



December 2025

CARDINAL *Pride*

New South Sioux City Police Chief

On October 27, 2025 during the city council meeting Steve Heide was sworn in as the new South Sioux City Police Chief. Heide was a lieutenant with the South Sioux City Police Department before becoming chief and has served with the department since 1987.

Congratulations to Lieutenant Steve Heide on being appointed as the new South Sioux City Police Chief. We wish him great success as he steps into this important leadership role.



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Trash Holiday Schedule

Christmas Day trash will be picked up the following day; same scheduled for New Years Day Trash

DECEMBER 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 Noon
Finance Committee*:	3rd & 17th at 11:00 a.m.
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 6th 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

Mailboxes vs. Winter Weather

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

This fall several mailboxes have been photographed and documented that are currently 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 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.



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

With the upcoming winter season

The City of South Sioux City would like to remind the citizens of the snow emergency policy

Parking is prohibited on the designated SNOW EMERGENCY ROUTES. These routes are permanently marked with signage. Primarily, they are the secondary streets that are used for heavier traffic. A list of the routes can be obtained from Customer Service at City Hall. Vehicles may be towed if parked, stalled, or stuck, on one of the routes.

Also during the Snow Emergency period, all non-emergency route streets will utilize the alternate parking requirement. Parking will be allowed only on the even sides of the streets, on even calendar days. For instance, on the 2nd, 4th, 6th, and so on, days of the month, vehicles would be allowed to park on the even addressed sides of the street.

So Remember: During a Snow Emergency: Do NOT park on Emergency Routes

It is NOT ACCEPTABLE to blow, push, shovel snow from sidewalks or driveways out into the city streets. Questions can be directed to 402-494-8166

Con la próxima temporada de invierno

La ciudad de South Sioux City desea recordar a los ciudadanos la política de emergencia por nieve

Está prohibido estacionar en las RUTAS DE EMERGENCIA POR NIEVE designadas. Estas rutas están señalizadas de forma permanente con señalización. Principalmente, son las calles secundarias las que se utilizan para el tráfico más pesado. Se puede obtener una lista de las rutas en el servicio de atención en city hall. Los vehículos pueden ser remolcados si están estacionados, estancados o atascados en una de las rutas.

También durante el período de Emergencia por Nieve, todas las calles con rutas que no sean de emergencia utilizarán el requisito de estacionamiento alternativo. Se permitirá el estacionamiento solo en los lados pares de las calles, en días pares del calendario. Por ejemplo, los días 2, 4, 6 y así sucesivamente del mes, los vehículos podrían estacionarse en los lados de la calle con direcciones uniformes.

Recuerde: durante una emergencia por nieve: NO se estacione en las rutas de emergencia

NO ES ACEPTABLE soplar, empujar, palear la nieve de las aceras o entradas a las calles de la ciudad.

**City offices will be closing at noon on Wednesday,
December 24th & December 31st
And will remain closed all day on Wednesday,
December 25th & January 1st**

**The City of South Sioux City wishes all a joyous &
Peaceful holiday season!**



South Sioux City
Christmas Tree Pick Up
ONLY
January 12th - 16th 2026



Place your Christmas tree out beside your garbage container on your *regular* garbage pick up day. Trees need to be clear of decorations including lights & tinsel. Trees in bags &/ or Flocked trees will **NOT** be collected!

This service is brought to you by **South Sioux City Public Works**. All trees will be chipped and recycled.

DECEMBER IS NATIONAL IMPAIRED DRIVING PREVENTION MONTH

She was only 13 years old in 1980 when she was killed by a repeat drunk-driving offender, her name was Cari Lightner and she is one of thousands of victims who die every year from alcohol impaired offenders who take to the road. Her death launched the campaign of Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) founded by her mother Candace Lightner. This grass roots effort led by victim survivors, family, and friends have made great strides in educating the public, passing legislation, and providing advocacy for victims and their families through senseless tragedies that occur on the roadway every day.

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 and December recorded the highest number of alcohol related crashes of 110. Thirty-two years ago in Nebraska there were 159 alcohol related deaths. These statistics show the result of MADD's tireless efforts to make the roads safe for everyone. It has been a long battle to get to where we are today but MADD and its members strive to fight for safer and sober roads.

In 32 years MADD has made an impact, here are a few but not all of the milestones enacted:

1984: Federal 21 Minimum Drinking Age Act signed into law on July 17.

1986: Project Red Ribbon-known today as **Tie One On For Safety** is launched.

1988: All states and D.C. pass federal 21 drinking age law.

1994: Alcohol-related deaths drop to a 30 year low.

1996: www.madd.org launched.

2000: National .08 BAC (blood alcohol content) measure signed into law on October 23.

2004: All states and D.C. pass .08 BAC as the illegal drunk driving limit.

2005: 1-877-MADD-HELP 24-hour victim helpline launched.

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

Submitted by: Dakota County Victim Assistance Program

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 drive-way snow onto any city street.

Only Dakota Ave businesses may move their side-walk 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 se limpiarán dentro de las 5 horas posteriores a la terminación de 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

JANUARY







SOUTH SIOUX CITY PUBLIC LIBRARY ADULT EVENT CALENDAR

2121 DAKOTA AVE. 402-494-7545



2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
ALL ADULT PROGRAMS ARE 16+ UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED PLEASE REGISTER FOR PROGRAMS ON OUR WEBSITE.				1 LIBRARY CLOSED	2	3
4	5 TECH HELP MONDAYS - 5:30PM	6 TANGLED YARNS - 6PM 	7 NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF LABOR — 10 AM-2 PM	8	9	10
11	12 TECH HELP MONDAYS - 5:30PM WOMEN'S TALKING CIRCLE - 5 PM COVER TO COVER 3:30PM-4:30PM	13 TANGLED YARNS - 6PM 	14	15	16	17
18	19 TECH HELP MONDAYS - 5:30PM	20 TANGLED YARNS - 6PM 	21	22	23	24 BASIC CLOTHING MENDING - 10AM
25	26 TECH HELP MONDAYS - 5:30PM	27 TANGLED YARNS - 6PM 	28	29	30 GOODWILL OF THE GREAT PLAINS JOB ASSISTANCE - 9AM	31



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

JANUARY

CHILDREN'S EVENT CALENDAR

ALL PROGRAMS ARE 30 MINUTES UNLESS STATED OTHERWISE.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 Library Closed	2 Story Time 11:00am Kidz Club 3:45pm	3 Anime Club 10am-2pm
4	5 Lets Craft 3:30pm YOUTH WRITING CLUB 4:30PM - 5PM	6 Toddler Time 10:00am CROCHET CLUB 3:30PM TEEN TIME 5:30PM	7 PERLER BEAD CLUB 3PM-5:15PM	8 Drones 3:30pm	9 Story Time 11:00am Kidz Club 3:45 pm	10 TEEN BOOK CLUB 1PM
11	12 Lets Craft 3:30pm	13 Toddler Time 10:00am CROCHET CLUB 3:30PM TEEN TIME 5:30PM	14 PERLER BEAD CLUB 3PM-5:15PM	15 DUNGEONS & DONNA KIDS (6-11) 3:30 TEENS (11-18) 4:30	16 Story Time 11:00am Kidz Club 3:45pm	17 SCIENCE SATURDAYS 10AM
18	19 Lets Craft 3:30pm	20 Toddler Time 10:00am CROCHET CLUB 3:30PM TEEN TIME 5:30PM	21 PERLER BEAD CLUB 3PM-5:15PM	22 Game On 3pm - 7pm	23 Story Time 11:00am Kidz Club 3:45pm	24 SCAVENGER HUNT ALL DAY
25	26 Lets Craft 3:30pm	27 Toddler Time 10:00am CROCHET CLUB 3:30PM TEEN HANGOUT 5:30PM	28 PERLER BEAD CLUB 3PM-5:15PM	29 DUNGEONS & DONNA KIDS (6-11) 3:30 TEENS (11-18) 4:30	30 Story Time 11:00am Kidz Club 3:45pm	31 MOVIE 2PM

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 move into the season of gratitude, I want to thank our families and community for their incredible support of our schools. This fall, we saw some of the highest levels of participation in parent-teacher conferences in decades — with nearly 100% attendance across all of our elementary schools! Your partnership makes a tremendous difference in the success of our students.

A special thank you as well to the community members serving on our District Facilities Think Tank. Your time, ideas, and dedication are helping shape the future of our schools. We're continuing to seek input from everyone— please take a few minutes to complete our community survey, open November 7–23, by visiting our website or scanning the QR code included here. We're asking for your feedback on the recent election, the challenges facing our schools, and possible solutions. Listening to our community is a top priority.

Finally, thank you to our students, staff, and families for an outstanding first quarter of learning, achievement, and growth in SSC. Together, we are building on the goals outlined in our District Improvement Plan, and continuing to make South Sioux City a place where families want to live, work, and grow.

Go Cards!

Dr. Rony Ortega



¡Querida comunidad:

ssccards.org/survey

A medida que entramos en la temporada de gratitud, quiero agradecer a nuestras familias y a toda la comunidad por su increíble apoyo a nuestras escuelas. Este otoño, vimos algunos de los niveles más altos de participación en las conferencias de padres y maestros en décadas, ¡con casi un 100 % de asistencia en todas nuestras escuelas primarias! Su colaboración marca una gran diferencia en el éxito de nuestros estudiantes.

Un agradecimiento especial también a los miembros de la comunidad que forman parte de nuestro District Facilities Think Tank. Su tiempo, ideas y dedicación están ayudando a dar forma al futuro de nuestras escuelas. Continuamos buscando la opinión de todos; por favor, tómese unos minutos para completar nuestra encuesta comunitaria, abierta del 7 al 23 de noviembre, visitando nuestro sitio web o escaneando el código QR incluido aquí. Estamos pidiendo sus comentarios sobre las elecciones recientes, los desafíos que enfrentan nuestras escuelas y las posibles soluciones. Escuchar a nuestra comunidad es una de nuestras principales prioridades.

Finalmente, gracias a nuestros estudiantes, personal y familias por un excelente primer trimestre de aprendizaje, logros y crecimiento en SSC. Juntos, estamos construyendo sobre las metas establecidas en nuestro District Improvement Plan y continuamos haciendo de South Sioux City un lugar donde las familias quieran vivir, trabajar y crecer.

¡Go Cards!
Dr. Rony Ortega

South Sioux City Community Schools

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