



September 2025

# 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 6th-10th 2025!**

### **Tree debris pickup will be Oct. 13th-17th 2025!**

*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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## SEPTEMBER PUBLIC MEETINGS

### City Hall Council Chambers– 1615 1st Avenue

City Council Meeting*:	8th & 22nd at 5:00 p.m.
Community Development Agency:	9th & 23rd at 11:00 a.m.
Finance Committee*:	3rd & 17th at Noon
Public Works Committee*:	1st & 15th at 5:00p.m.
Design Commission:	4th & 18th at 8:30 a.m.
Planning & Zoning Commission:	10th & 24th at 4:00 p.m.

### Parks & Recreation Office – 1021 E 6<sup>th</sup> Street

Parks & Recreation Board: 1st 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](http://www.southsiouxcity.org)



**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTIONS 14-14 AND 14-16 UNDER CHAPTER 14 PERTAINING TO ANIMALS; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HERewith; AND PROVIDING A TIME WHEN THIS ORDINANCE SHALL BE IN FULL FORCE AND EFFECT.**

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOUTH SIOUX CITY, NEBRASKA:**

SECTION 1. SECTION AMENDED. Section 14-14 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of South Sioux City, Nebraska, is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 14-14. – Restrictions on keeping certain animals – Permit required.

No person in any zone other than (AGT), Agricultural Transitional District shall have in his possession or control, or keep or harbor any equine or bovine animals, any sheep, goats, dogs in kennels for commercial purposes, pigs, mink or any live hares, rabbits, guinea pigs, chickens, turkeys, geese, ducks, doves, pigeons, game birds or other fowl without first having obtained a permit from the City Council, which permit shall be issued only after inspection of the premises and approval of the sanitary conditions of the premises by the animal control unit or its designee.

(Code 1975, § 6-140; Ord. No. 2002-3, § 1, 3-11-02)

SECTION 2. SECTION AMENDED. Section 14-16 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of South Sioux City, Nebraska, is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 14-16. - Same-Appeal of denial or revocation of permit.

A person may appeal the denial of a permit required by Section 14-14 to the District Court of Dakota County, Nebraska.

(Code 1975, § 6-142)

SECTION 3. REPEALER. The remainder of Chapter 14 shall remain the same. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed.

SECTION 4. SEVERABILITY CLAUSE. If any section, provision or part of this ordinance shall be adjudged invalid or unconstitutional, such adjudication shall not affect the validity of the ordinance as a whole or any section, provision or part thereof, not adjudged invalid or unconstitutional.

SECTION 5. WHEN EFFECTIVE. This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect



**Hydrant flushing will be Monday October 13th at 7:00 am  
to Friday October 17th at 4:00 pm**

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.



# SOUTH SIOUX CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT

Obey school zone

speed limit

SCHOOL

SPEED  
LIMIT  
20



SCHOOL

# SOUTH SIOUX CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT

Pay attention to  
kids crossing the  
street



# 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

See how the vehicle spans the entire width of the sidewalk? Nobody can walk past without going out in the street.



STILL NO

The vehicle still blocks the entire width of the sidewalk. This forces people out into the grass or the street to get around.



CLOSE, BUT NOT QUITE...

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



## 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.





## 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 giveaway 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](mailto:SSCgrants@southsiouxcity.org) or call, 402-494-7518 or 402-494-7511.

Tree pick up is set to be on October 11th & October 18th from 9am to 12pm. For more information contact Gene Maffit, Parks Director 402-494-7540.

## September 25<sup>th</sup> National Day of Remembrance for Murder Victims

Across the United States, September 25<sup>th</sup> is recognized as the National Day of Remembrance for Murder Victims. This day is meant to honor the memories of those victims, while also celebrating their life. The symbolism of September 25<sup>th</sup> is to show although cuts may heal, scars are left as a reminder. The lives of families who have lost a loved one are affected day in and day out. These families are impacted greatly, as well as the entire community. It goes to show that these families are not alone. They not only have the support of a community, but the support of an entire nation.

There are some typical responses from families and friends of murder victims. Such responses can include shock or numbness, as if they are “watching a movie” and what they are experiencing is unreal. Denial is often felt by the families and friends of the victim, which is used as an unconscious defense against the painful or unbearable memory. Intense anger is also another common emotional response which usually comes with the desire to “get even” with the person who committed the crime. More times than not, there is a sense of confusion about what happened and what is going on around them. Lastly, feelings of guilt are very common. Due to families and friends feeling as if they could have done something to prevent their loved one’s death.

Remember you are not alone. Many families and friends have lost loved ones to crimes of homicide or murder. It may be difficult to reach out for help, often you feel alone and isolated. There are advocacy services that will help you during the coping process. Also, will help you become/stay active through the criminal justice proceedings. Advocates offer victims information about different options available to them and their rights of victims, survivors, and witnesses. Some advocates are survivors, themselves, or are family members who have lost a loved one and want to help.

For more information:

Dakota County Victim Assistance Program (DCVAP) can be reached at 402.494.7550,  
[dcvap@southsiouxcity.org](mailto:dcvap@southsiouxcity.org)

# OCTOBER

## SOUTH SIOUX CITY PUBLIC LIBRARY

### ADULT EVENT CALENDAR



# 2025



2121 DAKOTA AVE. 402-494-7545

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>ALL ADULT PROGRAMS ARE 16+ UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED</b> <b>PLEASE REGISTER FOR PROGRAMS ON OUR WEBSITE.</b>			1 NE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR - 10AM-2PM	2 PUMPKIN PUNCH NEEDLE COASTERS - 6PM	3	4
5	6 TECH HELP MONDAYS - 5:30PM	7 TANGLED YARNS - 6PM 	8 QUEER CODING IN HORROR - 5:30PM	9 LOTERIA PINTADA - 6PM	10	11 HALLOWEEN CRAFT - 1PM
12	13 COVER TO COVER 3:30PM-4:30PM TECH HELP MONDAYS - 5:30PM	14 TANGLED YARNS - 6PM 	15 WITCHES: HOW WOMEN ARE VILIFIED - 5:30PM	16	17 DRAG-MATIC MAKEUP - 12PM	18
19	20 TECH HELP MONDAYS - 5:30PM	21 TANGLED YARNS - 6PM 	22	23 PAPER PORTRAITS - 6PM	24	25
26	27 COVER TO COVER 3:30PM-4:30PM TECH HELP MONDAYS - 5:30PM	28 TANGLED YARNS - 6PM 	29	30 ENCUENTROS Y CUENTOS: BILINGUAL BOOK CLUB - 5:30PM	31 GOODWILL OF THE GREAT PLAINS JOB ASSISTANCE - 10:30AM	



<<SCAN TO VIEW THE SSCPL EVENT CALENDAR ONLINE



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

# OCTOBER

## CHILDREN'S EVENT CALENDAR

ALL PROGRAMS ARE 30 MINUTES UNLESS STATED OTHERWISE.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 Perlr Bead CLub 3:30-5:15pm TEEN TIME 5:30PM	2 DUNGEONS & DONNA: KID CAMPAIGN 3:30PM D&D: TEEN CAMPAIGN 4:30PM	3	4 Anime Club 8+ 10am-2pm
5	6 Lets Craft 3:30pm	7 Toddler Time 10:00am CROCHET CLUB 3:30PM TEEN TIME 5:30PM	8 Perlr Bead CLub 3:30-5:15pm	9 DUNGEONS & DONNA: KID CAMPAIGN 3:30PM D&D: TEEN CAMPAIGN 4:30PM	10 Kidz Club 3:45 pm	11 TEEN BOOK CLUB 10:00AM
12	13 Lets Craft 3:30pm	14 Toddler Time 10:00am CROCHET CLUB 3:30PM TEEN TIME 5:30PM	15 Perlr Bead CLub 3:30-5:15pm	16	17 Kidz Club 3:45 pm	18 Science Saturday 10:00am Please Register!
19	20 Lets Craft 3:30pm	21 Toddler Time 10:00am CROCHET CLUB 3:30PM TEEN TIME 5:30PM	22 Perlr Bead CLub 3:30-5:15pm	23 EASY HAUNTED HOUSE 4-6PM	24 HAUNTED HOUSE LIGHTS OFF 6-8PM	25
26	27 Lets Craft 3:30pm	28 Toddler Time 10:00am CROCHET CLUB 3:30PM TEEN HALLOWEEN HANGOUT 5:30PM	29 Perlr Bead CLub 3:30-5:15pm	30 DUNGEONS & DONNA: KID CAMPAIGN 3:30PM D&D: TEEN CAMPAIGN 4:30PM	31 HALLOWEEN MOVIE 10:00 AM HALLOWEEN PARTY 1:00 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,

We've had a fantastic start to the 2025–26 school year! Over 600 dedicated employees kicked things off with energy and purpose, inspired by keynote speaker Justin Wagner, SSC Class of 1992. Justin was surprised and honored to receive the 2025 SSC Outstanding Alumnus Award—a proud moment for all Cardinals!

We were excited to welcome families and community members during our well-attended open houses! On the first day of school, students were greeted with fun and meaningful activities across all eight of our schools. As we begin the year, please remember: attendance matters. Even a few missed days can add up and impact learning—every day counts.

With strong leadership and committed teachers, our schools are ready to do the heavy lifting to support student achievement and success. Our students are in great, caring hands.

It was wonderful seeing many of you at the Dakota-Thurston County Parade! I invite you to keep showing your support by attending a game, performance, or activity at one of our schools this fall—your presence means a lot.

Here's to a strong and successful year ahead! **#CardPride #SSC2526**

Dr. Rony Ortega  
Superintendent of Schools



Estimada comunidad:

¡Hemos tenido un inicio fantástico del año escolar 2025–26! Más de 600 empleados dedicados comenzaron con energía y propósito, inspirados por el orador principal Justin Wagner, de la clase SSC de 1992. Justin se sorprendió y se sintió honrado al recibir el Premio al Egresado Sobresaliente de SSC 2025, ¡un momento de orgullo para todos los Cardenales!

Nos entusiasmó dar la bienvenida a las familias y miembros de la comunidad durante nuestros eventos de puertas abiertas, que tuvieron una gran asistencia. En el primer día de clases, los estudiantes fueron recibidos con actividades divertidas y significativas en cada una de nuestras ocho escuelas. Al comenzar el año, recordemos: la asistencia es de suma importancia. Incluso unos pocos días perdidos pueden acumularse y afectar el aprendizaje—cada día cuenta.

Con un liderazgo sólido y docentes comprometidos, nuestras escuelas están listas para hacer el trabajo necesario para apoyar el rendimiento y éxito de los estudiantes. Nuestros estudiantes están en excelentes y dedicadas manos.

¡Fue maravilloso ver a muchos de ustedes en el Desfile del Condado de Dakota-Thurston! Les invito a seguir mostrando su apoyo asistiendo a un partido, a una presentación o actividad en alguna de nuestras escuelas este otoño—su presencia significa mucho.

¡Brindemos por un año fuerte y exitoso!  
**#OrgulloCardinal #SSC2526**

Dr. Rony Ortega  
Superintendente de Escuelas

South Sioux City Community Schools

[www.ssccardinals.org](http://www.ssccardinals.org)

