



Look Out for Scams



During times of disaster and uncertainty scammers know we're at our most vulnerable. This is the time they're most rampant and most successful. Fraud and schemes can start with an unsolicited phone call, via social media, email, or in person.

Scams can be difficult to identify because they can operate in many forms from impersonating charities, the IRS or Treasury department, to completely bogus charities, and people claiming help you file claims or get tax refunds. Some will ask for donations, while others may directly ask for your financial information.

If someone contacts you offering money in the form of grants, stimulus payments in exchange for your personal information, a fee, or the purchase of a gift card DO NOT RESPOND. These are just a few examples of scams, and must be reported. If you receive a scam phone call or email, contact the FBI at www.ic3.gov. If you are subject of a scam, please contact the police department and report it.

Visit our YouTube channel for tutorials and information on identifying, reporting, and stopping scams.

*Do what we can,
summer will have
its flies.*

~Ralph Waldo Emerson

WE'VE BEEN THROUGH THIS BEFORE

What You Didn't Know about the Spanish Flu

The Spanish Flu of 1918 is the last time that we saw a pandemic of the size we see today. Richard Gunderman, of Indiana University wrote an article for the March 19, 2020 Discover Magazine online that shows us some things we didn't know about the Spanish Flu.

- The 1918 flu spread rapidly, killing 25 million people in just the first six months. Though more lethal than other strains, this flu was not fundamentally different from those that caused epidemics in other years.
- It was not the first wave, but the second wave of the virus, that the highest death rates were observed.

Today scientists know more about how to isolate and handle large numbers of ill and dying patients, and physicians can prescribe antibiotics, not available in 1918, to combat secondary bacterial infections. To such common-sense practices as social distancing and hand-washing, contemporary medicine can add the creation of vaccinations and anti-viral drugs. This knowledge is the reason we need to heed the direction of the experts who are working hard to deal with the contemporary COVID-19 virus.

Summarized from Discover Magazine Online

Libraries Love Small Businesses

We know that small businesses everywhere are suffering due to COVID-19 and the resources to assist are taking a while to get to many small business owners. The South Sioux City Public Library knows that our local businesses are what helps to keep the community growing, and it is important for our local businesses to thrive while adjusting to the changes the new corona virus demands.

The library holds a monthly reading contest for a gift certificate to a local business. Participants can read or listen to any book in each month's category for a chance to win a gift certificate for a local business. So far, winners received gift certificates for Walmart, HyVee, and El Ranchito. Contact us to learn more.

This summer, the library is requesting the assistance of our local businesses. We are putting together a story walk for families to participate in and would love to be able to hang a poster in a window front of your store.

If you're a business owner and would like to participate, please contact Odessa at the library 402-494-7545 or ocooley@southsiouxcity.org

What on Earth are Murder Hornets?

The Asian giant hornet is a big, mean-looking insect with a potent sting. Their queens can grow up to two inches long and their quarter-inch stingers can pierce normal beekeeping attire. They are also voracious predators capable of massacring entire honey bee hives in a matter of hours—decapitating thousands of the hive's adult bees and absconding with the helpless larvae to feed the hornets' own brood. The *Times*' coverage was widely shared, causing many in the United States to add invasion of the world's largest hornet to their growing list of concerns for 2020. But are these so-called "murder hornets," as some researchers call them, really killers?

"You shouldn't worry about it," says Floyd Shockley, the entomology collections manager at the Smithsonian National Museum of Natural History. "More people die of honey bee stings in the U.S. than die annually, globally, from these hornets." ~Smithsonian Magazine Smart News

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



From the Superintendent's Office

Preschool

The South Sioux City Community School District is committed to providing a free preschool education to students who live in the community and have **reached age 4 on or before July, 31 2020**. To secure your child's spot in preschool for the 2020-2021 school year, please register by completing the process found and described on our website. www.scccardinals.org

You will also need to provide the following documentation:

- Parent Identification
- Birth Certificate (not the hospital copy)
- Shot Records
- 2 Proofs of Residence (such as a current utility bill, lease or mortgage, W2, Car Registration)

Kindergarten!

To register for Kindergarten for the 2020-2021 school year, children must be 5 years old on or before July 31, 2020.

To secure your child's spot in kindergarten for the 2020-2021 school year, please register by completing the process found and described on our website. www.scccardinals.org

You will also need to provide the following documentation:

- Parent Identification
- Birth Certificate (not the hospital copy)
- Shot Records
- 2 Proofs of Residence (such as a current utility bill, lease or mortgage, W2, Car Registration)

****NOTE:** if your child attended the Cardinal Preschool at EN Swett you don't need to bring the listed documents. Students that attended our preschool are automatically registered and we are assuming they will attend Kindergarten.

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



JUNE 2020

CARDINAL Pride

2020 Summer Panel Replacement

The City of South Sioux City announces the start to panel replacements throughout the city. Construction began on May 21st, 2020 and will end by August 31st, 2020. The following areas are sited for construction:

- G Street and East 27th and Stagecoach.
- 2306 E. 23rd North bound lane by Evelyn's Bakery.
- 2311 East 23rd South bound and by Hair Do's by Boun.
- 1601 Dakota Ave South bound lane by Pizza Hut.
- 1009 Dakota Ave South bound land by Rick's Radiator and Window's World.
- 2800 Dakota Ave and East 28th by Chinese Chef North bound lane.
- 2829 Dakota Ave South bound land by Knight's inn.
- 2700 Dakota Ave North bound lane next to Diversified Insurance.
- 22nd and Dakota Ave South bound lane by South Sioux City Library and Maria's Supermarket.

We kindly ask for your patience and understanding during this process. For more information, please contact Assistant City Administrator, Oscar Gomez at 402.494.9407.

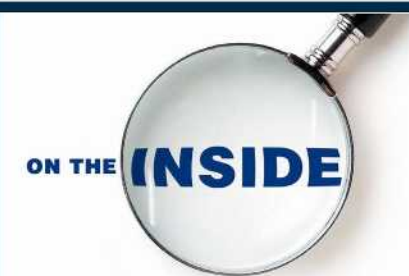
JUNE PUBLIC MEETINGS

City Hall Council Chambers– 1615 1st Avenue
City Council Meeting*: 8th & 22nd at 5:00 p.m.
Community Development Agency: 11th & 25th at 11:00 a.m.
Finance Committee*: 3rd, 10th, 17th, & 24th at Noon
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.
Rental Board: 4th at 5:00 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 Sparklight (Cable One) Chanel 57 Long Lines Channel 3 and live video streamed on city website www.southsiouxcity.org



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CITY OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED ON FRIDAY JULY 3RD

HAVE A SAFE HOLIDAY

Please be advised that Ordinance 2019-12 is now in effect within the city limits and reads as follows:

§42-157 FIREWORKS; DISCHARGE RELATED.

It shall be unlawful for any person to discharge, explode, or use any permissible fireworks within the City of South Sioux City except from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. on July 1st to July 3rd, and from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. on July 4th; and from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 a.m. on December 31st to January 1st of each year.

- Make sure that this year's 4th of July celebration is a safe one by following CPSC (Consumer Product Safety Commission) guidelines.
- Never allow young children to play with or ignite fireworks.
- Avoid buying fireworks that are packaged in brown paper because this is often a sign that the fireworks were made for professional displays and that they could pose a danger to consumers.
- Always have an adult supervise fireworks activities. Parents don't realize that young children suffer injuries from sparklers. Sparklers burn at temperatures of about 2,000 degrees - hot enough to melt some metals.
- Never place any part of your body directly over a fireworks device when lighting the fuse. Back up to a safe distance immediately after lighting fireworks.
- Never try to re-light or pick up fireworks that have not ignited fully.
- Never point or throw fireworks at another person.
- Keep a bucket of water or a garden hose handy in case of fire or other mishap.



Grilling Fire Safety

Stay fire safe this summer! Follow these grilling safety tips.



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For more information and resources, visit www.usfa.fema.gov.



Parks:

While we are dealing with all the issues we are right now I can tell you that we are also busy doing all the work in the parks. We have been working on damage from flooding in the area of the soccer fields and campground in Scenic Park. We have replanted grass all but 2 of the 8 fields that were damaged during the 3 flood events last year. The parks are getting greener and with that the dandelions have gone crazy. So we have our hands full spraying all of the city property. We have the seasonal staff running mowers and mowing about 1/2 of the acres the city has to mow and it is looking great. The campground has 44 of the 135 sites down due to the flood and we will be working on them shortly. The ladies are hard at work making the flower beds look amazing. Soon we will put out the flower pots and the hanging baskets on Dakota Ave. With all we are doing we still find time to plant trees and have planted 125 trees in the parks so far. We do our best to keep all the parks in great shape with a limited number staff. If you're looking for something to do this summer check out the Community Orchard Carol, Linda, Dianne and Ron have done a great job there once again this year. They are looking for more volunteers to work in the orchard if your need things to do. I would like to ask anyone using the parks to please keep your pets on a leash and to pick up after them. I would also ask all park visitors to please help us keep the parks clean and put your trash in a trash can. I hope you all have a great summer and I hope to see you in our parks.



Thanks from the Parks Department



How to Stay Safe this Summer

Summer is just ahead when we all spend a lot of time outside, enjoying the outdoors. But this year summer fun will be different due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. The American Red Cross offers safety tips you can follow.

If your community is reopening, know what precautions to take in public settings.

- Keep at least 6 feet between yourself and others.
- Wear cloth face coverings, especially in crowded areas. Do not place them on children under age 2.
- Help limit your risk by taking steps to reduce the number of places you go and your exposure to other people.
- Order food and other items for home delivery or curbside pickup, if possible.
- Visit the grocery store and other stores in person only when necessary.
- Stay at home if you are sick



Human Trafficking

What is Human Trafficking? Human trafficking involves the use of force, fraud, or coercion to obtain some type of labor or commercial sex act. Every year, millions of men, women, and children are trafficked worldwide – including right here in the United States. It can happen in any community and victims can be any age, race, gender, or nationality.

Recognizing key indicators of human trafficking is the first step in identifying victims and can help save a life. Below are a few red flags to look out for.

- Is the person fearful, timid, or submissive?
- Does the person show signs of having been denied food, water, sleep, or medical care?
- Is the person living in unsuitable conditions?
- Does the person appear disconnected from family, friends, community organizations, or houses of worship?

Elements of human trafficking

The Act (What is done): Recruitment, transportation, transfer, harbouring or receipt of persons

The Means (How it is done): Threat or use of force, coercion, abduction, fraud, deception, abuse of power or vulnerability, or giving payments or benefits to a person in control of the victim

The Purpose (Why it is done): For the purpose of exploitation, which includes exploiting the prostitution of others, sexual exploitation, forced labor, slavery or similar practices and the removal of organs.

Traffickers manipulate, exploit, and prey on the vulnerabilities of individuals who have unstable home life, lack employment, or have a history of abuse and trauma. Traffickers can use many forms of control such as, confiscating the victims' money and identification, move them frequently from place to place, and do not allow victims' to speak with family and friends.

By identifying victims and reporting tips, you are doing your part to help law enforcement rescue victims, and you might save a life. Law enforcement can connect victims to services such as medical and mental health care, shelter, job training, and legal assistance that restore their freedom and dignity.

For more information, please visit:

<https://www.dhs.gov/blue-campaign/what-human-trafficking>

<https://www.unodc.org/unodc/en/human-trafficking/what-is-human-trafficking.html>

Elder Abuse

Each year many people are abused, neglected, and exploited. One type that is very problematic and goes unseen is elder abuse. This type of abuse typically happens with persons, male or female, who are 65+ and older. These individuals can be frail, weak, or mentally incompetent to take care of themselves. Victims usually have a trusting relationship with the abuser such as a spouse, adult children, family member, relative or caregiver.

What Is the Long-Term Effect of Abuse?

Most physical wounds heal in time. But, any type of mistreatment can leave the abused person feeling fearful and depressed. Sometimes, the victim thinks the abuse is his or her fault. Protective services agencies can suggest support groups and counseling that can help the abused person heal the emotional wounds.

Types of Abuse:

- Physical abuse happens when someone causes bodily harm by hitting, pushing, or slapping.
- Emotional abuse, sometimes called psychological abuse, can include a caregiver saying hurtful words, yelling, threatening, or repeatedly ignoring the older person. Keeping that person from seeing close friends and relatives is another form of emotional abuse.
- Neglect occurs when the caregiver does not try to respond to the older person's needs.
- Abandonment is leaving a senior alone without planning for his or her care.
- Sexual abuse involves a caregiver forcing an older adult to watch or be part of sexual acts.

If you think someone you know is being abused—physically, emotionally, or financially—talk with him or her when the two of you are alone. You could say you think something is wrong and you're worried. Offer to take him or her to get help, for instance, at a local adult protective services agency. Elder abuse is a serious crime that needs more awareness. The elderly may not have the power or voice to speak up, but you can for them.

For more information, please visit:

https://www.cdc.gov/violenceprevention/elderabuse/fastfact.html?CDC_AA_refVal=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.cdc.gov%2Fviolenceprevention%2Felderabuse%2Fdefinitions.html

<https://www.nia.nih.gov/health/elder-abuse>

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