

1 month @ 15 GPM = 648,000 Gal

Stuck Ice Maker @ 2 GPM = 86,400 Gal/mo

Stuck Check Valve in Washing Machine – 30 minutes = 240 Gal

Stuck Float Valve in Watering Trough @ 5GPM = 216,000 Gal/mo

### **Typical Normal Water Uses:**

1 Bath = 42 Gal

1 Shower = 17 Gal

Wash 1 Load of Clothes = 45 Gal

Flush Toilet = 3 Gal

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Thank You to Mountain West Products  
for donating Wood Chips  
to our City Park  
and helping to keep  
our Kids safe!!

We APPRECIATE you!



# The Piedmont Valley Library is looking to fill the position of Assistant Library Director

**Job Title: Assistant Library Director, Piedmont Valley Library**

Job Description:

Position reports to: Library Director

Under general supervision of the Director, assists in developing, administering, and coordinating various areas of the library. Performs managerial duties related to personnel, library operations, technical services, cataloging, etc. Directs the library in the absence of the Director.

Principal Responsibilities and Duties

- Assists in planning, implementing, and evaluating library services.
- Assists staff and patrons as needed.
- Schedules and supervises the library staff and substitutes for the Library Director in his/her absence.
- Assists Library Director with evaluating staff performance.
- Assists with scheduling programming and publicizing library activities.
- Generates correspondence, processes donations, compiles statistics and performs other general library duties as requested by the Library Director.
- Assists with selection of library materials, cataloging and weeding, if requested by the Library Director.
- Assists with the maintenance of the facility and library property.
- Attends staff meetings and professional development opportunities as able.
- Other duties as required.

The Assistant Library Director will be evaluated by the Library Director annually.

Required

- Basic skills with the Microsoft Windows operating system and internet browsers
- Basic proficiency with Microsoft Office products, including Microsoft Publisher
- Some experience with Photoshop a plus

## Park News

Are you interested in planning & helping create spaces that the future of Piedmont will enjoy?



The City is looking to form a new Park Board.

The Park Board consists of 7 members from Piedmont and the surrounding area. Meetings in the past have been held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month at Piedmont City Hall, but a new meeting date can be determined by a new Board.

Let City Hall know if you are interested.      Thanks!

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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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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 January 2022!**  
**Thanks for being a part of our beautiful little community!!**