



SOUTH SIOUX CITY PUBLIC LIBRARY

## Library Card Scholarships

Dakota County residents who live outside the city limits of South Sioux City are unfortunately **not** eligible for a free library card. The annual cost for a card is a is currently \$75.00 per household. However, there are exceptions, the library offers two separate scholarships for free library cards.

### LOW INCOME SCHOLARSHIP

Residents who are unable to afford the cost of a library card are eligible for the low income scholarship.

Families can apply if they receive Medicaid, WIC, ADC, Free or reduced lunch, or SNAP/food stamps.

A member of the household will need to fill out an application, and bring a pay stub, tax return, or other proof of low income eligibility.

One scholarship per household will get cards for all family members.

### SOUTH SIOUX STUDENTS K-12 SCHOLARSHIP

South Sioux students who live outside of the city limits of South Sioux City are eligible for a free library card funded by the Nebraska Library Commission's Youth Excellence grant. Students must apply with a parent or guardian and provide a school ID and proof of residence.

Applications will be approved by either the Library Director, the Assistant Director, or the Circulation Director.

One scholarship per student.

Scholarships are available while funds last.

### How to apply

Applying for a free card is easy. Simply visit us and ask for an application for a scholarship. We will ask you a few questions to verify that you live outside of the city limits, and will need a copy of your qualifying information, or a student ID card.

With your new library card you can access all of our databases with your card number. You can place holds online, do research, develop job skills, access ebooks, audiobook, and more! If you are unsure how to get to all of these wonderful databases, please call us! We are always happy to help you get where you need to go.

South Sioux City Public Library | 2121 Dakota Ave | South Sioux City, NE 68776  
Phone: (402) 494-7545 | <http://libraries.ne.gov/southsiouxcity>



March 2021 Newsletter



Most of us can read the writing on the wall; we just assume it's addressed to someone else.

~Ivorn Ball



From the

## Superintendent's Office

# Kindergarten!

**To register for Kindergarten for the 2021-2022 school year, children must be 5 years old on or before July 31, 2021.**

The Kindergarten enrollment process will begin at the Welcome Center located at 204 W. 21st Street in South Sioux City.

The Welcome Center is now located next to the South Sioux City Library.

**\*\*NOTE: if your child attends the Cardinal Preschool at EN Swett you typically won't need to bring the documents again when registering for Kindergarten in the district. Students that attend our preschool are automatically registered in Kindergarten.**

If you are new to our school and/or your child did not attend our Cardinal Preschool at EN Swett, please Download and fill out the Kindergarten Enrollment Form Packet (6 pages with cover sheet) and return them to the Welcome Center (drop off, email or fax) to finalize your child's Kindergarten registration. Our Kindergarten Registration link is on the front page of our website and can be found by clicking on the *Student Registration* link located under the *Resources* tab. The district website address is [www.ssccardinals.org](http://www.ssccardinals.org) or simply just Google "SSC Cardinals". If you do not have access to a printer, please come to the Welcome Center and pickup a packet to complete and return.

You will also need to provide the following documentation:

- Parent Identification
- Birth Certificate (not the hospital copy)
- Shot Records



### Welcome Center

204 W. 21st Street  
South Sioux City, NE 68776  
Hours: 8 a.m.-3:30 p.m.



Liliana Madrid  
Central Registrar  
Ph: 402-412-2823  
Fax: 402-412-2827  
E-mail: [liliana.madrid@ssccards.org](mailto:liliana.madrid@ssccards.org)

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



MARCH 2021

# CARDINAL Pride

SIOUXLAND FREEDOM PARK TO OBSERVE NATIONAL VIETNAM WAR VETERANS DAY

Siouxland Freedom Park will commemorate National Vietnam War Veterans Day this year with another dinner and program specifically designed to recognize Vietnam veterans and their service. Monday, March 29th is the designated day, and this year due to Covid restrictions the observance will be uniquely different.

The community drive-in theatre complex on Veterans Drive will be the site of this year's event. Starting at 5:30PM attendees may drive in and pick up their "to go" meals without leaving their vehicles. Vietnam veterans and all active duty military in uniform eat free, and all others are asked to make a free will donation. All participants are invited to park on the premises to see and hear a special program presentation on the theatre stage. Announcements concerning a number of upcoming activities at the park will also be announced...including the status of the new "Freedom" Rock, this year's Thunder on The Missouri ride, and other special events.

Drive in meal pick up will commence at 5:30PM on Monday, March 29th and continue until dusk or whenever supplies are exhausted. All free will donations directly benefit Siouxland Freedom Park. For additional information contact Mike Newhouse at (712) 253-0063.



- **Chamberettes**
- **2021 Homestead Exemption**
- **Free Trees for SSC Residents**
- **Youth Violence Prevention**
- **SSC Girls Wrestling**
- **Drinking Water Safe**

### MARCH 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 & 31st 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.

Parks & Recreation Office – 1021 E 6<sup>th</sup> 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) Channel 57 Long Lines Channel 3 and live video streamed on city website [www.southsiouxcity.org](http://www.southsiouxcity.org)

### Who Is a Chamberette?

South Sioux City Chamberettes is a diverse, committed organization “dedicated to enhancing the beauty and quality of life in our community.” Since its inception in 1971, chamberettes have worked diligently toward the betterment and beautification of South Sioux City, Nebraska.

Most recognized for our “Yard of the Month” Committee; we are so much more! Chamberettes most recent found-raising efforts on behalf of the finalization phases of Siouxland Freedom Park’s Interpretive Center continues to award substantial amounts in contributions. Chamberettes pays tribute and awards both new and newly remodeled South Sioux City businesses.

Chamberettes proudly participate in Coffee Hour, Cardinal Baskets and Community Clean-up. We have successfully subsidized efforts including the Crystal Cove lighting project, and landscaping at both the Aqua plex and Welcome-Sign areas. We have assisted in the provision of lawn irrigation systems for public areas, park benches for the Bike Path and food for the Food Bank. We proudly support the South Sioux City Library, Haven House, the Senior Center, Cardinal Festival Days and College Center.

Chamberettes are caring, loyal, compassionate, contributing members of society. We are local business owners and employees. We are mentors, teachers, mothers, daughters, patriots, and neighbors. We are both young and elderly; just beginning careers, and retirees.

So, who is a Chamberette? **YOU are!** We are a flourishing, enduring group actively seeking new members. If you are interested in participating in the promotion of the commercial, civic, beautification, and educational development of South Sioux City (and would enjoy being a part of a fun-loving group for friendship and comradery!) we invite **YOU** to join us! Please contact President Debby Gunsolley at (402) 494- 4402, check us out at **South Sioux City Chamberettes** on Facebook.



### Free Trees for South Sioux City Residents

South Sioux City received a grant to support giving away trees for residents to plant in city-owned right-of-way. This includes planting the trees between the sidewalk and street. This will help to make the city shady, scenic, healthier and conserve energy. Residents will be responsible for planting and watering their tree. If interested, please respond by sending or emailing your name, address, email, phone to [SSCgrants@southsiouxcity.org](mailto:SSCgrants@southsiouxcity.org) or send to: Gene Maffit, Parks Director, 1615 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue, South Sioux City, NE 68776 or call Rec Dept. at 402-494-7535. Once the trees arrive in late Spring, City Staff will contact you and let you know more about the program.



### YOUTH VIOLENCE PREVENTION WEEK

March 29-April 2, 2021

Youth Violence involves young persons who are children, youths, and young adults that are between the ages of 10 and 24. The person can be an offender, victim, or a witness to the violence. The violence is various aggressive behaviors which may include, verbal abuse, bullying, slapping, hitting, and fist-fighting. Youth violence also includes serious violent acts such as rape, robbery, assault, and homicide committed by and against youth, which may cause injury or death. Further, youths who experience violence within a dating relationship is included in this definition. Dating violence is when one person in the relationship uses power and control over their partner. Dating violence includes physical, verbal, emotional, and sexual assault.

Youth violence starts early. Physical aggression can be common among toddlers, but most children learn alternatives to using violence to solve problems and express their emotions before starting school.

Examples of violent behavior include:

- Bullying
- Fighting (e.g., punching, slapping, kicking)
- Weapon use
- Cyberbullying
- Gang violence

#### Common types of bullying:

Physical: hitting, kicking, punching, spitting, tripping, and pushing.

Verbal: teasing, name calling, inappropriate sexual comments, or verbal or written threats.

Social: excluding someone, spreading rumors, making embarrassing comments.

According to CDC.org, homicide is the 3rd leading cause of death for young people ages 10-24. Each day, about 14 young people are victims of homicide and about 1,300 are treated in emergency departments for nonfatal assault-related injuries. Youth violence has serious and lasting effects on the physical, mental, and social health of young people.

**Prevention:** Factors that may protect some youth from violence include: connectedness to family or other adults; ability to discuss problems with parents; the perception that parental expectations for school performance are high; frequent shared activities with parents; youth involvement in social activities; commitment to school; and the consistent presence of parent during at least one of the following: when awakening, when arriving home from school, during evening mealtimes, and when going to bed.

If you would like to learn more about Youth Violence several websites can be accessed:  
<https://www.childrensafetynetwork.org/injury-topics/youth-violence-prevention>  
<https://www.cdc.gov/violenceprevention/youthviolence/index.html>  
<https://www.stopbullying.gov/> .

For more info, contact the Dakota County Victim Assistance Program at 402-494-7550.

### South Sioux City Girls Wrestling

The South Sioux City Girls Wrestling Team went into the State tournament ranked #1 and was able to hang on to that spot after a couple of lead changes during the meet. West-Point Beemer and Schuyler each lead at different times during the day. These young ladies have athletic talent, and they are great teammates and friends. Even though many of these wrestlers are new to the sport of wrestling, a

strong work ethic is a common part of their DNA. Aridiana Zamora has inspired many others to give it a try. She is the only senior and will be missed, but the rest plan to be back at state next year.



Back Row (left to right): Assistant Coach Jeff Wood, Assistant Coach Jake Renken, Jacquelyn Zamora, Aridiana Zamora, Gina Gonzalez, Alma Velencia, Yohaly Quinones, Coach Evan Bohnet, Assistant Coach Jake Becker  
Front Row: Marcella Limon, Selena Zamora, Koral Carrillo-Paniagua, Alexa De La Torre, Melissa De La Torre

### What you can do to prevent cross connections and keep your drinking water safe

1. Check your faucets to be sure that all faucet endpoints are above the flood level of the sink, tub, basin, or other apparatus they supply.
2. Protect faucet extensions by installing proper backflow prevention devices (i.e. hose bib vacuum breakers) on all faucets capable of having a hose or other extension attached.
3. Check drain lines (refrigerator drink dispensers, water softeners, heat exchangers, etc.) to be sure there is an adequate air gap between the drain line and the floor drain or sewer line into which they discharge.
4. Never use unprotected faucets to fill non-drinking water containers (i.e. water beds, wading pools, stock tanks, hot tubs, etc.)

Following these guidelines and using common sense will help to eliminate the possibility of you contaminating your drinking water, your neighbor's drinking and your community's drinking water. This not only affects the residents of your community, but their visitors and those people who are passing through.



If you change your car's oil **Don't** dump it on the ground or in the storm drain; dispose of it **properly** at the oil recycling center. (only clean used oil accepted)

The center is located at:

Public Works Office,  
125 E 26<sup>th</sup> St., South Sioux City  
Hours: Monday – Friday  
7:30 AM to 3:30 PM