



One Pot/ Pan Meals and More @ the Library

Family Movies: The Library shows family movies each Monday at 4:00 p.m. and Saturday at 10:00 a.m.



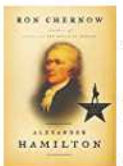
A Dog's Journey (11/2, 4, & 9) Beloved dog Bailey is given an instruction by his boy Ethan -- no longer a boy -- to protect Ethan's granddaughter CJ at any cost. Again, Bailey takes this command to heart, through several lives, always finding his way home no matter what.

A Dog's Way Home (11/11, 11/16) As a puppy, Bella finds her way into the arms of Lucas, a young man who gives her a good home. When Bella becomes separated from Lucas, she soon finds herself on an epic, 400-mile journey to reunite with her beloved owner. Along the way, the lost but spirited dog touches the lives of an orphaned mountain lion, a down-on-his-luck veteran and some friendly strangers who happen to cross her path.



Free Birds (11/18, 11/23) Two turkeys from opposite sides of the tracks must put aside their differences and team up to travel back in time to change the course of history, and get turkey off the holiday menu for good.

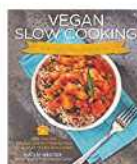
Toy Story 4 (11/25, 11/30) Woody has always been confident about his place in the world and that his priority is taking care of his kid, whether that's Andy or Bonnie. But when Bonnie adds a reluctant new toy called 'Forky' to her room, a road trip adventure alongside old and new friends will show Woody how big the world can be for a toy.



Tangled Yarns is each Tuesday at 6:00 p.m.

Library Advisory Board meets on Wednesday November 6th at 5:30pm

Cover to Cover will discuss *Alexander Hamilton* by Ron Chernow on Monday November 11th, Monday November 25th, and December 9th 3:00 p.m.



Cookbook Book Club "One pot/pan meal": Bring your one pot/pan dish, the recipe, the book or magazine there you found it and 6:30pm



The South Sioux City Public Library will close on Wednesday, November 27th at 8:00 p.m. and reopen on Saturday November 30th at 9:00 a.m.

Historically, **Thanksgiving** has traditionally been a celebration of the blessings of the year, including the harvest. What Americans call the "Holiday Season" generally begins with Thanksgiving. **Thanksgiving is celebrated both** with family and in public places with parades

Veteran's Day is on Monday, November 11th. Take time to honor the veterans who served our country



From the Superintendent's Office

The safety of our students and staff is one of the most important factors to a successful school district. South Sioux City Community Schools is committed to ensuring our schools are safe and our staff is prepared. To enhance this, in 2017, we moved to a Standard Response Protocol (SRP) called "I Love U Guys". We feel this protocol will give us the tools to be even more prepared for weather events, fires, accidents, intruders and other threats to student and staff safety.

The Standard Response Protocol is based not on individual scenarios but on consistent response to any given scenario. SRP demands a specific vocabulary but also allows for great flexibility. The premise is simple - there are four specific actions that can be performed during an incident.



- Lockout** is followed by the Directive: "Secure the Perimeter" and is the protocol used to safeguard students and staff within a building.
- Lockdown** is followed by "Locks, Lights, Out of Sight" and is the protocol used to secure individual rooms and keep students quiet and in place.
- Evacuate** is always followed by a location, and is used to move students and staff from one location to a different location in or out of the building.
- Shelter** is always followed by a type and a method and is the protocol for group and self protection.
- Hold** is a "hold" in the classrooms. Students and teachers are directed to stay in their rooms and clear the hallways. This is typically used for medical emergencies.

In addition to our Protocols, we have several Specialty Teams in the District to further tighten our response systems. With all working in collaboration, we feel more prepared to handle incidents that may occur during the course of the year. The following teams are in place and have been trained:

Safety & Security Team: A team that includes representatives from all building safety teams and meetings quarterly. This team is committed to and responsible for assessing any safety risks that could affect the schools, staff, and students. This group is responsible for safety and security planning, prevention, and disaster preparedness and response.

Parent Reunification Team: If a school would ever be forced to dismiss students from an alternate location, this team would coordinate efforts at the designated Parent Reunification Site. This District team responds to such an event and coordinates the dismissal procedures and to reunite students with their parents.

District Communication Team: Coordinating all communication efforts to our parents, staff, students and the community. This includes local media outlets, district website, twitter, facebook, email, phone, etc.

District Crisis Team: Led by our School Counselors, this team assembles any time there is a critical incident. This team is trained to provide trauma mitigation and education in the aftermath of a critical incident.

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[HTTP://WWW.SSCCARDINALS.ORG](http://www.ssccardinals.org)



November 2019

CARDINAL Pride

Beginning October 2019, the **South Sioux City Police Department** announced its **second consecutive year** of participation in the Pink Patch Project (**#PinkPatchProject**). The Pink Patch Project is a collaborative effort between public safety agencies to combat breast cancer by raising public awareness and by raising funds for breast cancer education, research and treatment. This campaign started in Los Angeles, CA and has been growing in participation across the country. The goal of the partnership between the agencies is to fight breast cancer on a larger scale.



About 1 in 8 U.S. women will develop invasive breast cancer over the course of her lifetime.

The program centers on making pink versions of public safety employee's uniform patches. The SSCPD version is similar to the original patch on the police uniform but colored in Pink and has a pink ribbon on the bottom. Uniformed members of the PD can choose to wear the patches on the uniforms during the month of October, which is Breast Cancer Awareness Month. Wearing pink patches on the officer's uniforms is intended to stimulate conversations with the community during our daily contacts with them and to encourage discussion with the public about the importance of early detection and treatment in the fight against this disease. Additionally, the department raises funds by selling patches to the public as well as t-shirts with the Pink Patch insignia and other collectible items. The South Sioux City Police Department sells pink patches (\$10), t-shirts (\$20-\$25), and lapel pins (\$5). Members of the public can support the **#PinkPatchProject** by purchasing pink patches, tee-shirts, and other items directly from the South Sioux City Police Department. Pink patches and tee-shirts are available at the **Dakota County Law Enforcement Center, 701 West 29th Street, South Sioux City, NE** year round. More information about the Pink Patch Project can be found via Facebook by liking "**Pink Patch Project**" and "**NE Pink Patch Project**".

Cardinal Christmas Basket Program

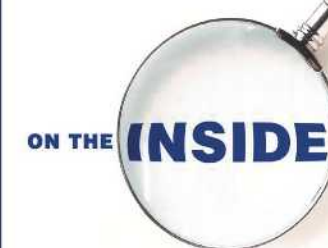
In December 2019, volunteers from Siouxland, with support from the South Sioux City Schools and Homer Schools, will again join forces for "Cardinal Christmas Baskets 2019". IMPORTANT DATES: Saturday, December 14 - 9am to 3pm: Donations can be given to bell ringers on Dakota Avenue or to volunteers at the SSC Hy-Vee. Friday, December 20- 7pm: SSC north fire hall- Pack food items into boxes. Saturday, December 21- 8am: SSC north fire hall- Deliver food to recipient families. More information in Decembers newsletter.

NOVEMBER PUBLIC MEETINGS

City Hall Council Chambers— 1615 1st Avenue
City Council Meeting*: 11th & 225th at 5:00 p.m.
Community Development Agency: 14th at 11:00 a.m.
Finance Committee*: 6th, 13th, 20th, & 27th at Noon
Public Works Committee*: 4th & 18th at 5:00p.m.
Design Commission: 7th & 21st at 8:30 a.m.
Planning & Zoning Commission: 13th & 27th at 4:00 p.m.

Parks & Recreation Office— 1021 E 6th Street
Parks & Recreation Board: 4th at 5:15 p.m.
South Sioux City Library— 2121 Dakota Avenue
Library Board: 6th at 5:30 p.m.

*Meetings are Broadcast Live on Cable One Channel 57
Long Lines Channel 3 and live video streamed on city website www.southsiouxcity.org



- Recycling Council's Commonwealth Award**
- Recycling News**
- Stolen Vehicles**
- Cardinal Park**
- SSC Student Council**
- MADD**
- SSC Orchard**

City offices will be closed on Thursday November 28th & Friday November 29th in observance of Thanksgiving Happy Holidays

South Sioux City receives the 2019 Nebraska Recycling Council’s Commonwealth Award

On behalf of the City of South Sioux City, Gene Maffit, Parks/Facilitates Director, accepted the 2019 Nebraska Recycling Council’s Commonwealth Award at its Annual Awards Luncheon on October 4, 2019. Through funding by the NE Environment Trust, the NE Recycling Council Commonwealth Award recognizes a business or organization, or individual that gives its time, talent, and treasure to the community in which it operates to improve the natural environment or health, welfare, and common good for all stakeholders through better materials management.

Recycling Efforts

South Sioux City has long been a proponent of recycling activities that improve the natural environment while maintaining the health and welfare of its’ residents through more effectively and efficiently materials handling processes. These recycling efforts include but are not limited to:



- Renewable Energy Storage Project - (NET 19-207) - first of its kind in the 14-State South West Power Pool to operate solar energy storage battery system, 21 acre, 2.3 megawatt capacity solar system
- Use of electric cars for city transport, use of Express Power stations. Application pending for piloting use of electric police motorcycle
- Oil burner for use in public works building using recycling oil to heat the buildings
- Implementation of 64-gallon recycling carts replacing totes, increasing usable recycling materials
- Use of word chipper to create mulch used in city parks, community garden
- Use of recycled tires, crumb rubber used in six city parks
- Bio-char for community garden
- Composting leaves and small twigs for use in community orchard and two community gardens
- Environmental efforts - recharge areas (3) rain gardens (15) with additional ones planned
- Planting and replanting for an annual goal of 500 trees and supporting Tree City for 23 years
- State's first cross-laminated timber project in the Community Orchard giving energy to area and building used for classroom
- Smaller efforts used by City staff includes office recycling coffee grounds used on the community orchard in addition to usual efforts (recycle cans, waste)



Data that verifies the measurable effect of the achievement(s).

- 1.5MW/2-hour Battery Storage System attached to existing 2.3MW Solar System to be operational in 2019
- Solar system - 21 acres, 2.3 megawatt capacity, reaches this capacity daily as sun shines
- Oil burner heating public works building for 2018: 369 gallons of used oil received; 150 gallons of recycled oil used
- Number of active garbage recycling participants = 985 households; Tons of recycling collected for the preceding 12-month period ending June 2019 = 130.88 tons
- All traffic signals are currently using LED lights. Additional planned savings when all street lights are changed to LED as replaced. LED bulbs might consume 15 or 20 watts instead of 100, so the power consumption drops by a factor of five or six.
- Approximately 100-150 cubic yards of composting material (leaves, grass and small twigs) collected and used annually by parks and facility department.
- Approximately 250 -300 cubic yards of sawmill waste used on soccer fields and added to composting area.
- Approximately 200 cubic yards of wood chips created and used annually in parks and facility department

Positive News: Recycling in South Sioux City Continues

New Covered Recycling Containers Go Fast

Recently the City along with Western Disposal, made available approximately 480 new larger blue totes to the recycling public. A state grant from NE Environmental Trust of \$13,841 was obtained to reduce the costs for our residents. These were purchased by residents for \$12 less \$2 for the old green bin and are selling very quickly. These totes have lids on them and the contents are much less likely to blow out. The City is looking into another grant to purchase another large group of these totes. Sometime off in the future, the green bins will be discontinued. That notice will come with plenty of advance warning.

Plastic Recycling Will Continue

In a recent reversal; plastic will continue to be recycled with a small change. This change is the discontinuing of placing plastic film and plastic bags into the recycling bins. The plastic shopping bags may be able to be reused or taken back to your retailer. It is always a good idea to use the cloth reusable bags anytime as this will cut down on the number of plastic bags out there.

Students participate in “Into the Streets”



Four students participated in Into the Streets on Wednesday, October 2, 2019 by assisting the City Clerk’s office with sorting old records some dating back to 1964. Thank you to Andrea Lopez, Duc Phan and Rosalie Nguyen students at Morningside College and Rachell Lopez a student at Bishop Heelan High School.



Morningside College's Into the Streets is a student organized annual event by Omicron Delta Kappa (ODK), where students give back to the Siouxland Community through volunteering. Groups and teams help out the community with a variety of projects like cleaning, painting, or organizing. This year marked the thirteenth year of the event. Over 800 volunteers, 3,000 of volunteer hours, and over \$65,000 of monetary impact went into the community.

It is very important that a Police Department keeps the citizens of their community aware of recent crime trends. One of the largest increases in our City’s crime rate over the last several years has been the number of motor vehicles stolen each year. The numbers of motor vehicles stolen each year for the last 5 years are as follows:

2014	18
2015	21
2016	37
2017	46
2018	36

I am very pleased to announce that our number of stolen vehicles fell last year. With your help, our stolen vehicles went from 46 in 2017 to 36 in 2018. While that is a great improvement, there is still much work to be done. Many of the vehicles stolen were left running unattended by their owners or the keys were left inside the vehicle.

Another area that our citizens are being victimized is by having their property stolen from inside of their unlocked vehicles. Again with your help, we have also cut the numbers of thefts from motor vehicles from 52 in 2017 to 26 in 2018.

One of the best ways to continue to fight crime is to prevent it in the first place. You can be one of our best crime stoppers by just doing several easy things.

- Do not leave your car running unattended outside of your house.
- Do not leave you car unlocked with the keys left inside the vehicle.
- Do not leave any items in plain sight inside your locked car.
- Report any suspicious subjects that you see.

Please check the South Sioux City Police Department’s face book page for these and more crime prevention tips. Chief Ed Mahon

The South Sioux City Community School District held a ribbon cutting for the renovated playground at Cardinal Park where visitors got to see the new equipment and enjoy a hot dog. “This is a school district property but it’s kind of seen as a park for the neighborhood and it’s important these kids have a safe place to play. And a lot of them have siblings practicing or playing in those events and it gives them something to do and makes them excited about coming here,” Lance Swanson with the South Sioux City School District said.



South Sioux City High School Student Council

The South Sioux City High School Student Council was recognized by the South Sioux City Council for a successful Homecoming Week

2019. The Student Council is a student leadership board created to coordinate a series of events and programs during the school year. Homecoming Week is by far their busiest time of the year, they also host and help with many other projects like the recent College Fair. Linda Swanson is the Student Council Advisor.



MADD

Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) is a large victim service organization in the United States supporting drunk and drugged driving victims and survivors. Drunk driving remains the nation’s most frequently committed violent crime. Underage drinking remains the No.1 youth drug problem, killing more young people than all other illicit drugs combined. Each year nearly 13,000 people die in impaired-driving crashes. According to Givinglibrary.org, every year over 10,000 families get the tragic news that their loved one had been killed in a drunk driving crash, but those who find out that their loved one survived will never be the same again.

Alcohol is a depressant and affects the Central Nervous System or CNS. If you suspect someone of being drunk some signs to look for are altered speech. If the person is slurring their words are incoherently speaking and not making any sense it can be a sign that they are very impaired. A very strong sign that a person is drunk is the way they are walking. Look to see if the individual is having trouble walking straight or keeping their balance. Hold up your fingers and ask them how many are up, because someone who is drunk and impaired usually has foggy or blurred vision. Many drunk drivers get into accidents because they have slowed reaction time, hazy thinking and poor judgment (usually in bad weather conditions as to their speed).

There are three steps in MADD’s campaign that we can all take today to stop drunk driving.

1. Support our heroes, that is, be vigilant to help law enforcement catch drunk drivers while discouraging others from drink driving as well.
2. Sober to start which is the requirement of ignition interlock devices, or in-car breathalyzers for all drunk drivers.
3. Secure the future and support technology and other advancements in the effort to stop drunk driving.

For more information please visit:

<https://www.activistfacts.com/organizations/17-mothers-against-drunk-driving/>

<https://givinglibrary.org/organizations/mothers-against-drunk-driving>

Dakota County Victim Assistance Program (DCVAP) can be reached at 402.494.7550

dcvap@southsiouxcity.org



Photo on the left was taken from Julio Munoz, he was a student at UNL School of Architecture and helped design and build parts of the building the youth are standing in.

This is a Kindergarten class from Harney Elementary. They were looking out 2nd story windows, getting a bird’s eye view of the orchard; and learning about bees with UNL Master Gardener Ron Macomber.

South Sioux City Community Orchard

Nearly 1200 pounds of apples were given away from the South Sioux City Orchard this fall. Volunteers who work the orchard were pleased at the number of people who joined them during fall open houses for apple picking. “This was a perfect year for fruit to set and reach maturity for the five year old trees”, said Carol Larvick, Extension Educator for the University of Nebraska Extension in Dakota County. She added, “We had over 150 adults come and visit the orchard, which was great for our first year open to the public and our first year having more than a bucket full of fruit.”



Several groups of youth came to visit the orchard. They tasted different varieties of apples, learned about honeybees from UNL Master Gardener, Ron Macomber, and got to pick their own apple.

The orchard is a part of the South Sioux City Parks Department. They collaborate on the project with the University of Nebraska Extension in Dakota County and their Master Gardeners to oversee the orchard. There are 100 trees and 12 different varieties of apples. Linda Castor, UNL Extension Master Gardener explains to people visiting the orchard that apple trees don’t need to be so tall you can’t reach the fruit, they can be a shorter tree that is easier to pick.

Gene Maffit, South Sioux City Parks Director said, “There is always work to be done in the orchard, so any individuals or groups that would like to help, can contact us.”Follow the orchard on Facebook at South Sioux City Community Orchard.

Trash holiday schedule:

Thanksgiving Day will be picked up the following day on Friday, Nov. 29th, Christmas Day will be picked up on Thursday Dec. 26th, New years Day will be picked up on Thursday Jan. 2nd

All pick up will be delayed by one day for the remainder of the week ON all of these holidays Have a Happy and Safe

