

National Crime Prevention Month
October is National Crime Prevention Month. This article will emphasize Personal Awareness to help prevent crime or becoming a victim of a crime. Personal awareness can include many things, but is not limited to the categories discussed.

Alcohol Consumption

Popular among college students is drinking and partying. Always be conscious of your consumption. Know when you have had too much or have had enough to drink. Do not drink and drive. Make plans ahead of time to arrange for someone to pick you up, be a "sober cab" or someone who accompanies you to the party/bar, but does not drink and will drive, or call for an actual taxi cab. For women especially, but can include men, watch your drink at all times to make sure no one has slipped anything into the drink. Be present when someone prepares a drink or buys a drink for you.

Location and Surroundings

It's a smart idea to always let someone know where you are or where you are going to be. In extreme cases if something happens to you (i.e. kidnapped, raped, car accident) and you don't return people have an idea of where you are or where you could be. Always carry a cell phone with you in case of an emergency, or in rare cases, if the police need to track you down to know where you have been they can pin point your location using cell phone towers which ping signals to and from your cell phone. Traveling in groups is always a good idea in unfamiliar places or late at night. Actively engage your surroundings, know what is behind you, in front of you, beside you, etc. At night avoid poorly lit streets as well as alley ways if you are walking. Similarly, if you are driving, park in well-lit areas or populated areas. If you feel threatened and are alone take your cell phone and have it ready, call someone and stay on the line with them, or in extreme case, if you have keys those can be used as a weapon to defend yourself.

Personal Belongings

Whether it is a campus dorm room, apartment, or home always make sure your door is locked no matter where you go. This includes your vehicle, but often is not a good idea to keep important personal belongings in a vehicle. Keep laptops, tablets, and cell phones password protected. With new technology you can install tracking software in case it gets stolen you can see the location of the device. If you want, put initials on your personal belongings in a place that only you would know where to look. For example on clothing initial the tag so that if the item is recovered you can prove to the authorities that the item belongs to you.

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

NOVEMBER

SOUTH SIOUX CITY PUBLIC LIBRARY
2121 DAKOTA AVE.
402-494-7545

2022

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Prizes for Pages: Adult Reading Challenge Theme: Food Story		1	2	3 Random Reads Reading Club 5:30pm	4 Goodwill of the Great Plains Job Assistance 1:30pm	5 Day of the Dead Calabazas - 2:30pm
6	7 Tangled Yarns - 6pm	8 NE Department of Labor - 10am Tea & Tech - 6pm	9 Simple Sewing: Fabric Basket 5pm Random Reads Reading Club 5:30pm	10	11	12
13 Cover to Cover 3pm-4pm	14 Tangled Yarns - 6pm Men's Health Walk-in Clinic - 6pm	15 Tea & Tech - 6pm	16 Random Reads Reading Club 5:30pm Wreath Making with Reenie - 6pm	17	18	19
20	21 Tangled Yarns - 6pm	22 Tea & Tech - 6pm	23	24	25	26
27 Cover to Cover 3pm-4pm Encuentros y Cuentos - 6:30pm	28 Tangled Yarns - 6pm	29 Tea & Tech - 6pm	30 ALL PROGRAMS PROVIDED ARE FREE TO EVERYONE!	LIBRARY CLOSED		

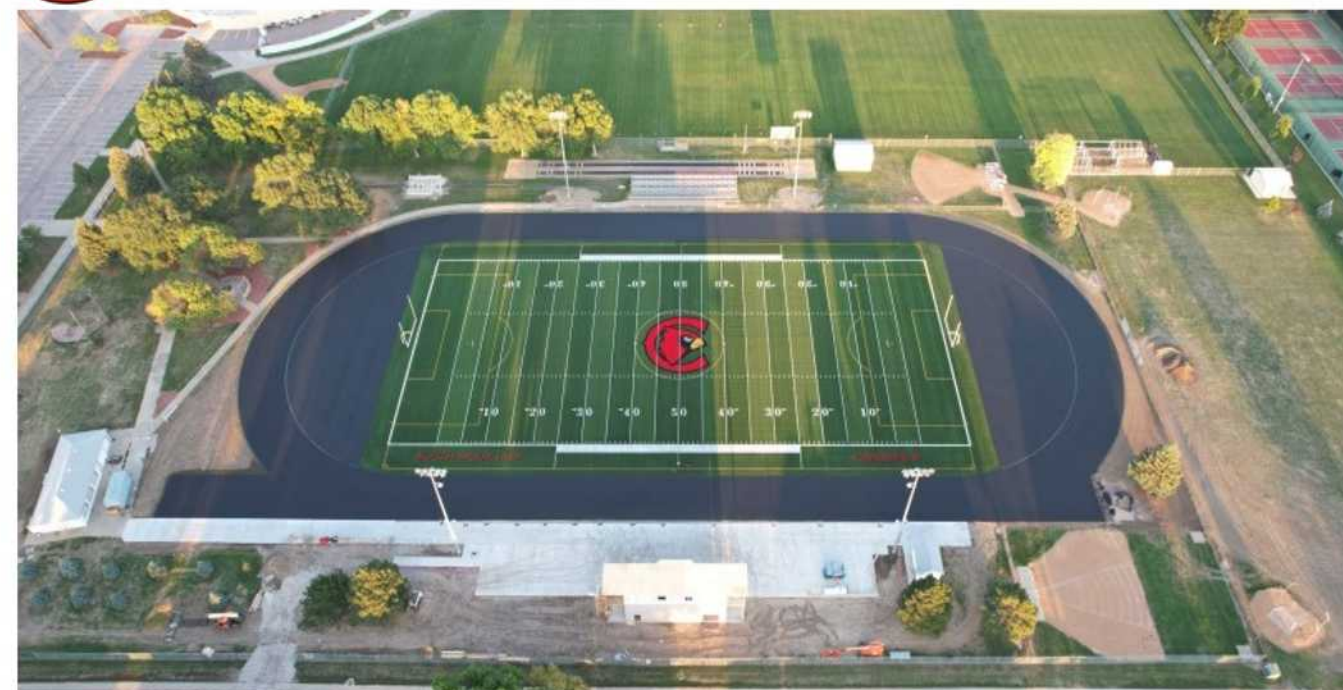
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From the Superintendent's Office

Show YOUR Cardinal Pride... DONATE TODAY!



Work continues on Phase I of the Activities Complex. Phase I of the renovations includes artificial turf, a new press box, an eight lane running track, new LED lighting and new aluminum bleachers for the home fans! As of the date of the above photo (September 18, 2022) the turf is done and ready. The track asphalt is done and the track surface coating has been applied. The empirical scoreboard and bleachers will be delivered and installed soon. Possible Phase II features include press box renovations, visitor seating, concession stand, pavilion, plaza area, improved entrance and storage.

WE NEED YOU!

The District is depending on a fund-raising campaign to enhance other aspects of the complex, so the scope of Phase II will depend on the generosity of our donors.

We still have "Field" and "Press Box" naming rights available! We take all donations, but \$1000 or more will get you in the Cardinal Club and your name on the honor wall! Leave a LEGACY! Call Lance today at 402.494.2425 or Lance.Swanson@sscads.org

Donor Recognition Levels

DIAMOND	\$250,000
PLATINUM	\$100,000
GOLD	\$50,000
SILVER	\$10,000
BRONZE	\$5,000
CARD PRIDE	\$1,000

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

Quality of Life...
A Cardinal Rule

OCTOBER 2022

CARDINAL

Pride

Stormwater

Fall is upon us here in South Sioux City, and the city would like to remind you of the importance of preventing stormwater pollution. Stormwater is formed when rainwater makes its way into storm drains or runs off our properties into the river or lake. On its journey, stormwater can pick up harmful substances that pollute our river and lake. There are many sources of stormwater pollution unique to autumn, and we need your help to control them. The leaves are falling, and their improper disposal poses a threat to our river and lake. Leaf litter and any yard waste dumped into a stormwater basin can cause harmful nutrient accumulation. Raking leaves onto a stormwater inlet creates more pollution of our river and lake. They can cause localized flooding if they clog storm drains and pipes. If you have a garden, leaves can be a great source of nutrients for your property, so consider mulching them into fertilizer for your yard or garden. Fall is also the time for seeding and fertilizing your lawn. If excess fertilizer is applied, however, it cannot be absorbed by the soil and washes away with the rain.



- **First time home-buyer program**
- **Hydrant flushing**
- **How to grow a hackberry tree**
- **National bulling prevention**
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- **National crime prevention**

Reminder!!

South Sioux City Fall Cleanup October 3rd-7th 2022
Tree debris pickup will be Oct. 10th -14th 2022

Crews only make one pass for the clean-up each week. If items are set out after that, it is the resident's responsibility to remove it. If you have questions please call South Sioux City Public Works 494-8166

South Sioux City Public Works

OCTOBER PUBLIC MEETINGS

City Hall Council Chambers-- 1615 1st Avenue
City Council Meeting: 10th & 24th at 5:00 p.m.
Community Development Agency: 13th & 27th at 11:00 a.m.
Finance Committee: 5th, 12th, 19th & 26th at Noon
Public Works Committee*: 3rd & 17th at 5:00p.m.
Design Commission: 6th & 20th at 8:30 a.m.
Planning & Zoning Commission: 12th & 26th at 4:00 p.m.

Parks & Recreation Office -- 1021 E 6th Street
Parks & Recreation Board: 3rd at 5:15 p.m.

South Sioux City Library -- 2121 Dakota Avenue
Library Board: 5th 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

Trick-or-Treating in South Sioux City

Halloween is Monday
October 31st. Mayor
Koch suggests that trick-
or-treating be done be-
tween the hours of
6:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m.

First-time Homebuyer
Down Payment Assistance Program

In collaboration with area housing developer, Gary Ogden, Ogden Construction, construction on a new housing development at 17th and G Street is soon to be underway. This subdivision will provide 40-single family homes developed over the next several years. Of the 40 homes, the initial 8 homes may be part of a down payment assistance program for qualified homebuyers. Information and down payment assistance application is available at City Hall, 1615 First Ave. South Sioux City, NE or by contacting (402) 494-7521 or sscgrants@southsiouxcity.org. These homes will be developed in the next 12-24 months and include 3-bedroom, 2-bath, approximately 1450 sq. ft. with an unfinished basement. Interested homebuyers should contact Ogden Construction directly at 712-259-8408.

Grant funding from the Nebraska Development Economic Development – Affordable Housing Trust Fund will support infrastructure development and help with down payment / closing cost assistance for eight (8) first-time homebuyers qualified at 120% income limits as indicated by table below.

For those interested in securing a down-payment assistance forgivable loan should email sscgrants@southsiouxcity.org or call 402-494-7521 for additional information and application. New homebuyers must complete an application, provide information on all household members, including income verification for residents 18-year old and older living in the home, and be pre-qualified with a mortgage lender.

2022 INCOME LIMITS (120%) EFFECTIVE 6/15/2022								
County Name	120% Limit 1 person	120% Limit 2 person	120% Limit 3 person	120% Limit 4 person	120% Limit 5 person	120% Limit 6 person	120% Limit 7 person	120% Limit 8 person
*****Sioux City, IA-NE-SD HUD Metro FMR	\$ 68,900	\$ 78,700	\$ 88,550	\$ 98,400	\$ 106,250	\$ 114,150	\$ 122,000	\$ 129,900

Programa de asistencia para el pago inicial de compradores de vivienda

Pronto comenzará la construcción de una nueva subdivisión de viviendas en 17th y G Street. El financiamiento de la subvención del Fondo Fiduciario de Vivienda Asequible para el Desarrollo Económico de Nebraska apoyará el desarrollo de infraestructura parcial y ayudará con el pago inicial/ asistencia de costos de cierre para ocho (8) compradores de vivienda calificados y con límites de ingresos del 120% como se indica en la tabla a continuación.

Límites de ingreso 2022 (120%) Efectivo 6/15/2022

Condado	1- Persona	2- Personas	3- Personas	4- Personas	5- Personas	6- Personas	7- Personas	8- Personas
Sioux City, IA-NE-SD MSA	\$68,900	\$78,700	\$88,550	\$98,400	\$106,250	\$114,150	\$122,000	\$129,900

Para aquellos interesados en el programa de asistencia para el pago inicial, envíe un correo electrónico a sscgrants@southsiouxcity.org o llame al 402-494-7521 para obtener Información adicional y la solicitud. Los compradores de vivienda deben completar una solicitud, proporcionar documentación de respaldo sobre todos los miembros del hogar, incluida la verificación de ingresos para los residentes mayores de 18 años que viven en la vivienda, y ser precalificados con un prestamista hipotecario. La asistencia para el pago inicial se ofrece por orden de llegada. Las solicitudes con la documentación de respaldo deben enviarse en un sobre sellado a SSC Administration, Clty of South Sioux City, 1615 1st Avenue, South Sioux City, NE. Utilice la Entrada Lateral: Administración, Zonificación, Desarrollo Económico para consultas de solicitudes.

Hydrant flushing will be Monday October 10th at 4:00am to Tuesday October 11th at 12:00pm

The South Sioux City Water Department will be flushing city fire hydrants to ensure a continued high quality supply of water. Persons are advised not to wash clothes, etc. during these times. If your water is colored, please let it run for a few minutes until it clears up. If the water hasn't cleared after a sufficient time, please call 494-7548 and someone will be dispatched to check the problem.

How to Grow a Hackberry Tree

By
[JENNIFER LESSER](#)

This tree is native to Nebraska
The Spruce / Evgeniya Vlasova

The hackberry is an exceptionally hardy tree – in fact, experts have referred to it as “one tough tree.” The hackberry can be grown in various soils and locations, and they can thrive under a wide range of temperatures and conditions – including regions that see upwards of 50 inches of rainfall each year (although the tree itself actually doesn't require a lot of water). The hackberry has also been known to be able to withstand strong winds and even air pollution. An energy-conserving [shade tree](#), its toughness makes the hackberry an excellent choice for just about any landscape, provided you have ample space for its dense root system. These trees produce small, dark red berry-like fruits (drupes) that will turn dark purple as they mature in the mid-autumn months. The fruit will persist into the late winter months and [serve as an important food source for a variety of bird species](#), including cardinals, flickers, robins, cedar waxwings, and brown thrashers (though that also means they are often damaged by other animals, such as deer). The hackberry is also known for its distinctive bark surface, which has a corky texture (with warts at the base) and is often described as stucco-like. Its attractive serrated leaves range from dull green to glossy, and have unequal bases and tapered ends. In the fall months, the leaves will turn into a bland yellowish color before falling off. Though they're native to North Dakota, hackberry trees can thrive throughout the United States. Though they are a member of the [Elm family](#), they are part of a different genus (Celtis occidentalis). The wood of the hackberry tree is frequently used for boxes, crates, and firewood.





HALLOWEEN SAFETY TIPS!!!



Hold a flashlight while trick-or-treating to help you see and others see you. Always WALK and don't run from house to house.

Always test make-up in a small area first. Remove it before bedtime to prevent possible skin and eye irritation.

Look both ways before crossing the street. Use established crosswalks wherever possible.

Lower your risk for serious eye injury by not wearing decorative contact lenses.

Only walk on sidewalks whenever possible, or on the far edge of the road facing traffic to stay safe.

Wear well-fitting masks, costumes, and shoes to avoid blocked vision, trips, and falls.

Eat only factory-wrapped treats. Avoid eating homemade treats made by strangers.

Enter homes only if you're with a trusted adult. Only visit well-lit houses. Never accept rides from strangers.

Never walk near lit candles or luminaries. Be sure to wear flame-resistant costumes.

National Bullying Prevention Awareness Month

Bullying, by definition, is unwanted, aggressive behavior often among school aged children, but can be attributed to all ages. There is often a real or perceived power of imbalance. Power imbalances can change over time, so the bully can become the victim and vise versa. The behavior is often repeated, or has the potential to be repeated, over time. Bullying prevention is important, because there can be lasting consequences for both the victim and the bully.

Verbal bullying:

- Teasing
- Name-calling
- Inappropriate sexual comments
- Taunting
- Threatening to cause harm

Social bullying:

- Leaving someone out on purpose
- Telling other people not to be friends with someone
- Spreading rumors about someone

Physical bullying:

- Public humiliation
- Spitting
- Tripping/pushing
- Taking or breaking someone's things
- Making mean or rude hand gestures

Bullying can occur during school, after school, or even in the cyber realm. It can also include texts and phone calls. Due to how much technology has advanced in today's society, cyber bullying has become very common. Cyber bullying is very popular among adolescents, teens, and young adults.

- About 42% of kids have been bullied while online with one in four being verbally attacked more than once.
- About 35% of kids have been threatened online.
- About 58% of kids and teens have reported that something mean has been said about them or to them online.
- Other bullying statistics show that about 77% of students have admitted to being the victim of one type of bullying or another.
- The American Justice Department bullying statistics show that one out of every 4 kids will be bullied sometime throughout their adolescence.
- 46% of males followed by 26% of females have admitted to being victims in physical fights as reported in one report of bullying statistics by the Bureau of Justice School.

Work with your child to help them understand that bullying is not acceptable and encourage them to report any bullying they may witness. If he or she is a victim make sure to get their input, talk to the school authorities, teach your child to avoid the bully, encourage your child to be assertive, and deal with the bully in a pro-social manner. Contact your local school officials first and your local authorities if needed.

For more information please visit:
www.stopbullying.gov
www.bullyingstatistics.org

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

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month

Did you know the cost of intimate partner violence exceeds \$8.3 billion each year? More than 20,000 phone calls are placed to domestic violence hotlines nationwide. Also, 1 in 3 women and 1 in 4 men have experienced some form of physical violence by an intimate partner. (www.cdc.gov).

According to the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence (NCADV), domestic violence is the willful intimidation, physical assault, battery, sexual assault, and/or other abusive behavior as part of a systematic pattern of power and control perpetrated by one intimate partner against another. It includes physical violence, emotional abuse, sexual violence, and threats. Domestic Violence transcends any race, age, gender, sexual orientation, religion, nationality, socio-economic background, and education level. The National Domestic Violence Hotline (thehotline.org) lists behaviors of abuse within a relationship. These may include:

EMOTIONAL ABUSE: calls you names, insults you or continually criticizes you, does not trust you and acts jealous or possessive, humiliates you in any way, etc.
PHYSICAL ABUSE: damages property when angry (punching walls, kicking doors, etc), pushed, slapped, kicked, or strangled you, used a weapon to threaten or hurt you, etc.
SEXUAL ABUSE: accuses you of cheating or is often jealous of your outside relationships, demanded sex when you were sick, tired, or after beating you, forced or manipulated you into having sex or performing sexual acts, etc.

Perpetrators of domestic violence have learned these controlling and violent behaviors from their own family while growing up. The strongest risk factor of transmitting violent behavior from one generation to the next is children who have witnessed violence between one's parents or caretakers (Break the Cycle, 2006). Some common factors have been identified of perpetrators of domestic violence. These include low self-esteem, also their identity and sense of self is tied to their partner.

It would be ideal for victims of domestic violence to leave the abusive situation. However, victims may stay for a variety of reasons. These include but are not limited to: fear of the abuser; threats to harm you and/or your family, also pets; thinking the abuser will take the children; low self-esteem, hope the abuser will change; or blame the abuse on alcohol, financial pressures, or other outside factors, etc.

In 2020 about 19.2% of domestic violence crime was reported to the Dakota County Victim Assistance Program for the fiscal year. This statistic is higher when combining all violent crimes (assault, burglary, robbery, child sexual/physical abuse, homicide survivors, elder abuse, & sexual assault) reported to the program. If you or someone you know is a victim of domestic violence, you can contact the program at 402.494.7550 or devap@southsiouxcity.org for more information. To learn more about domestic violence several websites can be accessed: National Center for Victims of Crime www.ncvc.org National Coalition Against Domestic Violence www.ncadv.org National Domestic Violence Hotline www.ndvh.org