



PIEDMONT PUBLIC NEWS

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Scott Toothman-Trustee/Planning & Zoning
Diana Evans-Finance Officer
Mary Jean Voight-Deputy Finance Officer
Megan Eggers-Library Director
Jeri Hodder-Assistant Library Director
Jeff Kottwitz-water
Bill Paris-Code Enforcement
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.

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

Notary Services are available during City Hall Office Hours on

Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays – No Charge

In Office Schedule:

MaryJean Voight who does Water Billing and Bookkeeping is in the Office Monday thru Friday 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.

From Steve Heilman, President, Piedmont Board of Trustees

Every regularly Scheduled business meeting we begin with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. The Pledge was first learned by many of us in our early school days. Although I remember saying the Pledge, I don't recall any of my teachers explaining its meaning. It may seem plain enough to most but, I decided I would seek clarification through Google. This is what I found.

Pledging Allegiance to the **Flag** and the United States of America started with thirteen stripes representing the original thirteen colonies that declared our independence. Fifty stars represents the fifty states. White color represents purity. Red color represents valor and Blue represents vigilance, perseverance, and justice.

Pledging to the **Republic** for which it stands resulted in googling republic. A republic is a form of government held by the people, their representatives, and an elected president rather than a monarch. In Latin, a republic is a government of the public, not a concern or property of rulers.

One Nation under **God**, with **Liberty** and **Justice for all** was interesting. **Liberty** was defined as the ability to choose among concepts within society, politics, and economics. **Justice** was defined as respecting or accounting the rights of others. While liberty was the word in my search, freedom cropped up from time to time. Freedom did not carry the same burden of responsibility as liberty did.

My conclusion was that the pledge asks for **unity**. The flag gives us the emotional symbol of unity while the republic gives us the process to balance our ability to make choices (liberty) while respecting the rights of others (justice). **God** gave us the golden rule...do unto others as you would have them do unto you. At least, that's what I remember learning in Sunday School.

The challenge is achieving unity. That's a tough one without belief in our system. Unless we can balance liberty and justice through a representative government, our form of government is threatened. Remedies for unrest and dissatisfaction are built into our system. Elections are held periodically to give the people a chance to make changes in leadership as well as changes in rules. The question is, what kinds of leaders and what changes in rules are we after...and to what extent are they unifying?

The Pledge of Allegiance reminds us of our ideals and responsibilities when we think about it.



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www.piedmontlibrary.net
Hours: Tues 9-7, W-F 9-5, Sat 9-1

Watch for Our New Beginners' Computer Class Spring Series

Are computers a mystery to you? Do you wish you knew more about how to use technology in everyday life? Then these classes are for you! Starting in February join Library and local experts as we explore the wonderful world of computers from a beginner's point of view. This four part series will introduce beginning computer topics sure to increase ease of use and confidence in beginning computer users! Follow the Library on Facebook for more information on dates and times as they become available!



Middle School Book Club Meets Every 2nd and 4th Friday @ 3 PM!

Homeschool Writing Class

Join us @ 3 PM March 12th for an excellent presentation by the Author of a children's mystery series based in South Dakota and Nebraska!

Yoga Classes

Our next Monthly Yoga Class will be on February 9th @ 10 AM! Follow the Library on Facebook for more information on location and for program updates!



Children's Author Miriam Jones Bradley presents the basics of writing, creating an effective plot, and establishing the setting and structure for a writing project. Fun and appropriate for Grades 1-8!

Genealogy Group 2nd Monday



The Library's Genealogy Group Meets @ 10 AM Every 2nd Monday of the Month!

The Library is Now Accepting Applications for our 2019 Local Artist Displays!

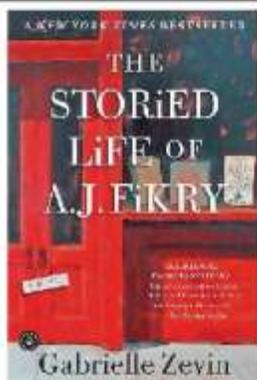
Check Out Our Book of the Month Blog...

On the Website or Facebook Page for Staff Recommendations!

The Bluestockings Book Club Title is...

The Storied Life of A. J. Fikry
By Gabrielle Zevin

A. J. Fikry's life is not at all what he expected it to be. He lives alone, his bookstore is experiencing the worst sales in its history, and now his prized possession, a rare collection of Poe poems, has been stolen. But when a mysterious package appears at the bookstore, its unexpected arrival gives Fikry the chance to make his life over--and see everything anew.





Capt. Gardner's tombstone in Hot Springs, S.D. Photo by Rose Mary Goodson

Captain C.V. Gardner

It is probably true that a person, who is lazy and seldom accomplishes anything, is dull and uninteresting, Captain C.V. Gardner was very much the opposite.

In 1883 Captain Gardner returned to the Black Hills and bought the Spring Valley Way Station (where Piedmont is now.) In 1909, the Gardners acquired from the Homestake Mining Company all the lots and land parcels not already sold in the town of Piedmont. "Cap" Gardner, a man of generosity with himself and his possessions, deeded several parcels of land to the young community for church, park and school.

Captain Gardner died at the State Soldiers Home on December 15, 1930 at the age of ninety-four. He is buried in Hot Springs in the Soldiers Cemetery. Captain Gardner's wife, Mary, and many other family members are buried at the Piedmont Cemetery.

This information and much more can be gotten from the book

At the Foot of the Mountain written by John Honerkamp

Notice of Vacancy

Municipality of Piedmont

The following offices will become vacant due to the expiration of the present term of office of the elective officer:

Two (2) Board of Trustee 3 year terms

Circulation of nominating petitions may begin on March 1, 2019 and petitions may be filed in the office of the Finance Officer located at 111 2nd Street, Piedmont, SD between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. mountain standard time not later than the 26th day of March, 2019.

Diana L. Evans
Piedmont Finance Officer

If you are interested in becoming part of the Government in your Community stop in to the City Office and ask questions and/or pick up a petition.

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Notice of 2019 Piedmont City Municipal Elections

The Piedmont Board of Trustees has designated Tuesday June 4th 2019 as the date for this year’s municipal election. Two trustee terms are ending in 2019, so two seats on Piedmont’s Board of Trustees will be selected in the election. Terms are for three years and trustees are elected at-large.

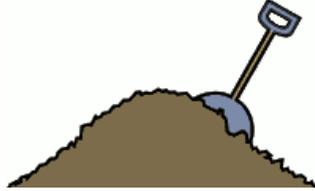
Any resident of Piedmont who has an interest in serving the community on the board of trustees is strongly encouraged to contact one of the current trustees or the city office for information on routine duties, eligibility and filing requirements. Petitions to be included on the June ballot will be available on March 1 and must be returned by XXX March.

Scott Toothman
trustee

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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Planning & Zoning Board

Piedmont's Planning and Zoning Board consists of five members appointed by the Piedmont Trustees to three year terms. Four members are citizen volunteers with the fifth member being a trustee serving as liaison to the Board of Trustees. Current members are: Phil Aitken, Michael Lee (chairman), Tom Stevens, and Bill Vallette along with trustee Scott Toothman. The primary responsibility of the board is to advise the Board of Trustees on all applications brought to the city concerning platting, building, construction and zoned usage. Additionally, the board is responsible for establishing rules for administration of planning, zoning and building ordinances. The Planning and Zoning Board meets at city hall on the third Tuesday of each month at 5:30PM and the public is encouraged to attend.

Frequently the board is asked to clarify when a building permit is required. "All new development, changes to existing development, and changes to the type or number of uses requires a building permit, unless the development is exempt per the Building Code & Construction Enforcement Ordinance, City of Piedmont # 2014-1." The Building Code & Construction Enforcement Ordinance also states: "no building or structure shall be erected, constructed, enlarged, altered, moved or converted unless a separate permit is obtained." Ordinance 2014-1 paragraph 7 lists permit exemptions for minor projects. Anyone who has a question on the need for a building permit should contact the city office.

Scott Toothman

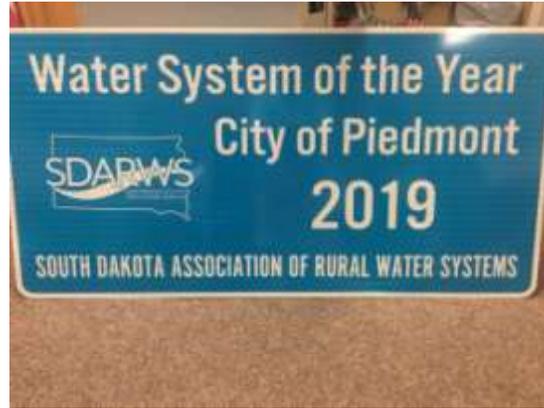
Trustee

Piedmont Planning and Zoning

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Your water bills can now be paid for by Credit Card

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Thanks to our TEAM for making this happen!!

Look for this sign soon in our Area!

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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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:

<https://apps.sd.gov/ag73burnpermit/Windows/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 April 2019!
Thanks for being a part of our beautiful little community!!