



NOVEMBER 2025



# CARDINAL Pride



Cardinal Christmas Baskets  
PO Box 224  
South Sioux City, NE 68776

Dear Community Friends and Partners:

The **Holiday Season** is approaching, and we plan to continue our tradition of making the season brighter for our community members in need. The mission of **Cardinal Christmas Baskets** is to deliver food baskets for a nutritious meal, as well as provide staple food items.

The **Cardinal Christmas Baskets** program impacts all ages, from our seasoned community members to our littlest Cardinals. Chances are, you know some of our recipients. Our goal for 2025 is to provide assistance to 300 households. This is a gratifying opportunity to come together for a great cause to help fight hunger in our community.

You have the **POWER** to make a difference. There are **3** different opportunities for assisting **Cardinal Christmas Baskets** this year: (We would love to have volunteers assist with more than 1 of the options!)

#### Option 1 -Donate

Tax-deductible donations can be sent to the South Sioux City Municipal Foundation. Please indicate the donation is for **Cardinal Christmas Baskets** and send to  
**Cardinal Christmas Baskets**  
PO Box 224,  
South Sioux City, NE 68776

#### Option 2 -Assist with Bell Ringing (Saturday, December 6, 2025)

Grab your friends and join us in ringing bells between **9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.** to raise funds for the project. Please call **Ela E. at 402-494-2001** to sign up and pick a shift. (Must be 19 or older).

#### Option 3 -Assist with Delivering Baskets (Saturday, December 20, 2025)

Join us at **Memorial Hall, 201 West 16th Street, South Sioux City** at **7:30 a.m.** to personally help deliver the 300 baskets.

**We appreciate the generosity from our community and hope we can count on you again this year!!**

Sincerely,

The Cardinal Christmas Basket Committee

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## NOVEMBER PUBLIC MEETINGS

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

City Council Meeting*:	10th & 24th at 5:00 p.m.
Community Development Agency:	11th & 25th at 11:00 a.m.
Finance Committee*:	5th, 12th, 19th & 26th at Noon
Public Works Committee*:	3rd & 17th at 5:00p.m.
Design Commission:	6th & 20th at 8:30 a.m.
Planning & Zoning Commission:	12th & 26th 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)



City offices will be closed on Thursday November 27th  
&  
Friday November 28th in observance of Thanksgiving.  
Happy Holidays

**Trash Holiday Schedule:**

**Thanksgiving Day will be picked up the following day on Friday,  
Nov 28th.**

All pick up will be delayed by one day for the remainder of the week.  
Have a Happy and Safe Thanksgiving!



**TIE ONE ON FOR SAFETY**

In 35 years MADD has made great strides to end drunk driving, help fight drugged driving, prevent underage drinking, and supporting and advocating for victims. When MADD was founded in 1980 more than 25,000 people were killed on our roadways each year by drunk drivers. Some of the most dangerous days of the year on our nation's roadways are between Thanksgiving and New Years. **Tie One On For Safety** is a campaign which began in 1986. During the holiday season MADD asks drivers to display a red ribbon in a visible location to remind individuals to ALWAYS designate a non-drinking driver. The name comes from the slang term "tie one on" for drinking alcohol.

Even though great strides have been made to end drunk-driving families who have lost loved ones suffer the most. In 2023 12,429 individuals were killed in drunk-driving crashes, which means every 42 minutes someone's family has lost a loved one. According to the Nebraska Office of Highway Safety, in 2020, Nebraska had 76 alcohol related deaths. Further, during the holiday season (November & December) there were 238 alcohol related crashes. This accounts for 5 crashes per day on Nebraska roadways.

If you would like to participate this holiday season in MADD's efforts here are several ideas: Putting safety before the party and always designate a non-drinking driver BEFORE the celebration begins to ensure everyone arrives home safely. Display a MADD red ribbon in a visible location on your vehicles. Red ribbons, magnets, and window decals are available through MADD local office at: 770 North Cotner Blvd, #325, Lincoln, NE 68505.

Phone: 402.434.5330

Email: [ne.state@madd.org](mailto:ne.state@madd.org)

Host parties responsibly by offering mock-tails and other non-alcohol beverages and provide alternate transportation or accommodations for guests who have been drinking.,

Tie One On For Safety "virtually by sharing buttons on Facebook (go to [www.MADD.org](http://www.MADD.org))

**Stay Safe this Holiday Season Don't Drink and Drive.**

Article submitted by Dakota County Victim Assistance Program (DCVAP) can be reached at 402.494.7550. [dcvap@southsiouxcity.org](mailto:dcvap@southsiouxcity.org), Facebook page at Dakota County Victim Assistance Program, or located at City/County Law Enforcement Center, 701 W 29th St., South Sioux City, NE 68776.



### Chief Ed Mahon Retires from the South Sioux City Police Department:

During City Council meeting on October 13th, 2025 Chief Mahon was honored for his years of commitment and leadership. After 42 years of dedicated service, Chief Ed Mahon is retiring from the South Sioux City Police Department. His dedicated leadership, professionalism, and commitment to the community have made a lasting difference. We thank you Chief Mahon for his Service and wish him a happy and fulfilling retirement.



### Mailboxes vs. Winter weather

Mailboxes and snow storage share the same space on the parking. Snow can very heavy and the process of removing the snow from the street can put pressure on mailboxes that are out behind the curb. The crew tries to avoid pushing the snow hard against mailboxes.

This fall several mailboxes have been photographed and documented that they are in very poor condition before the snow season even begins. If these get knocked down from snow plowing, it will be the resident's responsibility to repair. Again, we try to avoid all mail boxes but the street must be cleaned. Some good advice would be to take a look at your mailbox now and make repairs now.

### Buzones vs. Clima invernal

Los buzones de correo y el almacenamiento de nieve comparten el mismo espacio en el estacionamiento.

La nieve puede ser muy pesada y el proceso de quitar la nieve de la calle puede ejercer presión sobre los buzones de correo que están detrás de la acera. La tripulación intenta evitar empujar la nieve con fuerza contra los buzones de correo.

Este otoño se han fotografiado y documentado varios buzones de correo que se encuentran en muy malas condiciones incluso antes de que comience la temporada de nieve. Si estos se derriban por el quitanieves, será responsabilidad del residente repararlos. Nuevamente, tratamos de evitar todos los buzones de correo, pero la calle debe limpiarse. Un buen consejo sería echar un vistazo a su buzón ahora y hacer reparaciones ahora



**“Make it Click”**  
**High visibility Mobilization rv Nov.26-Nov.30, 2025**  
**NEBRASKA LAW ENFORCEMENT**  
**NDOT Highway Safety Office**

**Make it Click:** it’s about saving lives.

During the Thanksgiving holiday weekend in 2023 (6p.m. on Wednesday, November 22, to 5:59 a.m. on Monday, November 27), there were 309 passenger vehicle occupants killed in traffic crashes across the nation and 44% (135) were unrestrained. Not wearing a seat belt proved to be deadly at any time of the day during the Thanksgiving holiday weekend in 2023; 47% of those killed in nighttime crashes were unbuckled, and 38% of those killed in daytime crashes also were unbuckled.



Wastewater agencies spend up to \$441 million annually to clean up unexpected clogs and equipment damage from the wrong wipes going down the drain. The usual suspects? Items that never should have been flushed in the first place, like paper towels, non-flushable wipes, and feminine products.

Many people overlook the impact of their flushing habits on home plumbing and community infrastructure. This may be due in part to a long history of confusing labeling; however, current legislation aims to rectify this issue.



**DO NOT  
FLUSH**

California, Illinois, Washington, Oregon, Colorado, New Jersey, and Michigan have passed laws requiring non-flushable wipes, such as baby wipes, cleaning and disinfecting wipes, and other wipes not intended for flushing, to have the Do Not Flush symbol clearly displayed on packaging. Similar legislation, known as the WIPPES Act, is currently under review at the federal level.

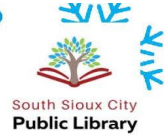
Considering that these Do Not Flush wipes make up around 90% of wipes sold in the U.S., educating your area residents to check the wipe packaging for the symbol and other disposal instructions is key to protecting your infrastructure.

But changing behavior is notoriously difficult, even when presented with the facts. Fifty-one percent of people admit they’ve flushed something they knew they shouldn’t, feeling that just one baby wipe wouldn’t make a difference.



Scan here to  
see our online  
calendar!

# December



	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Let's Craft-3:30 Youth Writing Club 4:30 - 5	2 Toddler Time 10:00 am Crochet Club 3:30 Teen Time 5:30	3 Perler Bead Club 3:00 pm -5:15	4 Dungeons and Donna Kids Campaign (6-11) 3:30-4:15 Teen Campaign (11-18) 4:30-6:30	5 Story Time 11:00 Kidz Club 3:45	6 <b>Make a Winter Gift 10-11</b>
7	8 Let's Craft-3:30	9 Toddler Time 10:00 am Crochet Club 3:30 Teen Time 5:30	10 Perler Bead Club 3:00 pm -5:15	11 Game On 3-7	12 Story Time 11:00 Kidz Club 3:45	13 10-1 Teen Book Club 1:00 PM
14	15 Let's Craft- 3:30	16 Toddler Time 10:00 am Crochet Club 3:30 Teen Time 5:30	17 Perler Bead Club 3:00 pm -5:15	18 Dungeons and Donna Kids Campaign (6-11) 3:30-4:15 Teen Holiday One Shot (11-18) 4:30-6:30	19 Story Time 11:00 Kidz Club 1-4 – Mario Kart Tournament	20 <b>Science Saturday 10:00 am After Hours Teen Winter Holiday Party 6-8</b>
21	22 <b>Free Craft 1-4</b>	23 Toddler Time 10:00 am Crochet Club 3:30 Teen Time 5:30	24 Closing Early	25 Closed	26	27 Movie 2:00 PM
28	29 Winter Fairy Houses 10-2 Please register	30 Toddler Time -10:00 am Crochet Club- 3:30 Teen Hangout- <b>5:30</b>	31 Closing Early			

## December

**South Sioux City Public Library**

2121 Dakota Ave.

**402-494-7545**



**2025**



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 <b>Tech Help Mondays – 5pm</b> <b>Maker Mondays – 6pm</b>	2 <b>Tangled Yarns – 6pm</b>	3 <b>Nebraska Department of Labor – 10am-2pm</b>	4 <b>Pause &amp; Listen – 6pm</b>	5	6 <b>Tiny Houses – 1pm</b>
7	8 <b>Cover to Cover – 3:30pm</b> <b>Tech Help Mondays – 5pm</b> <b>Maker Mondays – 6pm</b>	9 <b>Tangled Yarns – 6pm</b>	10	11	12	13
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21	22 <b>Cover to Cover – 3:30pm</b>	23 <b>Tangled Yarns – 6pm</b>	24	25 <b>Library Closed</b>	26 <b>Library Closed</b>	27 <b>Library Closed</b>
28	29 <b>Tech Help Mondays – 5pm</b>	30 <b>Tangled Yarns – 6pm</b>	31			

[publiclibrary@southsiouxcity.org](mailto:publiclibrary@southsiouxcity.org)



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



# SSC NEWSLETTER

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS CORNER

by Dr. Rony Ortega



**Happy Fall, South Sioux City!** As we begin a new season, I want to connect with you not only as superintendent, but also as a neighbor, parent, and community member.

Enrollment is up from last year, and with growth comes challenges, securing safe entrances, easing overcrowding, and modernizing facilities. These are not just school concerns; they affect property values, workforce development, and our shared pride in South Sioux City.

At the same time, we remain fiscally responsible. Thanks to our Board of Education, the district has lowered the tax levy three years in a row while maintaining strong educational opportunities.

Our high school Career Academies are thriving, and the Gateway to Learning program's move to the College Center has strengthened partnerships with higher education. On a personal note, my daughter began high school and my son started preschool this fall. Experiencing our schools as both a parent and superintendent has deepened my appreciation for the skill and dedication of our teachers, principals, and staff.

South Sioux City Community Schools are at the heart of our community. I invite you to stay engaged and join us in planning for the future so our schools and our city remain a place where families want to live, work, and grow.

Go Cards!  
Dr. Rony Ortega, Superintendent of Schools



**¡Feliz otoño, South Sioux City!** Al comenzar una nueva estación, quiero conectarme con ustedes no solo como superintendente, sino también como vecino, padre de familia y miembro de esta comunidad.

La matrícula ha aumentado respecto al año pasado y, con ese crecimiento, llegan retos: asegurar entradas seguras, aliviar el hacinamiento y modernizar instalaciones. Estos no son solo asuntos escolares; también impactan el valor de las propiedades, el desarrollo laboral y el orgullo que compartimos en South Sioux City.

Al mismo tiempo, seguimos siendo responsables con las finanzas. Gracias a nuestra Junta de Educación, el distrito ha reducido la tasa impositiva tres años consecutivos, manteniendo sólidas oportunidades educativas.

Nuestras Academias de Carrera en la preparatoria están prosperando y el traslado del programa Gateway to Learning al College Center ha fortalecido las alianzas con la educación superior. En lo personal, mi hija comenzó la preparatoria y mi hijo inició el preescolar este otoño. Vivir nuestras escuelas como padre y superintendente ha profundizado mi aprecio por la dedicación de nuestros maestros, directores y personal.

Las Escuelas Comunitarias de South Sioux City están en el corazón de la fortaleza de nuestra comunidad. Les invito a mantenerse involucrados y a unirse en la planificación del futuro, para que nuestras escuelas y nuestra ciudad sigan siendo un lugar donde las familias quieran vivir, trabajar y crecer.

¡Go Cards!  
Dr. Rony Ortega, Superintendente de Escuelas

**South Sioux City Community Schools**

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