

Congratulations Officer Gerkin on 30 years of service.



During the council meeting on November 25, 2024 Officer Gerkin was congratulated for 30 years of service with the South Sioux City Police Department.

On behalf of the South Sioux City Community we'd like to thank you Officer Gerkin on your dedicated Service to the South Sioux City Police Department.



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January 2025 Meetings

City Hall Council Chambers– 1615 1st Avenue

City Council Meeting*:	13th & 27th at 5:00 p.m.
Community Development Agency:	14th & 28th at 11:00 a.m.
Finance Committee*:	8th,15th,22nd,29th at Noon.
Public Works Committee*:	6th & 20th at 5:00p.m.
Design Commission:	2nd & 16th at 8:30 a.m.
Planning & Zoning Commission:	8th & 22nd at 4:00 p.m.

Parks & Recreation Office – 1021 E 6th Street

Parks & Recreation Board: 6th at 5:15 p.m.

South Sioux City Library – 2121 Dakota Avenue

Library Board: 3rd 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

January is Stalking Awareness Month

In 2003, Congress established January as National Stalking Awareness Month. Many of us in the community may never experience this form of violence. However, 3.4 million people who are over 18 are stalked every year. (Baum et al., (2009). "Stalking Victimization in the United States." BJS.)

Stalking is a repeated pattern of behaviors directed at a specific person which causes the person to be fearful. This conduct can include but is not limited to, direct or indirect threats to harm the victim, victim's family, friends, children, or pets, unwanted and frightening communications from the stalker by mail, phone, or e-mail, following the victim, sending the victim unwanted gifts, damaging victim's property, tracking the victim's whereabouts with hidden cameras or global positioning systems (GPS), monitoring victim's computer by spyware software, finding out information through public records, online searches, or going through victim's garbage. Stalkers can be strangers, acquaintances, friends, co-workers, current or former spouses, and boy-friends/girlfriends. 3 in 4 stalking victims are stalked by someone they know (Baum et al.)

For a victim of stalking the impact of the unwanted intrusion varies from person to person however some responses may include:

Fear-leaving the house at night, the phone ringing, or being by themselves;

Stress-unable to concentrate, easily distracted or worried, or forgetting things;

Anxiety-constantly looking over their shoulder, safety of family members, whether or not the stalking will stop.

Nervousness-being on edge, irritable, startled by small things, or jumpy;

Hyper vigilance-always on high alert to the known and unknown dangers or continually checking locks on doors and windows.

If you are a victim of stalking taking precautions to protect your safety can include varying your daily routine, changing travel routes, always being in the company of family or friends, carrying pepper spray or mace, & protecting personal information. Victims of stalking should put in place a safety plan and to always trust their "gut feeling" or instinct.

Here are some ways victims can document what the stalker is doing:

1. Contact & work with law enforcement to report any and all situations that involve the stalker.
2. Keep a written journal or record of events and be specific to the behaviors exhibited and what took place.
3. Keep any letters, photos, video, voicemail, text messages, packages, etc., you received from the stalker.
4. Videotape the stalker if coming to your house, following you in your car, coming to your job, etc...
5. Educate yourself about stalkers and stalking behaviors

List of websites that can be accessed for more information on stalking:

www.ncvc.org

www.stalkingawarenessmonth.org

www.stalkingvictims.com

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Swearing in of Council Members:

Right to Left:

Ben Schultz, Jason Bowman,
Randy Meyer, Mahamud Osman



CHILD CARE TAX CREDIT ACT

Neb. Rev. Stat. §§ 77-7201 to 77-7205

**LB 754 (Sections 1 through 5, Operative for taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2024.)*

This Act establishes two separate tax credits for tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2024, that require taxpayers to submit an application to DOR.

Nebraska parents and legal guardians of children 5 years old or younger may soon be eligible for a new refundable child care tax credit under the Child Care Tax Credit Act, which takes effect for tax years beginning January 1, 2024. The state Department of Revenue (DOR) has outlined the steps for parents to apply for the tax credit, which will be available through an online application system called the Electronic Document & Application Submission Hub (eDASH). The application portal will open on January 2, 2025, allowing parents to apply for the credit for tax year 2024. To qualify for the credit, parents or guardians must meet certain criteria. The child must be 5 years old or younger as of December 31 of the year for which the credit is requested and must be claimed as a dependent on the parent's federal income tax return. Additionally, the household income must not exceed \$150,000.

Swearing in of Firefighters:



Left to right:

Xavier Robles, Gabe Tolvanen,
Jake Johnson, Jason Ortiz



Sidewalks

To ensure the safety of all South Sioux City pedestrians it is required that:

All sidewalks within the business district be cleaned within 5 hours after the cessation of a storm, unless the storm, or fall of snow, has taken place during the night; in which case the sidewalk shall be cleaned before 8:30 a.m. the next morning.

Sidewalks within the residential areas **MUST** be cleaned within 12 hours after the cessation of any storm.

Residences cannot push sidewalk or parking or driveway snow onto any city street.

Only Dakota Ave businesses may move their sidewalk snow onto Dakota Ave, prior to, snow removal off Dakota Ave by the City, and **NO PARKING LOT** snow can be pushed onto Dakota Avenue at any time.

Banquetas

Para garantizar la seguridad de todos los residentes de South Sioux City, se requiere que:

Todas las banquetas dentro del distrito comercial sean limpiadas dentro de las 5 horas posteriores al terminar la tormenta, a menos que la tormenta o la caída de nieve hayan tenido lugar durante la noche; en cuyo caso la banqueta se limpiará antes de las 8:30 a.m. de la mañana siguiente.

Las banquetas dentro de las áreas residenciales **DEBEN** limpiarse dentro de las 12 horas posteriores al terminar cualquier tormenta.

Los residentes no pueden empujar la nieve de las banquetas, los estacionamientos o las entradas de vehículos hacia ninguna calle de la ciudad.

Solo los negocios de Dakota Ave pueden trasladar la nieve de las banquetas a Dakota Ave, antes de que la Ciudad retire la nieve de Dakota Ave, y **NO** se puede empujar hacia Dakota Avenue en ningún momento la nieve del estacionamiento.

REMINDER ATV/UTV/**GOLF CART** PERMITS IN CITY STREETS

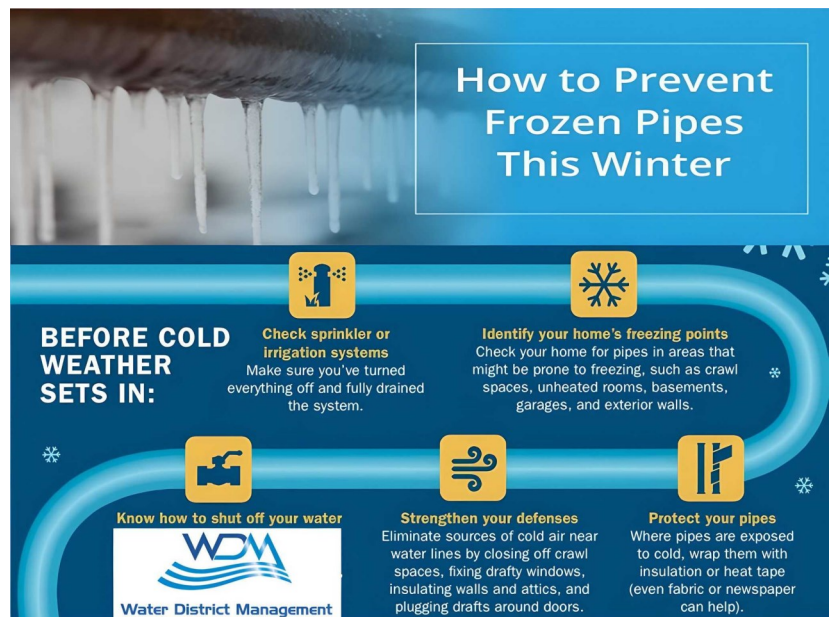
Reminder that 2025 ATV/UTV/**GOLF CART** registrations are now available.

New initial registrations will receive one permit year sticker and a license plate. Renewal registrations shall receive a permit year sticker only, that should be placed on the original license plate. The license plate should be affixed on the rear of the ATV/UTV/**GOLF CART** and the year permit sticker should be placed on the plate's top right corner.

To register ATV/UTV/**GOLF CART**'s, you will need to call the LEC (494-7555) and an officer will be sent to do the inspection. ATV/UTV/**GOLF CART**'s must be inspected yearly and permits are not transferrable. Once the inspection is complete, the officer will direct the individual to take the completed form to City Hall and pay the \$25 annual registration fee. Police and Community Service Officers will be issuing tickets to any ATV/UTV/**GOLF CART** that is not displaying the current 2025 permit.

UTILITY-TYPE VEHICLE DOES NOT INCLUDE LOW-SPEED VEHICLES, RIDING LAWNMOWER OR MOTORIZED WHEELCHAIRS.

For complete policy/regulations go to https://www.southsiouxcity.org/egov/documents/1734532692_16281.pdf



FEBRUARY

SOUTH SIOUX CITY PUBLIC LIBRARY ADULT EVENT CALENDAR



2025



2121 DAKOTA AVE. 402-494-7545

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
ALL ADULT PROGRAMS ARE 16+ UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED PLEASE REGISTER FOR PROGRAMS ON OUR WEBSITE.						1
2	Winter on the Plains. 12:00 p.m. TECHNICAL DIFFICULTIES: 5PM-8PM	TANGLED YARNS - 6PM 	NE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR - 10AM-2PM	Tar Beach: A Faith Ringgold Tribute - 6pm	GOODWILL OF THE GREAT PLAINS JOB ASSISTANCE - 1:30PM	8
9	COVER TO COVER 3:30PM-4:30PM TECHNICAL DIFFICULTIES: 5PM-8PM	TANGLED YARNS - 6PM 	12	Pocket Hugs - 10am	14	15
16	LIBRARY IS CLOSED	TANGLED YARNS - 6PM 	Black History Month Presentation (with Jim Tillman) - 6pm	Black History Bingo Night - 6pm	21	Black History Month Cinema Saturday - 2pm
23	COVER TO COVER 3:30PM-4:30PM TECHNICAL DIFFICULTIES: 5PM-8PM	TANGLED YARNS - 6PM 	ENCUENTROS Y CUENTOS: BILINGUAL BOOK CLUB - 5:30PM	27	28	-



<<SCAN TO VIEW THE SSCPL EVENT CALENDAR ONLINE



PUBLICLIBRARY@SOUTHSIOUXCITY.ORG
HTTPS://LIBRARIES.NE.GOV/SOUTHSIOUXCITY

FEBRUARY

CHILDREN'S EVENT CALENDAR



ALL PROGRAMS ARE 30 MINUTES UNLESS STATED OTHERWISE.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
-	--	-	-	-	-	1 Make Tissue Paper Flowers
2	Lets Craft 4:30pm	Toddler Time 10:00am TEEN TIME 5:30PM	TWEEN & TEEN ANIME CLUB 3:45PM	DUNGEONS & DONNA 4:30PM	Story Time 11:00am Tween Time 3:45 pm	Youth Book Club 10:00 AM
9	Lets Craft 4:30pm	Toddler Time 10:00am TEEN TIME 5:30PM	TWEEN & TEEN ANIME CLUB 3:45PM	THEATER THURSDAY 5:00PM	Story Time 11:00am Tween Time 3:45 pm	Playdough 10:00 AM
16	LIBRARY IS CLOSED	Toddler Time 10:00am TEEN TIME 5:30PM	TWEEN & TEEN ANIME CLUB 3:45PM	DUNGEONS & DONNA 4:30PM	Story Time 11:00am Tween Time 3:45 pm	Game On All Day
23	Lets Craft 4:30pm	Toddler Time 10:00am TEEN TIME 5:30PM	TWEEN & TEEN ANIME CLUB 3:45PM	FREE FAMILY MOVIE 5:00PM	Story Time 11:00am Tween Time 3:45 pm	-



PROGRAMS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE

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





SSC NEWSLETTER

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS CORNER

by Dr. Rony Ortega



Dear Community,

Thank you for your engagement and to everyone who joined our recent community workshops and school tours. Your strong participation and valuable feedback reaffirmed that *doing nothing is not an option. Insights from the tours, including the grades assigned to our schools, highlight the challenges we face with overcrowding and aging facilities.*

One participant noted, *"Walking through these hallways gave me a better understanding of what students and staff face every day. It's clear that our facilities need significant attention."*

Overcrowded, outdated schools impact learning, safety, and our community's future. Modern, functional facilities are essential for student success, attracting families, boosting property values, and supporting local growth. Our school board is committed to collaboration, transparency, and finding solutions driven by the community. Join us at our final community workshop on January 14, take our surveys, and encourage others to participate.

Together, we can ensure safe, modern schools that support our vision for education and strengthen our community. Let's create a legacy we can all be proud of!

Go Cards!

Dr. Rony Ortega, Superintendent
South Sioux City Community School



Estimada comunidad,

Gracias por su compromiso y a todos los que participaron en nuestros recientes talleres comunitarios y visitas a las escuelas. Su gran participación y sus valiosos comentarios reafirmaron que no hacer nada no es una opción. Las perspectivas de las visitas, incluidas las calificaciones asignadas a nuestras escuelas, resaltan los desafíos que enfrentamos con el hacinamiento y las instalaciones obsoletas.

Un participante señaló: *"Caminar por estos pasillos me permitió comprender mejor lo que enfrentan los estudiantes y el personal todos los días. Está claro que nuestras instalaciones necesitan una atención significativa"*.

Las escuelas superpobladas y obsoletas afectan el aprendizaje, la seguridad y el futuro de nuestra comunidad. Las instalaciones modernas y funcionales son esenciales para el éxito de los estudiantes, atraen familias, aumentan los valores de las propiedades y respaldan el crecimiento local. Nuestra mesa directiva escolar está comprometida con la colaboración, la transparencia y la búsqueda de soluciones impulsadas por la comunidad. Únase a nosotros en nuestro taller comunitario final el 14 de enero, responda nuestras encuestas y aliente a otros a participar.

Juntos, podemos garantizar escuelas seguras y modernas que respalden nuestra visión de la educación y fortalezcan nuestra comunidad. ¡Creemos un legado del que todos podamos estar orgullosos!

¡Vamos, Cardenales!

South Sioux City Community Schools

www.scccardinals.org

