



August 2025

CARDINAL Pride



South Sioux City Police & Siouxland Community Health



Tuesday, August 5, 2026
6-8 p.m.



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SOUTH SIOUX CITY
MIDDLE SCHOOL
3625 G STREET, SSC
NE 68776

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Together, we are making communities safer, more caring places to live.

A national community-building campaign that promotes
police-community partnerships.

FREE FAMILY EVENT



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City offices will be closed on
Monday September 1st in
observance of Labor Day



Happy
Labor Day



AUGUST PUBLIC MEETINGS

City Hall Council Chambers– 1615 1st Avenue

City Council Meeting*:	11th & 25th at 5:00 p.m.
Community Development Agency:	12th & 26th at 11:00 a.m.
Finance Committee*:	6th, 13th, 20th & 27th at Noon
Public Works Committee*:	4th & 18th at 5:00p.m.
Design Commission:	7th & 21st at 8:30 a.m.
Planning & Zoning Commission:	13th & 27th at 4:00 p.m.

Parks & Recreation Office – 1021 E 6th Street

Parks & Recreation Board: 4th at 5:15 p.m.

South Sioux City Library – 2121 Dakota Avenue

Library Board: 6th 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

Keep Grass out of our Streets:

There are several best management practices recommended for homeowners to help keep grass from clogging storm drains and preventing other environmental issues:

When mowing, direct grass clippings away from streets, driveways, sidewalks and other paved areas.

Leave grass clippings on the lawn. (Grass clippings are composed of nearly 85% water)

Lawns mowed at taller heights are more competitive against weeds, and tend to withstand heat stress better. By leaving grass clippings on the lawn, you can reduce fertilizer 30 to 40%. (Leaving clippings in place leaves the equivalent of one pound of nitrogen per 1,000 sq. ft., the same amount you would get from one fertilizer application.)

If you must remove your clippings, compost them with leaves and soil. By following these simple suggestions, you are not only saving yourself money and helping the environment; you are becoming a little greener in the process.

STORMWATER FUN FACTS FOR KIDS

- ◆ Water is the most common substance found on earth.
- ◆ The only water we will ever have is what we have now.
- ◆ In a 100-year period, a water molecule spends 98 years in the ocean, 20 months as ice, about 2 weeks in lakes and rivers, and less than a week in the atmosphere.
- ◆ Each day the sun evaporates 1,000,000,000,000 (a trillion) tons of water.
- ◆ Water is the only substance on earth naturally found in the three rule element forms: solid, liquid and gas.
- ◆ 80% of the earth's surface is water.
- ◆ 97% of the earth's water is in the oceans and seas.
- ◆ 66% of your body is water.
- ◆ Bones are 25% water.
- ◆ Human blood is 83% water.
- ◆ A person can survive without food for more than 30 days, but less than a week without water.
- ◆ A gallon of water weighs 8.34 pounds.
- ◆ For every 2.31 feet that water is raised above the earth's surface it can create one pound per square inch of pressure.
- ◆ For every 2.31 feet you are submerged below a body of water's surface there is 1 pound per square inch of pressure equally placed on your body.
- ◆ The first water pipes made in the U. S. were fire-charred, bored-out logs.
- ◆ There are over 1 million miles of water pipelines and aqueducts in the United States and Canada. That's enough to circle the globe 40 times.
- ◆ There are over 59,000 community public water systems in the U. S.
- ◆ The average household uses 107,000 gallons of water per year.
- ◆ It takes 1,851 gallons of water to refine one barrel of crude oil.
- ◆ It takes 120 gallons of water to produce one egg.
- ◆ Over 42,000 gallons of water (enough to fill a 30x50 foot swimming pool) are needed to grow and prepare food for a typical Thanksgiving dinner for eight.
- ◆ A single birch tree will give off 70 gallons of water per day in evaporation.
- ◆ An acre of corn will give off 4,000 gallons of water per day in evaporation

Dakota County Star Podcast: Economic Development Director Oscar Gomez

Economic Development Director Oscar Gomez Shares Vision for South Sioux City's Growth

South Sioux City Economic Development Director Oscar Gomez recently joined the *Dakota County Star Podcast* to share updates on exciting developments shaping the future of the community. From the City's Inland Port Authority designation to plans for the upcoming casino and infrastructure improvements, Gomez provided insight into how South Sioux City is preparing for smart, sustainable growth.

During the interview, Gomez discussed:

- **Port Authority designation:** South Sioux City was named Nebraska's fifth Inland Port Authority, unlocking over 1,600 acres for industrial, commercial, and entertainment development.



- **Casino and entertainment district planning:** With a new race-track opening this fall and a casino slated to break ground in 2026, the City is working to attract restaurants, hotels, and other attractions that keep visitors—and their spending—local.

- **Infrastructure improvements:** The City is exploring potential roundabouts at 9th & Dakota Avenue and 39th & G Street to help manage traffic flow near schools, Tyson Foods, and new residential areas.

- **Regional collaboration:** The Port Authority area spans South Sioux City, Dakota City, and Dakota County, creating a shared opportunity to support housing, employment, and quality of life for the entire region.

"It's a blank canvas," Gomez said. "We have the opportunity to do this right—with a vision that reflects what our community wants to become."

Sharing the Road Safely with School Buses.

- Never pass a bus from behind if it is stopped to load or unload children.
- If the yellow or red lights are flashing and the stop arm is extended, traffic must stop.
- The area 10 feet around a school bus is the most dangerous for children; stop far enough to allow them space to safely enter and exit.
- Be alert; children are often unpredictable, and tend to ignore hazards and take risks.

Source: National Safety Council



Congratulations on 25 years of service: Officer VanBerkum & Officer Heinemann

Congratulations to Officer VanBerkum and Officer Heinemann for 25 years of service with the South Sioux City Police Department.

Thank you for your dedication, hard work and commitment to keeping our community safe. We appreciate everything you do!



Community Pride Award

Congratulations to Mary Macomber on receiving the Community Pride Award! Your dedication and positive impact have truly made a difference. Well deserved!



SEPTEMBER

SOUTH SIOUX CITY PUBLIC LIBRARY

ADULT EVENT CALENDAR



2025



2121 DAKOTA AVE. 402-494-7545

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 Closed	2	3 NE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR - 10AM-2PM	4 MONARCH BUTTERFLIES: WATERCOLOR WORKSHOP - 6PM	5	6 INGLES SIN ESTRES: 2-4PM
7	8 COVER TO COVER 3:30PM-4:30PM TECH HELP MONDAYS - 5:30PM	9 TANGLED YARNS - 6PM 	10	11 SKULL EARRINGS 5:15	12	13 DRAFT A SKIRT: DAY1 - 12PM
14	15 TECH HELP MONDAYS - 5:30PM	16 TANGLED YARNS - 6PM 	17 VENETIAN MASKS - 6PM	18 BUGGIN' OUT: ENTOMOLOGY AS A HOBBY - 6PM	19	20 DRAFT A SKIRT: DAY2 - 12PM INGLES SIN ESTRES: 2-4PM
21	22 COVER TO COVER 3:30PM-4:30PM TECH HELP MONDAYS - 5:30PM	23 TANGLED YARNS - 6PM 	24 ENCUENTROS Y CUENTOS: BILINGUAL BOOK CLUB - 5:30PM	25	26 GOODWILL OF THE GREAT PLAINS JOB ASSISTANCE - 10:30AM	27
28	29 TECH HELP MONDAYS - 5:30PM	30 TANGLED YARNS - 6PM 	ALL ADULT PROGRAMS ARE 16+ UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED PLEASE REGISTER FOR PROGRAMS ON OUR WEBSITE.			



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SEPTEMBER

CHILDREN'S EVENT CALENDAR

ALL PROGRAMS ARE 30 MINUTES UNLESS STATED OTHERWISE.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 Closed	2 Toddler Time 10:00am CROCHET CLUB 3:30-5PM	3 Perlr Bead Club 3:30-5:30pm TEEN TIME 5:30PM	4 DUNGEONS & DONNA: KID CAMPAIGN 3:30PM D&D: TEEN CAMPAIGN 4:30PM	5 Story Time 11:00am Kidz Club 3:45pm	6 Anime Club 8+ 10am-2pm
7	8 Lets Craft 3:30pm	9 Toddler Time 10:00am CROCHET CLUB 3:30-5PM	10 Perlr Bead Club 3:30-5:30pm TEEN TIME 5:30PM	11 Design a Costume 5:00pm	12 Story Time 11:00am Kidz Club 3:45 pm	13 TEEN BOOK CLUB 10:00AM
14	15 Lets Craft 3:30pm	16 Toddler Time 10:00am CROCHET CLUB 3:30-5PM	17 Perlr Bead Club 3:30-5:30pm TEEN TIME 5:30PM	18 DUNGEONS & DONNA: KID CAMPAIGN 3:30PM D&D: TEEN CAMPAIGN 4:30PM	19 Story Time 11:00am Kidz Club 3:45 pm	20 Science Saturday 10:00am
21	22 Lets Craft 3:30pm	23 Toddler Time 10:00am CROCHET CLUB 3:30-5PM	24 Perlr Bead Club 3:30-5:30pm TEEN TIME 5:30PM	25 Game Day All Day	26 Story Time 11:00am Kidz Club 3:45 pm	27 TEEN BOOK CLUB 10:00AM T.A.B 1:00pm FREE ALL-AGES MOVIE 2:00PM
28	29 Lets Craft 3:30pm	30 Toddler Time 10:00am CROCHET CLUB 3:30-5PM				

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,

As we open the doors to the 2025-2026 school year, I want to extend my heartfelt welcome back to all our students, families, staff, and community partners. Together, we continue to grow stronger, and this year promises to be another step forward.

I'm proud to share that we recently received official notice from the Nebraska Department of Education that our district has once again earned full Accreditation, which is a testament to the dedication of our students, staff, families, and community. This important process, required every five years, ensures that we are providing high-quality education and continuous improvement for every child we serve.

At the same time, we know our work is far from done. The challenges of aging and overcrowded school facilities remain, and we continue to explore every option to provide the safe, modern learning environments our students deserve. One example of this commitment is that beginning this school year, our Gateway to Learning alternative high school program will move to the College Center in town. This is an exciting opportunity that gives high school students a fresh, inspiring space to learn and grow.

Thank you for your continued support and partnership. I look forward to the year ahead and to all we will accomplish together. Go Cards!

Dr. Rony Ortega
Superintendent, South Sioux City Community Schools



Estimada comunidad,

Al abrir las puertas al año escolar 2025-2026, quiero extender mi más cordial bienvenida de regreso a todos nuestros estudiantes, familias, personal y socios comunitarios. Juntos seguimos fortaleciéndonos, y este año promete ser otro gran paso adelante.

Me enorgullece compartir que el Departamento de Educación de Nebraska nos notificó oficialmente que nuestro distrito ha obtenido nuevamente la Acreditación Completa, un testimonio de la dedicación de nuestros estudiantes, personal, familias y comunidad. Este importante proceso, requerido cada cinco años, garantiza que brindemos educación de alta calidad y mejora continua para cada niño al que servimos.

Al mismo tiempo, sabemos que nuestra labor está lejos de concluir. Persisten los desafíos de instalaciones escolares envejecidas y con sobrepoblación, y seguimos explorando todas las opciones para ofrecer entornos de aprendizaje seguros y modernos que nuestros estudiantes merecen. Un ejemplo de este compromiso es que, a partir de este año escolar, nuestro programa alternativo de preparatoria Gateway to Learning se trasladará al College Center de la ciudad. Esta es una oportunidad emocionante que brinda a los estudiantes de preparatoria un espacio nuevo e inspirador donde aprender y crecer.

Gracias por su continuo apoyo y colaboración. Espero con entusiasmo el año que tenemos por delante y todo lo que lograremos juntos. ¡Vamos Cardenales!

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

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