

Curbside Pickup is a HIT!



If you would like to participate, all you need is your library card! You can put materials on hold online with your library card or call during regular business hours. A staff member will gladly find your materials and get them ready for you. Visit our online catalog or call the library for more details, 402-494-7545.

April Showers
brings May
Flowers

Sign up for a Temporary Access Card

In the interest of public safety, we sadly had to close our doors to help slow the spread of the COVID-19 virus. While we are strongly encouraging social distancing we are doing everything we can to ensure that services are available.



The South Sioux City Public Library is currently offering Temporary Access Cards to all local residents for our online databases. You can learn about the world through food, recipes, and culture via AtoZ World Food. Kids can develop their research skills using DoGo news, which offers articles in English and Spanish. Are you interested in learning a new language? Lingo Lite and Mango Languages offers many different options, such as Spanish, Arabic, English, Korean, or even Pirate.

Call us today to sign up for a Temporary Card!

PRESERVE YOUR MEMORIES

Since you have some extra time at home, why not safeguard those photos and memories that you have always wanted to organize? Did you know that improperly storing your items can invite some unexpected issues?

Water and pests are the two main culprits that damage papers, photos, or other cherished keepsakes. The best place to store items is in a clean, dark spot. Taping, laminating, staples, and paperclips could possibly deteriorate and cause other problems.

To get more tips, sign up for our Beyond the Stacks online newsletter on our website.

TAKE YOUR CENSUS

The 2020 Census is happening now. You can complete your questionnaire online or by mail.

Most households received their invitation to respond to the 2020 Census in March. These official mailings included detailed information and a Census ID for completing your forms online.

If you do not have online access a paper questionnaire will be mailed in the near future.

It takes only minutes to complete the census online, once you have your Census ID. Find out more at <https://2020census.gov>.

South Sioux City Public Library
2121 Dakota Ave
South Sioux City, NE 68776
Phone: (402) 494-7545
[Southsiouxcity.org/library](https://southsiouxcity.org/library)



From the

Superintendent's Office

GRAB-N-GO MEALS

South Sioux City Community Schools

Pick up Tuesday & Friday

10:00am - 12:30pm

(or while supplies last)

Youth in the community (age 18 and under) may pick up **free** meals at the three locations listed below on TUESDAYS and FRIDAYS. Youth will be given 3 breakfasts and 3 lunches on Tuesday and 4 breakfasts and 4 lunches on Friday. The student must be present to pick up the meals.

Pick up @ Dakota City Elementary 1801 Locust St, Dakota City - Door #1


Pick up @ Cardinal Elementary 820 E 29th Street - Door #11

Pick up @ Covington Elementary 2116 A Street - Door #3

Delivery Tuesday & Friday

(or while supplies last)

*Starting this week, look for a yellow school bus. School staff will be delivering meals to the locations below on TUESDAY and FRIDAY only. Youth in the community (age 18 and under) may pick up **free** meals at the designated mobile sites. Youth will be given 3 breakfasts and 3 lunches on Tuesday and 4 breakfasts and 4 lunches on Friday. The student must be present to pick up the meals.*

Bus Route 'A'			Bus Route 'B'		
10:15am-11:15am	Lake Village Mobile Home Park	604 152nd Street	10:15am-11:00am	Canterbury Village Apartments	2515 Willow Street
11:30am-12:30pm	Siouxland Estates ("Atokad")	1520 Atokad Drive	11:10am-11:45am	Klasey Park	West 12th Street
			12:00pm-12:45pm	Riverfront Apartments	860 River-view Drive

Menu Items subject to change based on availability of supplies. Please continue to monitor the District website and social media for updates regarding meal service. Times and locations subject to change.

VISIT OUR SCHOOL WEB PAGE ONLINE AT:
[HTTP://WWW.SCCARDINALS.ORG](http://www.sccardinals.org)



MAY 2020

CARDINAL Pride

SOUTH SIOUX CITY APRIL COMMUNITY PRIDE AWARD GREAT WEST CASUALTY COMPANY

The City of South Sioux City is honored to recognize Great West Casualty Company as the recipient of the April Community Pride Award. The award recognizes volunteer efforts that make the South Sioux City area a great place to live.

Great West Casualty Company has partnered with Siouxland CARES for the Teen Court in South Sioux City/Dakota County program. Great West has been a long-time supporter of Siouxland CARES. Employees have served as Teen Court judges and Siouxland CARES Board members.



Scott Rager served on the Siouxland CARES Board from 1992 to 1997. When Teen Court started 20 years ago, Scott volunteered as its first judge. That was the beginning of a great partnership with Great West Casualty Company as they have continued to supply the program with judges since that time.

Past judges include Scott Rager, Mike Yaneff, Mark Galvin, Kate Dykstra and Katie Reichenbach. Current judges are Jamie Meehan and Dave Hawkins. Special thank you to past and present Siouxland CARES Board members Scott Rager, Mike McGowan and Tyler Tigges, as well as Mayor Rod Koch.

Thank you to Great West Casualty Company, the Teen Court judges, and Siouxland CARES Board members for making our community a better place to live, work, and raise families.



- **National Missing Children's Day**
- **Weeds, Grasses, and Litter Nuisance**
- **Hydrant Flushing**
- **NE Homestead Exemption**
- **Tips for Parents**

City offices will be closed on Monday May 25th in observance of Memorial Day



MAY PUBLIC MEETINGS

City Hall Council Chambers— 1615 1st Avenue
City Council Meeting*: 11th & 26th at 5:00 p.m.
Community Development Agency: 14th & 28th at 11:00 a.m.
Finance Committee*: 6th, 13th, 20th & 27th at 12:00 p.m.
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.
Rental Board: 7th at 5:00p.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 Sparklight (Cable One) Channel 57 Long Lines Channel 3 and live video streamed on city website www.southsiouxcity.org

National Missing Children’s Day

Each year, the Department of Justice (DOJ) commemorates Missing Children’s Day with a ceremony honoring the heroic efforts of agencies, organizations, and individuals to protect children. In 1983, President Ronald Reagan proclaimed May 25 as National Missing Children’s Day.

This day is dedicated to encourage people that grow concern on the well-being of children to make child safety a priority. This also serves as a reminder to continue our efforts to reunite missing children with their families. The National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMRC) leads the fight against abduction, abuse, and exploitation. This program provides safety and prevention resources for families and child-serving professionals focusing on topics of real-world safety. This includes- skills on how to handle a variety of situations ranging from staying home alone to knowing what to do in case of an emergency, to abduction and child sexual exploitation prevention.

How can you help?

You can become a NCMEC Ambassador, to become involved visit <https://www.missingkids.org/supportus/get-involved>. Let’s help bring awareness to missing and exploited children’s issues in your community. It takes all of us to help recover missing children and prevent sexual exploitation. NCMEC relies on you, and our communities, to help be an advocate for the innocent voices. For more information, please visit: <https://ojjdp.ojp.gov/events/national-missing-childrens-day#gov-banner>

<https://www.missingkids.org/gethelpnow/csam-resources>

Dakota County Victim Assistance Program (DCVAP) can be reached at 402.494.7550 dcvap@southsiouxcity.org

NOTICE
PROPERTY OWNERS AND OCCUPANTS OF
SOUTH SIOUX CITY
8” Weeds, Grasses or Worthless Vegetation Removal and Litter Nuisance Ordinance No. 2013-17

City ordinance 2013-17 states in part “The owner or occupant of any lot or piece of ground shall keep the lot or piece of ground and the adjoining street and alleys free of any growth of eight (8”) inches or more in height of weeds, grasses or worthless vegetation or to litter or cause litter to be deposited or remain thereon”. In the event a property owner or occupant fails to abate the nuisance, the City shall have such work done and all costs associated with the nuisance abatement shall be the responsibility of the property owner. In addition to the costs associated with the nuisance abatement, fines shall be levied as follows:

1st Violation - \$100.00
2nd Violation - \$200.00
3rd Violation - \$500.00

Spring is here

Spring is here and so here comes spring cleaning. Fresh cut grass, fresh coat of paint, fertilizing, filling up the family pool, and washing the car all have one thing in common. Can you guess what that is? **YOU**, you are the first line of defense to help prevent storm water pollution. With spring comes rain and then rain washes fresh cut grass down the storm drain and can cause plugs and backups. Also washing your car, over fertilizing, and draining your swimming pools goes into the drain pipes and goes downstream to the river or lakes where it can do harm to local wildlife and aquatic plant life. A little knowledge along with prevention goes a long way in keeping our earth green. Please do your part.

Nebraska Homestead Exemption Application
Form 458 For filing after February 1, 2020, and by June 30, 2020

- Overview The Nebraska homestead exemption program is a property tax relief program for six categories of homeowners:
1. Persons over age 65
 2. Veterans totally disabled by a nonservice-connected accident or illness
 3. Qualified disabled individuals
 4. Qualified totally disabled veterans and their widow(er)s
 5. Veterans whose home was substantially contributed to by the Department of Veterans Affairs (DVA) and their widow(er)s
 6. Individuals who have a developmental disability

There are income limits and homestead value requirements for categories 1, 2, 3, and 6. The income limits are on a sliding scale. There are no income limits and homestead value requirements for categories 4 and 5.

Who May File. Any individual qualifying under one of the categories listed below who, on January 1, is an owner-occupant of a residence, including every person who has previously been granted a homestead exemption may file a Form 458. An owner-occupant means: (1) the owner of record or surviving spouse (current year only); (2) the occupant purchasing and in possession of a homestead under a land contract; (3) one of the joint tenants, or tenants in common; or (4) the beneficiary of a trust that has an ownership interest in the homestead. The trustee must be the record title owner and the beneficiary-occupant, and pursuant to the terms of the trust, has: (1) the specific right to occupy the homestead; (2) the right to amend or revoke the trust to obtain power of occupancy or legal title; or (3) the power to withdraw the homestead from the trust and place the record title in his or her name. A homestead exemption is available to U.S. citizens or qualified aliens. Check the applicable box and indicate your alien registration number if you are a qualified alien. The Nebraska Homestead Exemption Information Guide is available at revenue.nebraska.gov/PAD, by clicking on “Homestead Exemption” in the menu to the left.

When and Where to File. This form must be completed, signed, and filed after February 1 and by June 30 with your county assessor. **Failure to timely file is a waiver of the homestead exemption.**

For More information **contact your local county assessor’s office, or visit revenue.nebraska.gov/PAD/homestead-exemption**, or call 888-475-5101

Household Income Table				
Over Age 65		Percentage of Relief	Disabled Veterans & Disabled Individuals	
Single	Married, closely related, or widowed		Single	Married, closely related, or widowed
\$ 0 — 29,400.99	\$ 0 — 34,500.99	100%	\$ 0 — 33,100.99	\$ 0 — 37,900.99
29,401 — 30,900.99	34,501 — 36,400.99	90%	33,101 — 34,700.99	37,901 — 39,800.99
30,901 — 32,500.99	36,401 — 38,300.99	80%	34,701 — 36,200.99	39,801 — 41,700.99
32,501 — 34,000.99	38,301 — 40,100.99	70%	36,201 — 37,700.99	41,701 — 43,500.99
34,001 — 35,500.99	40,101 — 42,000.99	60%	37,701 — 39,300.99	43,501 — 45,400.99
35,501 — 37,100.99	42,001 — 43,900.99	50%	39,301 — 40,800.99	45,401 — 47,200.99
37,101 — 38,600.99	43,901 — 45,700.99	40%	40,801 — 42,300.99	47,201 — 49,100.99
38,601 — 40,100.99	45,701 — 47,600.99	30%	42,301 — 43,900.99	49,101 — 51,000.99
40,101 — 41,700.99	47,601 — 49,400.99	20%	43,901 — 45,400.99	51,001 — 52,800.99
41,701 — 43,200.99	49,401 — 51,300.99	10%	45,401 — 46,900.99	52,801 — 54,700.99
43,201 and over	51,301 and over	0%	46,901 and over	54,701 and over

9 tips for parents whose children are now learning at home because of Coronavirus

Limit distraction

A "digital quarantine" might be necessary to keep your child's attention focused on their schoolwork. You should limit their use of their devices, other than what is needed to complete their work, until their schoolwork is done. If you choose, you can allow your child to play on a device during a designated break, but make them aware that they only have a limited amount of time until they need to get back to work.

Make space for learning

Many adults have a specific area of the home in which they do work, and it's important that you create a similar space for your child. Your children will achieve their best work in a quiet, comfortable, and dedicated space that is strictly devoted to learning. This space should be a different set-up than where they normally play games or watch television.

Maintain breaks such as snack time and recess

Routines and schedules are extremely important for children at school, and this is no different in their at-home school. Children will function best if they maintain their routine as close to normal as possible. Setting alarms similar to those they would encounter at school can be helpful for keeping them on a schedule. Around lunch time, encourage them to get up, get some fresh air, go for a walk or bike ride, or have a snack so that they are not sedentary for the entire day.

Allow them to interact with friends via video chats

Your children are used to lots of social contact at school, so they will definitely feel the effects of being distanced from them even after a few days. While it might not be safe for your kids to see their friends in person, you should allow them to interact with them online, beyond social media or text messaging. Video chats are often the closest thing to seeing someone in person, and are a great way to get in social time without endangering yourself or others. If your child does not regularly video chat with their friends, you can speak with other parents to set up a video chat playdate.

Mix screen time with old school learning mediums

Overuse of screen time can have adverse impacts on young brains, so it's important to mix it up during a time like this. It's likely that your children will want to continue to use a screen of some sort during their breaks from doing work, so it's important to limit screen time by mixing in old school mediums as well. Hopefully teachers have sent home hard copy packets that they are able to work from. If not, print out anything you can for your child. As much as possible, parents should encourage print and book reading and, if possible, request textbooks from your child's school.

Keep in touch with other parents

Social distancing is important during this time, but staying in touch with others via virtual communication is very important. Each parent that has a child home is going to be going through a new experience. Check in with other parents to see what they've found effective, and ask if they need help as well.

Don't underestimate the power of a schedule

If you and your children are all doing work from your home, it's likely that this is the first time that has ever happened. A schedule, for your work and your child's work, is extremely important. To start, experts recommend keeping them on the same or similar sleeping schedule that they have when they are going into school. If a schedule was not provided by their teachers, help them write one for not only each day, but each week, as well. Having a clear vision of what is expected of your child will help them see that just because they are home does not mean they don't have work to do. Experts recommend helping them prioritize and learn to create goals, tasks, and deadlines, just like adults do when they go to work.

Don't let your children treat this as a vacation

This time at home might feel like a vacation for your child, but it's important to remind them that their education still comes first. Obligations like class assignments, grades, tests, state exams, SATs, and ACTs aren't going away just because classes have moved online.

Remember to schedule time for fun

While this is most certainly not a vacation, it's important to have some fun with your children while they are at home. It's rare that you have this much time with your children, so use it as an opportunity to bond. Experts at Children and Screens recommend organizing a tournament, family card games, charades, or chess, or getting outside for a hike or walk together.