



SEPTEMBER 2024

CARDINAL *Pride*

Clean up, Spruce up South Sioux City Fall Cleanup

It's City Fall Cleanup time! South Sioux City Fall Cleanup week is
October 7th-11th 2024!

Tree debris pickup will be Oct. 14th-18th 2024!

Please wait to set out tree debris until this week. 🌳

Pick up for each week will be ON your normal trash pick-up day. Please set out items at the end of your driveway or in the parking area only *the night before* your normal trash pickup day. The parking area is the grassy area between the curb and the sidewalk. Residents are asked to please park in their driveway on pickup day and don't park in front of the debris. This will aid in the safety and efficiency for the cleanup crews.

NO glass, paint, liquids, tires or trash amount over 1 pick-up load will be allowed. Notice will be given to customers for the items listed or with more than a pickup truck load. It will then be the resident's responsibility to remove *remaining* garbage or tree debris. Garbage clean up is *only* in the fall.

🌳 Tree debris included for pick up must be *less than 4'* long, not over 4" in diameter and can *only* be tied together with *string or twine*. **NO rope or wire!** No more than 1 pick-up load allowed. Residents will be given notice if over 1 pick-up load etc. it will be their responsibility to remove remaining debris. Tree pick up is *only* in the fall.

Crews only make one pass for the clean-up each week, if items are set out after that pass it is the resident's responsibility to remove.

If you have questions please call **Gill Hauling Inc. 402-404-3035**

We ask for resident patience during the week of Fall Cleanup. This is a great program for the city, but safety to the workers is number one!

South Sioux City Public Works

SEPTEMBER PUBLIC MEETINGS

City Hall Council Chambers– 1615 1st Avenue

City Council Meeting*: 9th & 23rd at 5:00 p.m.

Community Development Agency: 10th & 24th at 11:00 a.m.

Finance Committee*: 4th, 11th, 18th & 25th at Noon

Public Works Committee*: 3rd & 16th at 5:00p.m.

Design Commission: 5th & 19th at 8:30 a.m.

Planning & Zoning Commission: 11th & 25th at 4:00 p.m.

Parks & Recreation Office – 1021 E 6th Street

Parks & Recreation Board: 3rd at 5:15 p.m.

South Sioux City Library – 2121 Dakota Avenue

Library Board: 4th at 5:30 p.m.

*Meetings are Broadcast Live on Cable One Channel 57
Sparklight Channel 3 and live video streamed on city
website www.southsiouxcity.org

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Free Trees for South Sioux City Residents

South Sioux City is excited to announce it has received an Inflation Reduction Act grant to support free tree give-away for residents to plant in the city-owned right-of-way, between the sidewalk and street. This will help to ensure shady, scenic, healthier neighborhoods while conserving energy and adding value to your property. Residents will be responsible for planting and watering their tree. If interested, please respond by emailing your name, address, email, and phone number to SSCgrants@southsiouxcity.org or send to: Gene Maffit, Parks Director, 1615 1st Avenue, South Sioux City, NE 68776 or call 402-494-7518. Once the trees arrive, city staff will contact you and let you know more about when and where to pick up your free tree.

YOU'RE INVITED TO



PRESENTED BY



SEPTEMBER 16-22

16-22 DE SEPTIEMBRE



WELCOMING WEEK

PROPÓSITO

Fomentar un sentido de pertenencia en nuestra comunidad de SiouxiLand durante la Semana Nacional de Bienvenida.

PURPOSE

To foster a sense of belonging for our SiouxiLand community during National Welcoming Week.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS | CALENDARIO DE EVENTOS

MONDAY | LUNES, SEPT 16

Immigrant Business Tours
Tours de Negocios Inmigrantes
9:00 - 10:00 am
Dakota Ave.

TUESDAY | MARTES, SEPT 17

Naturalization Clinic
Clinica de Naturalización
10:00 am
3900 Dakota Ave, Suite 11 S. Sioux City, NE

WEDNESDAY | MIERCOLES, SEPT 18

Lotería (Bingo) Night
6:00 pm
Memorial Hall
1615 1st Ave. S. Sioux City, NE

THURSDAY | JUEVES, SEPT 19

History at High Noon
12:00 pm
Sioux City Public Museum

FRIDAY | VIERNES, SEPT 20

Welcoming "Carnaval" Parade
Desfile "Carnaval" de Bienvenida
6:00 pm | Down Dakota Ave.
So. Sioux City, NE

Noche de Cine | Movie Night
8:00 pm | Jefferey Dibble Soccer Complex, So. Sioux City, NE

SATURDAY | SABADO, SEPT 21

Heartland Counseling
Healthy Minds Walk
Caminata Mentes Sanas
12:00 pm
Arbor Dr. S. Sioux City, NE

SUNDAY | DOMINGO, SEPT 22

Latino Heritage Festival
11:00 am to 9:00 pm
Jefferey Dibble Soccer Complex
So. Sioux City, NE

3900 Dakota Ave., Suite #11
South Sioux City, NE 68776

Para mas informacion visita
For more information visit
celebratesiouxiLand.net



UNITY IN ACTION
Para un mejor mañana

SOUTH SIOUX CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT

Pay attention to
kids crossing the
street



SOUTH SIOUX CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT



SCHOOL BUS SAFETY

Bus is preparing to stop.
SLOW DOWN and prepare to
stop your vehicle.

YELLOW FLASHING LIGHTS



Bus has stopped and children are
getting on or off.
STOP your vehicle until the bus
begins moving.

RED FLASHING LIGHTS



Bring vehicle to a complete stop when the school bus is stopped, the stop signal arm is extended, and the flashing red signal lights are turned on, and shall remain stopped until the flashing red signal lights are turned off, the stop signal arm is retracted, and the school bus resumes motion.

SOUTH SIOUX CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT

Stop blocking the sidewalk.

Pedestrian Traffic: Sidewalks are a safe place for people to walk along roadways without having to worry about getting hit by a passing vehicle. This is especially important for children and the elderly.

NOT AT ALL	STILL NO	CLOSE, BUT NOT QUITE...
See how the vehicle spans the entire width of the sidewalk? Nobody can walk past without going out in the street.	The vehicle still blocks the entire width of the sidewalk. This forces people out into the grass or the street to get around.	While not fully blocking the sidewalk, people on bikes, scooters, or in wheelchairs will still have trouble passing.

YOU GOT IT!

Your vehicle is fully pulled into the driveway without any part of it blocking pedestrian traffic.

Congrats!

SOUTH SIOUX CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT

Obey school zone
speed limit

SCHOOL

SPEED
LIMIT
20



SCHOOL



Many important trees were lost unfortunately during the severe storm through southeast Nebraska causing widespread damage in the Lincoln and Omaha areas where winds were clocked up to 90mph. When I got back home, much of the worst tree damage had already been cleaned up but there was still a lot of work to do and I spent most of two days helping clean up trees in Waverly parks and public areas. In these kinds of storms it's easy to focus on the damaged trees, but I'm typically more impressed with the majority of trees that get through these storms mostly intact. How do they do it? Every big tree has long heavy branches that take incredible forces in these events. Think of a 40 foot lever arm weighing hundreds of pounds swaying back and forth and twisting in those incredibly forceful winds. The ability of living wood and branches to mostly resist coming apart in such winds just seems incredible to me. Thank goodness for strong, healthy trees!



And yet MANY trees did suffer serious damage resulting in one of the more costly storms in recent memory and leaving many people without power for several days. These storms typically expose poor branch unions, branch damage such as from squirrel feeding, hidden decay and poor root systems. So how do we reduce potential tree damage in such storms going forward? Here are some quick suggestions:

- The type of tree matters! As usual the worst culprits for damage were weak-wooded species including silver maple, Freeman maple, honeylocust, and ornamental pear. I also noticed a lot of damage on lindens and older redbuds. Conversely, strong-branched trees, especially oaks, showed very little damage. The big exception being big and old pin oaks, of which Lincoln is loaded. Starting with strong, storm-resistant species helps reduce future problems!
 - Structure and tree care matters. These storms always expose weak branch unions. Giving trees good care and helping them achieve good structure as they grow can greatly reduce problems down the road. This is especially important for our workhorse trees like hackberry, elm, honeylocust and silver maple.
 - The root system matters! Trees blown over typically reveal compromised root systems related to things like overwatering, construction impacts, past pruning/care, and how they were grown as a nursery tree before planting.
 - Trees prefer companionship! As a forest shows us, trees prefer to grow fairly close together with other trees, which offers group protection against strong winds (like a flock of Antarctic penguins huddled close together). It's very clear from this storm that open grown trees suffered more damage. There was also more damage to trees that had recently lost companions.
 - more squirrels (I'm only partly kidding)!
- Although it's a little late, here are some on-line resources to help guide thinking about how to manage storm-damaged trees.
- The Nebraska Forest Service has a storm damage series with lots of good information.
 - The University of Minnesota has a great page on "storm damage to landscape trees".
 - The National Arbor Day Foundation has a page on Tree First Aid After a Storm and another one more broadly on Storm

Recovery, including recognizing which trees to keep and which to let go of.

For those of us who love and value trees, it can be painful when these storms hit. Favorite trees can go away overnight. It's tempting to see the damage and conclude that trees aren't worth the trouble or the cost. But nothing could be further from the truth. Despite the costs of storm damage, trees still provide an incredible return on investment (ROI) providing up to \$7 in benefits each year for every \$1 invested. And after several recent days of 100 degrees, the value of tree shade in the heat of the summer can't be understated. So let's keep planting, caring for and enjoying our tremendous trees!!

Justin Evertson, Green Infrastructure Coordinator
Nebraska Forest Service & Nebraska Statewide Arboretum



OCTOBER

CHILDRENS EVENT CALENDAR



ALL PROGRAMS ARE 30 MINUTES UNLESS STATED OTHERWISE.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		Toddler Time 1 10:00am TEEN TIME 5:30PM	Tween & Teen Anime Club 4:00 pm	DUNGEONS & DONNA 4:00PM	Story Time 4 10:00am Tween Time 3:30pm	Mario Kart Tournament 10-12:00
6	Lets Craft 7 4:30pm	Toddler Time 8 10:00am TEEN TIME 5:30PM	Sensory Bin 9 10-3 Tween & Teen Anime Club 4:00pm		11	Youth Book Club 10:00 am MOVIE 2:00 PM
	Art Contest 14 10:00 am-3:00 pm Lets Craft 14 4:30pm	Toddler Time 15 10:00am TEEN TIME 5:30PM	Tween & Teen Anime Club 4:00 pm	DUNGEONS 17 & DONNA 4:00PM	Story Time 18 10:00am Tween Time 3:30pm	Game Day 19 All Day
20	Lets Craft 21 4:30pm	Toddler Time 22 10:00am TEEN TIME 5:30PM	Tween & Teen Anime Club 4:00 pm	HAUNTED HOUSE 24	Story Time 25 10:00am Tween Time 3:30pm	Halloween 26 Party 2-4 pm
	Lets Craft 28 4:30pm	Toddler Time 29 10:00am TEEN TIME 5:30PM	Tween & Teen Anime Club 4:00 pm	DUNGEONS 31 & DONNA 4:00PM		

PROGRAMS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE

SCAN TO VIEW THE SSCPL EVENT CALENDAR ONLINE >>

ANY QUESTIONS ABOUT THE PROGRAMS? EMAIL DONNA AT DHABINCK@SOUTHSIOUXCITY.ORG OR CALL (402) 494-7545



OCTOBER

SOUTH SIOUX CITY PUBLIC LIBRARY ADULT EVENT CALENDAR



2121 DAKOTA AVE. 402-494-7545

2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
ALL ADULT PROGRAMS ARE 16+ UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED		WORLD ANIMAL 1 MONTH TANGLED YARNS - 6PM	NE DEPARTMENT OF 2 LABOR - 10AM-2PM DÉCOR DIY: PANDEMIC PUMPKINS - 6PM	3	GOODWILL OF THE 4 GREAT PLAINS JOB ASSISTANCE - 1:30PM	5 CROCHET FOR CANCER
6	TECH HELP MONDAYS 7 5PM-8PM	TANGLED 8 YARNS - 6PM	Boos & FLOWERS 9 BOOKMARKS - 6PM	NEBRASKA'S MOST 10 HAUNTED PLACE - 6PM	11	I LOVE YARN DAY 12
13	COVER TO COVER 14 3:30PM-4:30PM TECH HELP MONDAYS 5PM-8PM	TANGLED 15 YARNS - 6PM	16	DIGGING UP BONES - 17 6PM	18	19
20	TECH HELP MONDAYS 21 5PM-8PM	TANGLED 22 YARNS - 6PM	It's SHOWTIME: ACRYLIC PAINTING + MOVIE NIGHT - 6PM	23	24	25
27	COVER TO COVER 28 3:30PM-4:30PM TECH HELP MONDAYS 5PM-8PM	TREAT YOUR PET - 29 10AM TANGLED YARNS - 6PM	ENCUENTROS Y 30 CUENTOS: BILINGUAL BOOK CLUB - 6:30PM-7:30PM	POTION 31 CRAFTING - 2PM		LIBRARY 26 BOOK SALE 1PM-4PM



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[HTTPS://LIBRARIES.NE.GOV/SOUTHSIOUXCITY](https://libraries.ne.gov/southsiouxcity)



SSC NEWSLETTER

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS CORNER

by Dr. Rony Ortega



Dear SSC Community,

As we embark on the 2024-2025 school year, I am filled with excitement and anticipation for the wonderful opportunities that lie ahead. This year marks a significant chapter in our journey as we continue to build on our strategic priorities, with a particular focus on Engaging Community and District Facilities.

We believe that the success of our schools is deeply rooted in the strength of our community. To that end, we will be offering a variety of opportunities for stakeholders to engage with the district, including surveys, community workshops, school tours, and more. Your input and involvement are crucial as we work together to shape the future of our schools.

I would also like to take this opportunity to extend my gratitude to the Siouxland Community Health Center for their invaluable partnership with our district. Their dedication to providing free physicals to our student athletes and a variety of health services to families in town is a testament to their commitment to our community's well-being.

On a lighter note, I must give a shout out to Roble's Taqueria here in town. Their beef tripe and pork stomach tacos have become a personal favorite of mine, and I highly recommend them if you haven't had the chance to try them yet.

Thank you for your continued support and collaboration. I hope to see you at a school event or activity soon! Go Cards!!!

Dr. Rony Ortega, Superintendent
South Sioux City Community School



Estimada comunidad de SSC,

Al iniciar el año escolar 2024-2025, me llena de emoción y anticipación por las maravillosas oportunidades que nos esperan. Este año marca un capítulo importante en nuestro recorrido, ya que continuamos desarrollando nuestras prioridades estratégicas, con un enfoque particular en la participación de la comunidad y las instalaciones del distrito.

Creemos que el éxito de nuestras escuelas está profundamente arraigado en la fortaleza de nuestra comunidad. Con ese fin, ofreceremos una variedad de oportunidades para que las partes interesadas interactúen con el distrito, incluyendo encuestas, talleres comunitarios, visitas a las escuelas y más. Su aporte y participación son cruciales a medida que trabajamos juntos para dar forma al futuro de nuestras escuelas.

También me gustaría aprovechar esta oportunidad para expresar mi gratitud al Centro de Salud Comunitario de Siouxland por su invaluable asociación con nuestro distrito. Su dedicación a brindar exámenes físicos gratuitos a nuestros estudiantes atletas y una variedad de servicios de salud a las familias de la ciudad es un testimonio de su compromiso con el bienestar de nuestra comunidad.

En una nota más ligera, debo agradecer a Roble's Taqueria aquí en la ciudad. Sus tacos de tripa de res y panza de cerdo se han convertido en uno de mis favoritos y los recomiendo mucho si aún no has tenido la oportunidad de probarlos.

Gracias por tu continuo apoyo y colaboración. ¡Espero verte pronto en algún evento o actividad escolar! ¡Vamos Cards!

Dr. Rony Ortega, Superintendente
Distrito Escolar de South Sioux City

