



January 2026

# CARDINAL *Pride*

## South Sioux City Police Department Badge Pinning.

During City Council meeting on November 24, 2025, a badge pinning ceremony was held to congratulate the two bottom officers that were promoted

On behalf of the community we would like to congratulate Sergeant Clint Nelson on being promoted from Sergeant to Lieutenant and Officer Dan Caskey on being prompted to Sergeant.




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## JANUARY PUBLIC MEETINGS

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

City Council Meeting\*: 12TH & 26th at 5:00 p.m.  
 Community Development Agency: 13th & 27th at 11:00 a.m.  
 Finance Committee\*: 7th, 14th, 21st & 28th at Noon  
 Public Works Committee\*: 5th & 19th at 5:00p.m.  
 Design Commission: 1st & 15th at 8:30 a.m.  
 Planning & Zoning Commission: 14th & 28th at 4:00 p.m.

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

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

### South Sioux City Library – 2121 Dakota Avenue

Library Board: 7th 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)

## REMINDER ATV/UTV/**GOLF CART** PERMITS IN CITY STREETS

Reminder that 2026 **ATV/UTV/GOLF CART** registrations are now available.

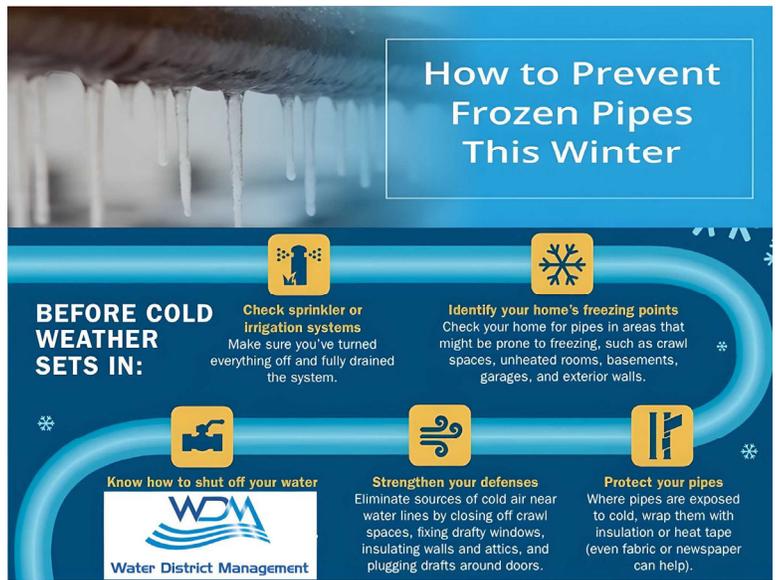
New initial registrations will receive one permit year sticker and a license plate. Renewal registrations shall receive a permit year sticker only, that should be placed on the original license plate. The license plate should be affixed on the rear of the **ATV/UTV/GOLF CART** and the year permit sticker should be placed on the plate's top right corner.

To register **ATV/UTV/GOLF CART**'s, you will need to call the LEC (494-7555) and an officer will be sent to do the inspection. **ATV/UTV/GOLF CART**'s must be inspected yearly and permits are not transferrable. Once the inspection is complete, the officer will direct the individual to take the completed form to City Hall and pay the \$25 annual registration fee. Police and Community Service Officers will be issuing tickets to any **ATV/UTV/GOLF CART** that is not displaying the current 2025 permit.

UTILITY-TYPE VEHICLE DOES NOT INCLUDE LOW-SPEED VEHICLES, RIDING LAWNMOWER OR MOTORIZED WHEELCHAIRS.

For complete policy/regulations go to [https://www.southsiouxcity.org/egov/documents/1734532692\\_16281.pdf](https://www.southsiouxcity.org/egov/documents/1734532692_16281.pdf)

**ATV/UTV/GOLF CART** Vehicle Inspection  
South Sioux City Police Department



### 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 driveway snow onto any city street.

**Only Dakota Ave businesses may move their sidewalk 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 sean limpiadas dentro de las 5 horas posteriores al terminar 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 is Stalking Awareness Month

In 2003, Congress established January as National Stalking Awareness Month. Many of us in the community may never experience this form of violence. However, 3.4 million people who are over 18 are stalked every year. (Baum et al., (2009). "Stalking Victimization in the United States." BJS.)

Stalking is a repeated pattern of behaviors directed at a specific person which causes the person to be fearful. This conduct can include but is not limited to, direct or indirect threats to harm the victim, victim's family, friends, children, or pets, unwanted and frightening communications from the stalker by mail, phone, or e-mail, following the victim, sending the victim unwanted gifts, damaging victim's property, tracking the victim's whereabouts with hidden cameras or global positioning systems (GPS), monitoring victim's computer by spyware software, finding out information through public records, online searches, or going through victim's garbage. Stalkers can be strangers, acquaintances, friends, co-workers, current or former spouses, and boyfriends/girlfriends. 3 in 4 stalking victims are stalked by someone they know (Baum et al.)

For a victim of stalking the impact of the unwanted intrusion varies from person to person however some responses may include:

**Fear** -leaving the house at night, the phone ringing, or being by themselves;

**Stress**-unable to concentrate, easily distracted or worried, or forgetting things;

**Anxiety**-constantly looking over their shoulder, safety of family members, whether or not the stalking will stop;

**Nervousness**-being on edge, irritable, startled by small things, or jumpy;

**Hyper vigilance**-always on high alert to the known and unknown dangers or continually checking locks on doors and windows.

If you are a victim of stalking taking precautions to protect your safety can include varying your daily routine, changing travel routes, always being in the company of family or friends, carrying pepper spray or mace, & protecting personal information. Victims of stalking should put in place a safety plan and to always trust their "gut feeling" or instinct.

Here are some ways victims can document what the stalker is doing:

1. Contact & work with law enforcement to report any and all situations that involve the stalker.
2. Keep a written journal or record of events and be specific to the behaviors exhibited and what took place.
3. Keep any letters, photos, video, voicemail, text messages, packages, etc., you received from the stalker.
4. Videotape the stalker if coming to your house, following you in your car, coming to your job, etc...
5. Educate yourself about stalkers and stalking behaviors.

List of websites that can be accessed for more information on stalking:

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

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

[www.stalkingvictims.com](http://www.stalkingvictims.com)

Submitted by:  
Dakota County Victim Assistance  
Program  
402.494.7550



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



Place your Christmas tree out beside your garbage container on you *regular* garbage pick up day. Trees need to be clear of decoration's 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.

## STOP THE CLOGS: Implementing Effective Do Not Flush in South Sioux City

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.

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.



**DO NOT  
FLUSH**

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.

However, with time and consistent messaging, public education around the Do Not Flush symbol is already helping South Sioux City reduce emergency clogs and extend equipment life.

### [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.

# TREE FACTS

What can a tree do for you? A lot. Check out all the ways—sometimes unexpected—that trees positively affect us, our communities, and our world.

## Trees help clean our air

Global forests have been instrumental in combating climate change, removing about one-third of fossil fuel emissions annually. Trees also play a critical role in improving air quality and public health by filtering pollution from the atmosphere. Additionally, roadside trees can significantly enhance indoor air quality, reducing nearby pollution levels by more than 50%.

## Trees contribute to our health

A study across 10 cities found that community forests save an average of one life each year, with New York City trees alone saving eight lives annually. Additionally, office workers with a view of trees experience significantly less stress and greater job satisfaction.

## Trees provide us with oxygen

A single large tree can supply a day's worth of oxygen for up to four people, while the Amazon Rainforest alone produces more than 20% of the world's oxygen, highlighting the vital role forests play in sustaining life on Earth.

<h1>FEBRUARY</h1> <h2>SOUTH SIOUX CITY PUBLIC LIBRARY</h2> <h3>ADULT EVENT CALENDAR</h3>						
  				2121 DAKOTA AVE. 402-494-7545		
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2 TECH HELP MONDAYS - 5:30PM	3 TANGLED YARNS - 6PM 	4 NE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR - 10AM-2PM	5	6	7 VALENTINE EARRINGS - 1PM
8	9 COVER TO COVER 3:30PM-4:30PM WOMEN'S TALKING CIRCLE - 5PM TECH HELP MONDAYS - 5:30PM	10 TANGLED YARNS - 6PM 	11 ON COLOR: ALMA'S ABSTRACTS - 6PM	12 SWITCH & STITCH 2 - 10:30AM PAPER STARS - 4PM VALENTINES MOVIE - 6PM	13	14
15	16 TECH HELP MONDAYS - 5:30PM	17 TANGLED YARNS - 6PM 	18	19 BLACK HISTORY BINGO - 6PM	20	21 SWITCH & STITCH - 10:30AM
22	23 COVER TO COVER 3:30PM-4:30PM TECH HELP MONDAYS - 5:30PM	24 TANGLED YARNS - 6PM 	25 VENETIAN MASKS - 6PM	26 ENCUENTROS Y CUENTOS: BILINGUAL BOOK CLUB - 6PM	27 GOODWILL OF THE GREAT PLAINS JOB ASSISTANCE - 10:30AM	28
ALL ADULT PROGRAMS ARE 16+ UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED PLEASE REGISTER FOR PROGRAMS ON OUR WEBSITE.						



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 HTTPS://LIBRARIES.NE.GOV/SOUTHSIOUXCITY



# SSC NEWSLETTER

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS CORNER

by Dr. Rony Ortega



Dear Community,

This holiday season, I want to extend my deep appreciation to our students, staff, families, and community for a strong first semester of the 2025–26 school year. We have reached the midpoint of our academic calendar, and thanks to your support, our schools continue to thrive.

At the end of November, we received exciting news with the release of the annual state school classifications. Nebraska’s Accountability for a Quality Education System, Today and Tomorrow (AQuESTT) provides the framework for school support, improvement, and accountability statewide. South Sioux City Community Schools has raised the floor and more of our schools are rising in performance, with several now earning “Great” and “Excellent” designations. We are incredibly proud of the hard work and dedication shown by our students and staff, and deeply grateful for the unwavering support of our families and community.

As a proud board member of the South Sioux City Chamber of Commerce, I encourage you to shop and dine locally this holiday season. Supporting our local businesses strengthens our economy, our workforce, and our community. And if you have in-laws or relatives flying in for the holidays — and you’d prefer not to add room service to your own list of responsibilities — we’re fortunate to have the nicest Marriott in the region right here in South Sioux City!

Thank you for a wonderful first semester and for everything you do to make SSC a great place to live, learn, and grow. I wish you and your loved ones a joyful, safe, and restful holiday season.

Dr. Rony Ortega, Superintendent of Schools



**Estimada comunidad,**

En esta temporada navideña, quiero expresar mi más profundo agradecimiento a nuestros estudiantes, personal, familias y comunidad por un sólido primer semestre del año escolar 2025–26. Hemos llegado a la mitad de nuestro calendario académico y, gracias a su apoyo, nuestras escuelas continúan prosperando.

A finales de noviembre recibimos noticias muy emocionantes con la publicación de las clasificaciones estatales anuales de las escuelas. El sistema Nebraska’s Accountability for a Quality Education System, Today and Tomorrow (AQuESTT) proporciona el marco para el apoyo, la mejora y la rendición de cuentas de las escuelas a nivel estatal. Las Escuelas Comunitarias de South Sioux City han elevado su nivel y cada vez más de nuestras escuelas están aumentando su desempeño, con varias obteniendo ahora las designaciones de “Great” y “Excellent”. Estamos increíblemente orgullosos del arduo trabajo y la dedicación de nuestros estudiantes y personal, y profundamente agradecidos por el apoyo inquebrantable de nuestras familias y comunidad.

Como orgulloso miembro de la junta directiva de la Cámara de Comercio de South Sioux City, los animo a comprar y comer localmente durante esta temporada navideña. Apoyar a nuestros negocios locales fortalece nuestra economía, nuestra fuerza laboral y nuestra comunidad. Y si tienen suegros o familiares que vienen en avión para las fiestas y prefieren no agregar servicio de habitación a su propia lista de responsabilidades tenemos la fortuna de contar con el Marriott más bonito de la región aquí mismo en South Sioux City.

Gracias por un maravilloso primer semestre y por todo lo que hacen para que SSC sea un excelente lugar para vivir, aprender y crecer. Les deseo a ustedes y a sus seres queridos una temporada navideña alegre, segura y llena de descanso.

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

**South Sioux City Community Schools**

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