

Seasons Greetings from the South Sioux City Public Library

Family Movies are shown each Monday at 4:00 p.m. and Saturday at 10:00 a.m.

The Grinch (12/2, 12/7) A re-telling of the classic tale about a grumpy old creature living in a cave on Mt. Crumpet who can't stand to see his neighbors in Whoville enjoying themselves. Things are especially bad at Christmas, when the Whos kick their merriment into high gear with fantastic celebrations. This year, the Grinch decides to dress up like Santa Claus on Christmas Eve and steal all the Christmas gifts and decorations so the Whos can't enjoy the season. What he finds, however, is that Christmas in Whoville is much more than gifts and decorations, it's a time to celebrate love and friendship.



The Lion King (12/9, 12/16) Simba begins life as an honored prince, son of the powerful King Mufasa. The cub's happy childhood turns tragic when his evil uncle Scar murders Mufasa and drives Simba away from the kingdom. In exile, the young lion befriends the comically bumbling pair of Pumbaa the warthog and Timon the meerkat and lives a carefree jungle life. As he approaches adulthood, however, he is visited by the spirit of his father, who instructs him to defeat the nefarious Scar and reclaim his rightful throne.



Dora and the Lost City of Gold (12/21, 12/23) Find out where things go when they get lost. The Lost City is a mysterious place that no one has ever found before. Dora and Boots race to recover their lost treasures. Boots loves to squeeze his new bath toy, but when he squeezes too hard, he can't find Squeaky. Boots and Dora have to go to Goopy Geyser to get him back. Pre-schoolers will learn Spanish language, mathematical, visual and spatial skills, plus other learning and problem solving skills.



The Angry Birds Movie 2 (12/28, 12/31) The flightless birds and scheming green pigs take their feud to the next level.



Tangled Yarns meets on Tuesday night at 6:00 p.m.

Advisory Board meets on Wednesday December 4th at 5:30 p.m.

Cover to Cover book club meets on Monday December 9th at 3:00 p.m. They will discuss the biography *Alexander Hamilton* by Ron Chernow, chapters 31 to the conclusion.

On December 23rd we will discuss the novel *Swans of Fifth Avenue* by Melanie Benjamin. When Truman Capote gains access to New York high society, he builds an unlikely friendship with socialite Babe Paley.

Cookbook Book Club meets on Thursday, December 12th at 6:30 p.m. This month we will share candy recipes. Bring your candy, a recipe, the book in which it is found, and an ingredient list.

Holiday Hours: The library will close on Tuesday, December 24th at 12:30 p.m. The library will reopen on Thursday, December 26th at 9:00 a.m. The library will also close on Tuesday, December 31st at 12:30 p.m. and reopen for Thursday, January 2nd at 9:00 a.m. Have a happy and safe holiday season.

Chanukah - Hanukkah is celebrated on December 22nd to the 30th. Chanukah is the Jewish eight-day, wintertime "festival of lights," celebrated with a nightly menorah lighting, special prayers and fried foods.

Christmas is on December 25th.

Kwanza is on January 1st, 2020. Though often thought of as an alternative to Christmas, many people actually celebrate both. "Kwanzaa is not a religious holiday, but a cultural one with an inherent spiritual quality," Karenga writes. "Thus, Africans of all faiths can and do celebrate Kwanzaa"

Have a happy and safe holiday season!

Seasons greetings



From the

Superintendent's Office

HAPPY 50TH BIRTHDAY

Celebration for the
South Sioux City



Mini-Dome!



with

Alumni Basketball Tournament

and Award Celebration

A fundraiser for the Cardinal Education Foundation, SSC Athletic Booster Club and Cardinal Basketball.

South Sioux City High School
3301 G Street

Please save the following date and make plans to attend!

December 21, 2019

Games at
7:00pm Admis-

Alumni Awards / Celebrations
between and after the games.

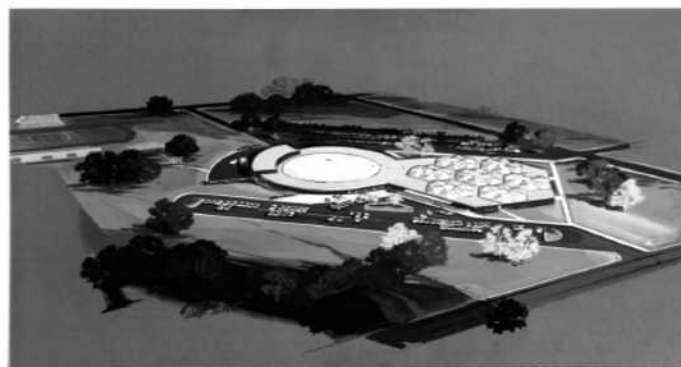


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and Honors will take place before, in-

Please contact Jared Langel at jared.langel@ssccards.org or Steve Selk at steve.selk@ssccards.org if you are interested in playing in the Alumni Basketball Games.

Social Event with Music, Food, Drinks & Fun to follow at "The Don'\$"
801 W 13th St, South Sioux City, NE 68776



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DECEMBER 2019

CARDINAL Pride

Frank LaMere Park Dedication

On Friday November 1st, Frank LaMere was celebrated for all he did for our community. Lance Hedquist, City Administrator, said "Frank LaMere embodied an inspirational national leader in humanitarian, environmental, civic justice, and patriotic causes. We will celebrate his life, his successes, and his dreams for a positive future."



Franklin Dean LaMere (March 1, 1950– June 16, 2019) was an American activist and politician. He was a member of the Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska from South Sioux City, Neb. And the son of a Gold Star Mother and a combat veteran father. He was a member of the American Indian Movement in the 1970s and was noted for his work opposing liquor sales in Whiteclay Nebraska.



Rod Koch, Mayor, said "South Sioux City is honored to have been the home of long time citizen and political activist Frank LaMere. His love of family and community has been a lesson to us all on the true meaning of dedication and respect. We are proud to honor his legacy with the dedication of Frank LaMere Park and look forward to the joy it will bring the community, which is exactly what Frank would have wanted."



DECEMBER PUBLIC MEETINGS

City Hall Council Chambers– 1615 1st Avenue		Parks & Recreation Office – 1021 E 6 th Street	
City Council Meeting*:	9th & 23rd at 5:00 p.m.	Parks & Recreation Board:	2nd at 5:15 p.m.
Community Development Agency:	12th & 26th at 11:00 a.m.		
Finance Committee*:	4th, 11th, & 18th Noon	South Sioux City Library – 2121 Dakota Avenue	
Public Works Committee*:	2nd & 16th at 5:00p.m.	Library Board:	4th at 5:30 p.m.
Design Commission:	5th & 19th at 8:30 a.m.		
Planning & Zoning Commission:	11th at 4:00 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



- Snow Plow Safety
- Dangers of Christmas
- Carbon Monoxide
- Trees of Hope
- Cardinal Christmas Basket Program
- Clean Sidewalks
- Nebraska Radon Resistant New Const.

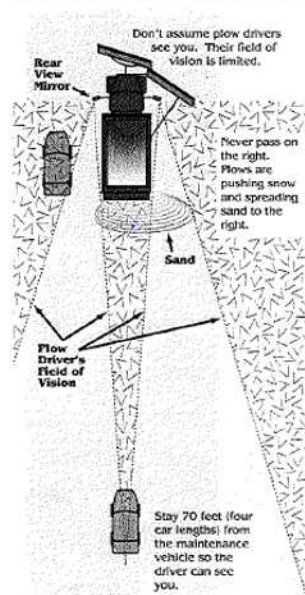
City offices will be closed at noon on Tuesday Dec. 24th & Dec. 31st and will remain closed all day on Wednesday December 25th & January 1st.



SNOW PLOW SAFETY

- **Don't assume Snow Plow drivers can see you**
- **NEVER Pass on the Right of a snow plow**
- **Stay 70' behind to allow drivers see you**
- **Remember Plows stop frequently**

When You See a Snow Plow



If you can't see the driver in the mirror, he can't see you!

Even though a street has been plowed and sanded, drive carefully, there still many be slippery spots.

Remember, plows back up frequently!

Volunteer of the month is Tony Gomez

Along with his wife Eugenia, Tony came to the United States from Mexico in the early 70's and has lived in Nebraska since. Tony and Eugenia have 3 sons (Francisco, Sam and Saul) including 6 grandkids. Tony has started from humble beginnings, working at IBP and then beginning the pallet manufacturing plant that is now operated by his sons (Sam and Saul). He has served as a Dakota County commissioner for 11 years; and an active member of the Dakota county/ South Sioux City joint Law Enforcement Center. Tony has been involved with the Mexican Consulate for activities in Omaha and Dakota County; the consulate awarded Tony with the highest award in the state of Nebraska for his involvement in the Hispanic community

Thank you Tony for all your hard work



Carbon Monoxide

As we have entered the Fall season with winter just weeks away, the colder air has made its presence in Siouxland. Turning on the heaters, and furnaces can be as simple as making setting adjustments and turning them on. Furnaces that have been dormant since last spring might have a layer of dust even a kids toy on or about the heating system which presents issues of burning and melting. The biggest issues fire departments have are gas fired systems that present Carbon Monoxide (CO) concerns. CO is an insidious toxin that seems tailor-made to fool the unsuspecting. It is invisible and colorless, so it can be impossible to detect without specialized equipment. CO poisoning is easily mistaken for the flu because they share many of the same symptoms, including nausea, headaches, and fatigue. And the risk of CO poisoning is greatest during these ensuing cold months of flu season.

How do you recognize potential sources of CO build-ups? Any gas fired system must have a flue, a venting source to the outside. Water heaters have a conical shaped riser above the vent which oftentimes becomes bumped and disconnected thus allowing improper venting of the burnt gases. Checking that pilot lights remain lit to reduce even natural or LP gas buildup is important. Check to assure that flue vent piping are not disconnected, or even holes in the pipe are a must to have examined by heating professionals.

The greatest defense in all this is to purchase a CO detector and install it according to the UL listed directions. If you already have them, then change out the batteries as you would for your smoke detector and fire alarm systems. And, don't be fooled by the flu, that can also be an issue compiled by improperly vented gas appliances. The remedy for the flu can be fatal if a person is actually suffering from CO poisoning. For the flu, it's best to stay at home and rest. But, if CO is present, immediate evacuation is the best case response. Unfortunately it is not uncommon for victims of CO poisoning to be sent back home to rest-right back to the toxic environment that sent them to the hospital in the first place.

Signs and symptomology: Nausea, feeling sick to your stomach, Headaches that will not go away

Remedies:

- Install CO detectors
- Change out batteries
- Get outside and call 9-1-1
- Air out the house
- Check all flue pipe connections
- Have a professional service technician check out your heating system

Finally, if you think you might have a CO problem, dial 9-1-1 and ask for the fire department to come out and check your house

Clint Merithew
Fire Chief

Trees of Hope

Families who need Christmas trees, light, and decorations can go to Heartland Counseling Services located at 917 W 21st Street available now through Christmas day



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 2018". Co-chairs of the organization are local residents Tom Luxford from SSC high school and Bill Garvey from Tyson Fresh Meats. Our project will deliver Christmas food baskets to disadvantaged and financially challenged families, senior citizens, and the disabled throughout Dakota County, as well as to the Siouxland Family Center and the South Sioux City Senior Center.

All South Sioux City elementary schools, the middle school and high school, as well as St. Michael's School, and the Homer Community Schools will be holding canned food drives in order to obtain enough items to supplement the groceries purchased at Hy-Vee.

Community service organizations will **Ring Bells** on several street corners on **December 14th 9:00 am to 3:00 pm on Dakota Avenue and Hy-Vee** to solicit funds from the community.

On December 17th, 18th, 19th, volunteers will gather at the South Sioux City Fire Hall to sort the collected canned goods, fill the baskets and personally deliver them to the families.

December 20th @ 7:00 pm, pack boxes at 201 West 16th St. (Fire Hall). Please bring gloves.

December 21st @ 8:00 am, delivery of boxes. Meet at 201 West 16th St. (Fire Hall).

Non-perishable food items can be dropped off at Siouxland Bank, City Hall or the SSC Chamber Of Commerce starting **Monday, November 25.**

Tax deductible donations can be sent to the South Sioux City Municipal Foundation, PO Box 987, South Sioux City, NE 68776. Please indicate that the donation is for Cardinal Christmas Baskets.

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.

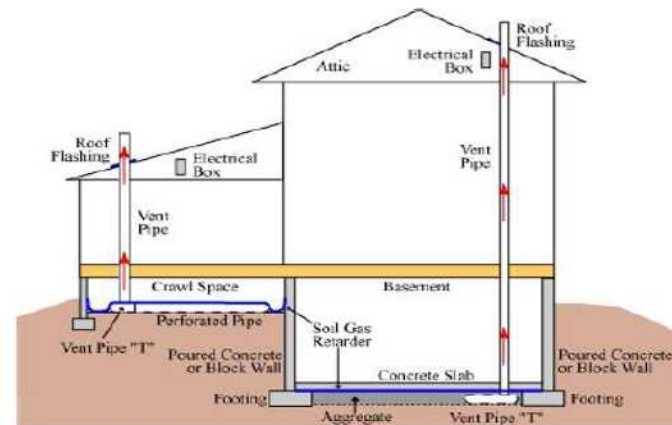
If a property owner fails to keep their sidewalks clean, the city will notify the property owner or post a sign on the property ordering the work done immediately and failure to comply with this order will constitute a misdemeanor. The city will then clean the sidewalk and the total expenses will be charged against the property as a special assessment for improvement or may be recovered by civil suit brought by the city against the owner or occupant of the property.

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.

Nebraska Radon Resistant New Construction (RRNC)

Summary of the Law Effective September 1, 2019



The purpose of the Radon Resistant New Construction Act is to protect public health and welfare from exposure to radon, the second leading cause of lung cancer next to smoking. RRNC utilizes design elements and construction techniques that passively resist radon entry and prepare a building for an active post construction mitigation system.

LB130 amends the state building code to adopt sections of the International Building Code (IBC), the

International Residential Code (IRC), and the International Existing Building Code. It requires those standards and the minimum standards for RRNC adopted under section 76-3504 to be enforced by a county, city, or village as part of its local building code if they adopt or generally conform to the state building code.

The building code requires that a passive radon mitigation system be installed in all new construction residential dwellings and original construction commercial structures. New construction does not include additions or remodeling of existing structures.

These passive systems could be activated by the building contractor or a subcontractor of the building contractor.

While passive radon systems contain only 2 elements, a radon vent pipe and a physical barrier between the soil and house foundation, RRNC utilizes 4 approaches to reduce radon levels in buildings:

- Prevent radon entry by using barrier methods.
- Reduce the radon entry driving forces.
- Use passive radon reduction techniques to cause an upward movement of air inside a radon pipe and allow that air to escape through a supplied opening, thus reducing radon levels in the home.
- Prepare the building for possible radon system activation by installing electrical components, sump pit lid requirements and pipe run selection.

New construction after the effective date shall not be required to use RRNC if:

- the building uses the design of and architect or licensed engineer
- the building is located in a Zone 3 county with an average radon level of 2.7 pCi/l
- for other than a residential building, it is determined by a local building official that RRNC is not necessary

South Sioux City Christmas Tree Pick up ONLY January 6-10, 2020

Place your Christmas tree out beside your garbage container on your *regular garbage* pickup 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 are chipped and recycled.

