



October 2024

CARDINAL *Pride*

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

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Trick-or-Treating in South Sioux City
 Halloween is Thursday
 October 31st. Mayor Koch suggests that trick-or-treating be done between the hours of **6:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m.**

OCTOBER PUBLIC MEETINGS

City Hall Council Chambers– 1615 1st Avenue

City Council Meeting*: 14th & 28th at 5:00 p.m.
 Community Development Agency: 8th at 22nd 11:00 a.m.
 Finance Committee*: 2nd, 9th, 16th & 23rd at Noon
 Public Works Committee*: 7th & 21st at 5:00p.m.
 Design Commission: 3rd & 17th at 8:30 a.m.
 Planning & Zoning Commission: 9th & 23rd at 4:00 p.m.

Parks & Recreation Office – 1021 E 6th Street

Parks & Recreation Board: 7th at 5:15 p.m.

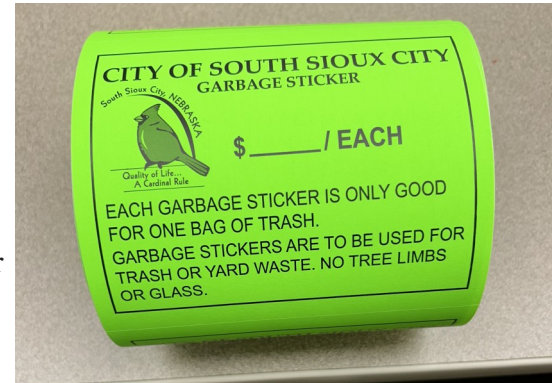
South Sioux City Library – 2121 Dakota Avenue

Library Board: 2nd 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

Fall Leaves

Along with all the beautiful trees come the fallen leaves. Leaves in the fall can make quite a mess for all the citizens in our beautiful town. Leaves are the second leading problem for our storm sewers, because they can clog the storm pipes and catch basins. If we could have the help of citizens to clean the curb line, the grates of the intakes of the leaves and debris by their homes, the storm water system will work much better. You can also purchase a garbage sticker for \$1.50 at city hall to help with your fall leaves and excess waste. We appreciate your help!!



This City tip is brought to you **South Sioux City Public Works**

Congratulations to Parks Director Gene Maffit for 30 years of service with the City

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Congratulations to Building Code Official Joe Conley for 45 years of service with the City

We sincerely appreciate your hard work and efforts year after year.



Hydrant flushing will be Monday October 14th at 4:00am to Tuesday October 15th at 12:00pm

The South Sioux City Water Department will be flushing city fire hydrants to ensure a continued high quality supply of water. Persons are advised not to wash clothes, etc. during these times. If your water is colored, please let it run for a few minutes until it clears up. If the water hasn't cleared after a sufficient time, please call 494-7548 and someone will be dispatched to check the problem.

National Crime Prevention Month

Since 1984, October has become an official month of recognizing and celebrating the practice of crime prevention. The National Crime Prevention Council has a goal to promote crime prevention through trainings, technical assistance, and publications. This article will emphasize Personal Awareness to help prevent crime or becoming a victim of crime.

Social Media: Technology is used in our everyday lives. People are moving to a new area or trying to expand their social circle, online socializing sites offer the perfect platform - Unfortunately, some people use these websites with ill intent. Consider taking the following personal safety precautions with these social media safety tips.

- Make privacy a habit by doing a regular social media privacy check-up.
- Turn off geolocation.
- Report harassment or inappropriate content.
- Pause before you post: Content that contains personal information or your whereabouts could pose a safety risk.

Stay Safe While Driving: Motor vehicle crashes are the leading cause of death among teens. According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration and the Virginia Tech Transportation Institute, 80 percent of auto accidents involve some form of distracted driving.

- Don't text and drive.
- Don't drive when you're upset or angry.
- Don't adjust the car's controls while you're driving.
- Create an emergency kit.

Parties and Bars: Alcohol is the most commonly used and abused drug among youth and is responsible for 4,700 deaths annually in underage youths.

- Don't drink and drive.
- Don't leave a party or bar alone.
- Look out for your friends.
- Make arrangements for someone to pick you up.

For more information please visit: <https://www.rainn.org/safe-media>
<http://archive.ncpc.org/programs/living-safer-being-smarter/index.html>

Dakota County Victim Assistance Program can be reached at 402-494-7550 or dcvap@southsiouxcity.org



National Bullying Prevention Awareness Month

Bullying, by definition, is unwanted, aggressive behavior often among school aged children, but can be attributed to all ages. There is often a real or perceived power of imbalance. Power imbalances can change over time, so the bully can become the victim and vice versa. The behavior is often repeated over time. Bullying prevention is important because there can be lasting consequences for both the victim and the bully.

Prevention:

- Talk about strategies for staying safe, such as staying near adults or groups of other kids.
- Talk about how to stand up to kids who bully. Give tips, like saying “stop” directly and confidently. Talk about what to do if those actions don’t work, like walking away.
- Encourage the child to report bullying if it happens.
- Check in with kids often. Listen to them. Know their friends, ask about school, and understand their concerns.

Common Mistakes:

- Don’t ignore it. Don’t think kids can work it out without adult help.
- Don’t make the kids involved apologize or patch up relations on the spot.
- Don’t talk to the kids involved together, only separately.
- Never tell the child to ignore the bullying.
- Do not blame the child for being bullied

According to [pacer.org](https://www.pacer.org), school-based bullying prevention programs decrease bullying by up to 25%. Educating our school staff by training them on what bullying is, what the school’s policies and rules are, and how to enforce the rules on students will create a safe environment for them. If your child is a victim of bullying make sure to get their input, talk to the school authorities, teach your child to avoid the bully, encourage your child to be assertive, and deal with the bully in a pro-social manner. Contact your local school officials first and your local authorities if needed.

For more information visit:

<https://www.stopbullying.gov/respond/on-the-spot/index.html>

<https://www.pacer.org/bullying/resources/stats.asp>

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Special Session Update: LB 34

SEPTEMBER 6, 2024 (LINCOLN, NEB.) – The Nebraska Department of Revenue (DOR) is providing information on property tax relief changes resulting from a new credit through the passage of LB 34 (2024). The bill frontloads the credit of 30% of school district taxes paid automatically by reducing property tax statements instead of requiring the taxpayer to claim it as a refundable income tax credit. The total amount of the frontloaded relief is \$750 million that will reduce 2024 property tax statements. This credit is set to increase by a minimum of 3% each year and as the state’s economy grows, LB 34 includes a provision to direct even more funding to property tax relief.

Previously under LB 1107 (2020), **approximately 45% of Nebraskans were not claiming the property tax credit** when filing their income tax returns. Now, through LB 34, those taxpayers will experience upwards of 20% in direct property tax relief. For those taxpayers who previously claimed those tax credits, LB 34 will continue to provide property tax relief, without the burden of filing a claim. Taxpayers will now receive the benefit much earlier in the process. The new frontloaded credit will appear on each taxpayer’s 2024 property tax statement, which will be mailed in December 2024.

The frontloading of this credit only applies to school district taxes, so there is no change to the community college tax credit, which must still be claimed by taxpayers on their income tax return. This credit does still provide a 100% refund of community college taxes paid by the taxpayer.

Nebraska Department of Revenue

For more information please go to revenue.nebraska.gov

NOVEMBER

CHILDRENS EVENT CALENDAR

ALL PROGRAMS ARE 30 MINUTES UNLESS STATED OTHERWISE.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					Story Time 10:00am Tween Time 3:30pm	Game Jam! 2 Make your own Board Game! 10:00 AM
3	YOUTH WRITING CLUB 2:30PM Lets Craft 4:30pm	Toddler Time 10:00am TEEN TIME 5:30PM	TWEEN & TEEN ANIME CLUB 4:00PM	DUNGEONS & DONNA 4:00PM	Story Time 10:00am Tween Time 3:30pm	Youth Book Club 10:00 am
10	YOUTH WRITING CLUB 2:30PM Lets Craft 4:30pm	Toddler Time 10:00am TEEN TIME 5:30PM	TWEEN & TEEN ANIME CLUB 4:00 PM	MAKE YOUR OWN GAME 3:30 Movie 5pm	Story Time 10:00am Tween Time 3:30pm	Ice Cream Vote 2:00 PM
17	YOUTH WRITING CLUB 2:30PM Lets Craft 4:30pm	Toddler Time 10:00am TEEN TIME 5:30PM	TWEEN & TEEN ANIME CLUB 4:00 PM	DUNGEONS & DONNA 4:00PM	Story Time 10:00am Tween Time 3:30pm	Game on! All Day Come Learn to Play Villainous!
24	YOUTH WRITING CLUB 2:30PM Lets Craft 4:30pm	Toddler Time 10:00am TEEN TIME 5:30PM		LIBRARY IS CLOSED	LIBRARY IS CLOSED	LIBRARY IS CLOSED



PROGRAMS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE

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

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NOVEMBER

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 PLEASE REGISTER FOR PROGRAMS ON OUR WEBSITE.					GOODWILL OF THE GREAT PLAINS JOB ASSISTANCE - 1:30PM	XOCHITLL: NAHUATL FOR FLOWERS - 1PM
3	TECH HELP MONDAYS 5 PM-8PM THE HISTORY OF THE OMAHA TRIBE - 6PM	TANGLED YARNS - 6PM		CROCHETING GRANNY SQUARES - 6:30PM		
10	COVER TO COVER 3:30PM-4:30PM TECH HELP MONDAYS 5 PM-8PM	TANGLED YARNS - 6PM	A BRIEF HISTORY OF THE FIVE TRIBES OF NEBRASKA - 6PM GRATITUDE BAGS 6:30PM	CROCHETING GRANNY SQUARES - 6:30PM		
17	TECH HELP MONDAYS 5 PM-8PM	TANGLED YARNS - 6PM		REENIE WREATHS - 6PM CROCHETING GRANNY SQUARES - 6:30PM		NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE MOVIE - 1PM
24	COVER TO COVER 3:30PM-4:30PM TECH HELP MONDAYS 5 PM-8PM	TANGLED YARNS - 6PM ENCUENTROS Y CUENTOS: BILINGUAL BOOK CLUB - 6:30PM-7:30PM		LIBRARY IS CLOSED	LIBRARY IS CLOSED	LIBRARY IS CLOSED



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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,

Our schools are at a pivotal moment, facing challenges we must address together. With growing enrollment and aging facilities, it's time to act. It's been 25 years since our last major school improvements, and our students deserve updated schools that meet their current and future needs.

Introducing Cardinal Vision, a community engagement program aimed at shaping the future of our schools. Through five interactive workshops, you'll collaborate with fellow community members, parents, and teachers to explore challenges and develop solutions.

Join us for one or all of the Cardinal Vision sessions scheduled from 6-8 p.m. at the South Sioux City Middle School Gym. Your voice matters! Together, we can secure a bright future for South Sioux City Schools.

- September 18, 2024
- October 8, 2024
- October 29, 2024
- December 10, 2024
- January 14, 2025

Bring a friend and let's build a stronger future for our students. Thank you for your continued support!

Dr. Rony Ortega, Superintendent
South Sioux City Community School



Estimada comunidad de SSC,

Nuestras escuelas se encuentran en un momento crucial, enfrentando desafíos que debemos abordar juntos. Con una matrícula en aumento e instalaciones envejecidas, es hora de actuar. Han pasado 25 años desde nuestras últimas mejoras escolares importantes, y nuestros estudiantes merecen escuelas actualizadas que satisfagan sus necesidades actuales y futuras.

Presentamos Cardinal Vision o Visión Cardenal, un programa de participación comunitaria destinado a dar forma al futuro de nuestras escuelas. A través de cinco talleres interactivos, colaborará con otros miembros de la comunidad, padres y maestros para explorar desafíos y desarrollar soluciones.

Únase a nosotros en una o todas las sesiones de Cardinal Vision programadas de 6 a 8 p. m. en el gimnasio de la escuela secundaria de South Sioux City. ¡Su voz importa! Juntos, podemos asegurar un futuro brillante para las escuelas de South Sioux City.

- 18 de septiembre de 2024
- 8 de octubre de 2024
- 29 de octubre de 2024
- 10 de diciembre de 2024
- 14 de enero de 2025

Traiga a un amigo y construyamos un futuro más sólido para nuestros estudiantes. ¡Gracias por su continuo apoyo!

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

South Sioux City Community Schools

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