



October 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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**Trick-or-Treating in
South Sioux City**
Halloween is Friday
October 31st. Mayor
Koch suggests that trick
-or-treating be done be-
tween 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*:	13th & 27th at 5:00 p.m.
Community Development Agency:	14th & 28th at 11:00 a.m.
Finance Committee*:	1st & 15th 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: 1st 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



Saturday, October 11 Marriott South Sioux City Riverfront

The featured speaker this year is Army Veteran and comedian Bobby Henline! A retired Staff Sergeant and four-tour Iraq service member, Bobby is the sole survivor of a roadside bomb attack. His ability to turn tragedy into humor has inspired thousands, and he has been featured on Showtime, Netflix, the Today Show, FOX News, TIME, and Amazon Prime, among others.

Funds raised at this year's 5th Annual Freedom Ball will support a shelter and reflection area over the Freedom Rock. The shelter will include four-foot pillars, each featuring the biographies of 11 local heroes depicted.

Tickets Available at siouxlandfreedompark.org

★★★★★ **THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS!** ★★★★★



**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.

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month

Did you know the cost of intimate partner violence exceeds \$8.3 billion each year? More than 20,000 phone calls are placed to domestic violence hotlines nationwide. Also, 1 in 3 women and 1 in 4 men have experienced some form of physical violence by an intimate partner. (www.cdc.gov).

According to the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence (NCADV), domestic violence is the willful intimidation, physical assault, battery, sexual assault, and/or other abusive behavior as part of a systematic pattern of power and control perpetrated by one intimate partner against another. It includes physical violence, emotional abuse, sexual violence, and threats. Domestic Violence transcends any race, age, gender, sexual orientation, religion, nationality, socio-economic background, and education level.

The National Domestic Violence Hotline (thehotline.org) lists behaviors of abuse within a relationship. These may include:

EMOTIONAL ABUSE: calls you names, insults you or continually criticizes you, does not trust you and acts jealous or possessive, humiliates you in any way, etc.

PHYSICAL ABUSE: damages property when angry (punching walls, kicking doors, etc), pushed, slapped, kicked, or strangled you, used a weapon to threaten or hurt you, etc.

SEXUAL ABUSE: accuses you of cheating or is often jealous of your outside relationships, demanded sex when you were sick, tired, or after beating you, forced or manipulated you into having sex or performing sexual acts, etc.

Perpetrators of domestic violence have learned these controlling and violent behaviors from their own family while growing up. The strongest risk factor of transmitting violent behavior from one generation to the next is children who have witnessed violence between one's parents or caretakers (Break the Cycle, 2006). Some common factors have been identified of perpetrators of domestic violence. These include low self-esteem, also their identity and sense of self is tied to their partner.

It would be ideal for victims of domestic violence to leave the abusive situation. However, victims may stay for a variety of reasons. These include but are not limited to: fear of the abuser; threats to harm you and/or your family, also pets; thinking the abuser will take the children; low self-esteem, hope the abuser will change; or blame the abuse on alcohol, financial pressures, or other outside factors, etc.

If you or someone you know is a victim of domestic violence, you can contact the program at 402.494.7550 or dcvap@southsiouxcity.org for more information.

To learn more about domestic violence several websites can be accessed:

National Center for Victims of Crime www.ncvc.org

National Coalition Against Domestic Violence www.ncadv.org

National Domestic Violence Hotline www.ndvh.org





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 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.

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, or has the potential to be repeated, over time. Bullying prevention is important, because there can be lasting consequences for both the victim and the bully,

Verbal Bullying:

- Teasing
- Name-Calling
- Inappropriate sexual comments
- Taunting
- Threatening to cause

Social Bullying:

- Leaving someone out on purpose
- Telling other people not to be friends with someone
- Spreading rumors about someone

Physical Bullying:

- Public humiliation
- Spitting
- Tripping/pushing
- Taking or breaking someone's things
- Making mean or rude hand gestures

Bullying can occur during school, after school, or even in the cyber realm. It can also include texts and phone calls. Due to how much technology has advanced in today's society, cyber bullying has become very common. Cyber bullying is very popular among adolescents, teens, and young adults.

- About 42% of kids have been bullied while online with one in four being verbally attacked more than once.
- About 35% of kids have been threatened online.
- About 58% of kids and teens have reported that something mean has been said about them or to them online.
- Other bullying statistics show that about 77% of students have admitted to being the victim of one type of bullying or another.
- The American Justice Department bullying statistics show that one out of every 4 kids will be bullied sometime throughout their adolescence.
- 46% of males followed by 26% of females have admitted to being victims in physical fights as reported in one report of bullying statistics by the Bureau of Justice School.

Work with your child to help them understand that bullying is not acceptable and encourage them to report any bullying they may witness. If he or she is a victim 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 please visit:

www.stopbullying.gov

www.bullyingstatistics.org

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

November

South Sioux City Public Library


2121 Dakota Ave.

402-494-7545



2025



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3 Tech Help Mondays – 5:30pm	4 Tangled Yarns – 6pm	5 Nebraska Department of Labor – 10am-2pm	6	7	8 Pie Banner – 1pm
9	10 Cover to Cover – 3:30pm Tech Help Mondays – 5:30pm	11 Tangled Yarns – 6pm	12	13 Native American Heritage Movie Night – 6pm	14	15 Card Creations w/ Tammy – 12pm Rock Your Mocs Day – 11am
16	17 Tech Help Mondays – 5:30pm Maker Mondays – 6pm	18 Tangled Yarns – 6pm	19	20 Native American Ledger Art – 6pm	21 Goodwill of the Great Plains Job Assistance – 1:30pm	22 Pie Magnets – 11am Encuentros Y Cuentos: Bilingual Book Club – 11:00pm
23	24 Cover to Cover – 3:30pm Tech Help Mondays – 5:30pm Maker Mondays – 6pm	25 Tangled Yarns – 6pm	26	27 Library Closed	28 Library Closed	29 Library Closed
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publiclibrary@southsiouxcity.org



<http://libraries.ne.gov/southsiouxcity/>



Scan here to see our online calendar!

November



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Game Day with Two Spirit Learn some traditional Indigenous games! 10 AM
2 Let's Craft-3:30 Youth Writing Club 4:30 - 5	3 Toddler Time 10:00 am Crochet Club 3:30 Teen Time 5:30	4 Perler Bead Club 3:30 pm -5:15	5 Dungeons and Donna Kids Campaign (6-11) 3:30-4:15 Teen Campaign (11-18) 4:30-6:30	6 Story Time 11:00 Kidz Club 3:45	7 Create Your Own Board Game 10-1 Teen Book Club 1:00 PM
9 Let's Craft- 3:30 Youth Writing Club 4:30 - 5	10 Toddler Time 10:00 am Crochet Club 3:30 Teen Time 5:30	11 Perler Bead Club 3:30 pm -5:15	12 Rag Doll 4-6	13 Story Time 11:00 Kidz Club 3:45	14 Science Saturday 10:00 am Please register!
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SSC NEWSLETTER

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS CORNER

by Dr. Rony Ortega



Dear Community,

September is *National School Attendance Awareness Month*, and I want to take a moment to thank our community for the role you play in supporting our students. Over the past few years, we've seen encouraging growth in attendance, which directly impacts learning and future success. Each of our schools has set clear attendance goals again for the 2025–2026 school year, and with your continued partnership, we are preparing today's students to be tomorrow's workforce and community leaders.

I also had the opportunity to connect with the South Sioux City Optimist Club recently. As the last remaining service club in SSC, the Optimists carry on a proud tradition of service and community spirit. I'm grateful to be a member and encourage anyone who's interested to join this outstanding group of people who truly live up to their name.

It was wonderful to see so many of you at our first home football game of the season! Our schools are the heart of this community, and we invite you to join us this fall at one of our many events, whether it's an athletic competition, a fine arts performance, or a school celebration. Your presence makes a difference to our students! (link the QR code to the fall activity schedule/calendar)

Go Cards!

Dr. Rony Ortega, Superintendent of Schools



Estimada comunidad,

Septiembre es el *Mes Nacional de Concientización sobre la Asistencia Escolar*, y quiero tomar un momento para agradecer a nuestra comunidad por el papel que desempeñan en apoyar a nuestros estudiantes. En los últimos años hemos visto un crecimiento alentador en la asistencia, lo cual impacta directamente en el aprendizaje y en el éxito futuro. Cada una de nuestras escuelas ha establecido nuevamente metas claras de asistencia para el año escolar 2025–2026 y, con su continuo apoyo, estamos preparando a los estudiantes de hoy para que sean la fuerza laboral y los líderes comunitarios del mañana.

También tuve la oportunidad de reunirme recientemente con el Club Optimista de South Sioux City. Siendo el último club de servicio que queda en SSC, los Optimistas mantienen viva una orgullosa tradición de servicio y espíritu comunitario. Me siento agradecido de ser miembro y ánimo a quienes estén interesados a unirse a este grupo excepcional de personas que realmente hacen honor a su nombre.

¡Fue maravilloso ver a tantos de ustedes en nuestro primer partido de fútbol americano en casa de la temporada! Nuestras escuelas son el corazón de esta comunidad, y los invitamos a acompañarnos este otoño en alguno de nuestros muchos eventos, ya sea una competencia deportiva, una presentación de bellas artes o una celebración escolar. ¡Su presencia marca la diferencia para nuestros estudiantes! (enlace el código QR al calendario/agenda de actividades de otoño)

¡Vamos Cardinals!

Dr. Rony Ortega, Superintendente