

DECEMBER

CHILDRENS EVENT CALENDAR

| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
|---|--|--|---|---|---|--|
| Did you know that Dinosaurs did not celebrate holidays to our knowledge! | | | | | Story Time 10:00am ¹ | Hot Cocoa Gift Making 11:00am ² |
| | Lets Craft 4:30pm ⁴ | Toddler Time 10:00am ⁵ TEEN TIME 5:30PM | Tween Time 4:30pm ⁶ | Dungeons & Donna 4:00pm ⁷ | Story Time 10:00am ⁸ | Graphic Novel Book Club 11:00am ⁹ |
| | Lets Craft 4:30pm ¹¹ | Toddler Time 10:00am ¹² TEEN TIME 5:30PM | Tween Time 4:30pm ¹³ | Snow Dough Party 4:00pm ¹⁴ | Story Time 10:00am ¹⁵ | Movie 1:00pm ¹⁶ |
| | Lets Craft 4:30pm ¹⁸ | Toddler Time 10:00am ¹⁹ TEEN TIME 5:30PM | Winter Sensory Bin 9:30am-4:00pm ²⁰ Tween Time 4:30pm | Dungeons & Donna 4:00pm ²¹ | LIBRARY IS CLOSED AT NOON ²² | LIBRARY IS CLOSED ²³ |
| | LIBRARY IS CLOSED ²⁴ | Toddler Time 10:00am ²⁵ TEEN TIME 5:30PM | Hot Cocoa Chapter Book Read Aloud 4:30pm ²⁶ | Kid Friendly Yoga 10:30am ²⁷ Perler Bead Party (6+) 2:00-6:00pm | Story Time 10:00am ²⁸ Game On! 11:00am-4:45pm | LIBRARY IS CLOSED ³⁰ |

PROGRAMS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE

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ANY QUESTIONS ABOUT THE PROGRAMS? EMAIL DONNA AT DHABINCK@SOUTHSIOUXCITY.ORG OR CALL (402) 494-7545

DECEMBER

SOUTH SIOUX CITY PUBLIC LIBRARY ADULT EVENT CALENDAR



2121 DAKOTA AVE. 402-494-7545

2023

| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
|---|---|--|--|---|---|--|
| ALL PROGRAMS PROVIDED ARE FREE TO EVERYONE! | | | ALL ADULT PROGRAMS ARE 16+ UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED | | | |
| | TECH HELP MONDAYS 4PM-8PM ³ | TANGLED YARNS - 6PM ⁴ DUNGEON, DICE, AND DRAGONS? - 5:30PM | | | GOODWILL OF THE GREAT PLAINS JOB ASSISTANCE 1:30PM ¹ | |
| | TECH HELP MONDAYS 4PM-8PM ¹⁰ | TANGLED YARNS - 6PM ¹¹ | NE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR - 10AM ¹² SIMPLE SEWING - 5PM | | | |
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| | LIBRARY IS CLOSED ²⁴ | TANGLED YARNS - 6PM ²⁵ | | | | LIBRARY IS CLOSED ³⁰ |



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SSC NEWSLETTER

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS CORNER

by Dr. Rony Ortega



Dear SSC Community,

I am delighted to share some great news from our schools as we conclude the first quarter of this academic year. It is with immense pride that I extend my sincere thanks to our dedicated educators, passionate students, and supportive parents and community partners for their outstanding efforts in making our first quarter a success.

As we move into the second quarter, I am confident that our educational community will continue to make gains and overcome challenges that come our way. We continue to emphasize and work on improving student attendance at all levels and appreciate your support.

On a personal note, I recently presented to our school board my 100 day transition plan, linked on our district website. I also enjoyed biking on over 10 miles of paved trails around South Sioux City and the Chinese Chef has become a regular and convenient take out option for the Ortega family!

Thank you all for your unwavering commitment to our schools! Together, we are creating a bright future for our students!

Dr. Rony Ortega

Dr. Rony Ortega, Superintendent
South Sioux City Community School



Estimada comunidad de SSC,

Estoy encantado de compartir excelentes noticias de nuestras escuelas al concluir el primer trimestre de este año académico. Es con inmenso orgullo que extiendo mi más sincero agradecimiento a nuestros educadores dedicados, a nuestros estudiantes apasionados y padres y socios comunitarios solidarios por sus destacados esfuerzos para hacer que nuestro primer trimestre sea un éxito.

A medida que avanzamos hacia el segundo trimestre, confío en que nuestra comunidad educativa continuará obteniendo avances y superando los desafíos que se nos presenten. Seguimos enfatizando y trabajando para mejorar la asistencia de los estudiantes en todos los niveles y apreciamos su apoyo.

A título personal, recientemente presenté a nuestra mesa directiva mi plan de transición de 100 días, vinculado en nuestro sitio web del distrito escolar. También disfrute andar en bicicleta por más de 10 millas de senderos pavimentados alrededor de South Sioux City y el restaurante Chinese Chef se ha convertido en una opción de comida para llevar habitual y conveniente para la familia Ortega!

¡Gracias a todos por su compromiso inquebrantable con nuestras escuelas! Juntos, estamos creando un futuro brillante para nuestros estudiantes!

Dr. Rony Ortega

Dr. Rony Ortega, Superintendente
Distrito Escolar de South Sioux City

South Sioux City Community Schools

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NOVEMBER 2023

CARDINAL Pride

Coffee Hour Open House + Grand Opening and Ribbon Cutting

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 10TH | 9:30 AM - 11:30 AM

**SIOUXLAND FREEDOM PARK
1801 VETERANS DRIVE | SOUTH SIOUX CITY, NE**

**THE MAIN EXHIBITS INSIDE THE
BRIG GEN BUD & DORIS DAY INTERPRETIVE
CENTER FEATURING SIOUXLAND VETERANS ARE
READY FOR PUBLIC VIEWING!**

Veterans Day Ceremony on 11/11 at 11 am

Freedom Park

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New Fire Chief

Photo on the left shows Doug Koopman being sworn in by Mike Schmiedt as the new South Sioux City.



Community Forestry Volunteer Award

Pictured on the left are SSC Mayor Rod Koch, retired UNL Extension Educator Carol Larvick, SSC Parks & Recreation director Gene Maffit and Graham Herbst, community forester specialist.

NOVEMBER PUBLIC MEETINGS

City Hall Council Chambers– 1615 1st Avenue

City Council Meeting*: 13h & 27th at 5:00 p.m.
Community Development Agency: 14th & 28th at 11:00 a.m.
Finance Committee*: 1st, 8th, 15th & 22nd t at Noon
Public Works Committee*: 6th & 20th at 5:00p.m.
Design Commission: 2nd & 16th at 8:30 a.m.
Planning & Zoning Commission: 8th & 22nd at 4:00 p.m.

Parks & Recreation Office – 1021 E 6th Street

Parks & Recreation Board: 6th at 5:15 p.m.

South Sioux City Library – 2121 Dakota Avenue

Library Board: 1st at 5:30 p.m.

*Meetings are Broadcast Live on Cable One Channel 57 Sparklight Channel 3 and live video streamed on city website www.southsiouxcity.org



Dear Community Friends and Partners:

The **Holiday Season** is approaching, and we plan to continue our tradition of making the season brighter for financially-challenged members of our community. The mission of **Cardinal Christmas Baskets** is to deliver food baskets for a nutritious meal, as well as provide staple food items.

The **Cardinal Christmas Baskets** program impacts all ages, from our seasoned community members to our littlest Cardinals. Chances are, you know some of our recipients. For our **16th year**, the goal is to provide assistance to 350 households. This is a fantastic opportunity to come together for a great cause to help fight hunger in our community.

You have the **POWER** to make a difference in our community. You, your family or your organization have **3** different options for assisting **Cardinal Christmas Baskets** this year: **(Do not hesitate to do more than 1 of the options!)**

Option 1 – Donation

Tax-deductible donations can be sent to the **South Sioux City Municipal Foundation, PO Box 987, South Sioux City NE 68776**. Please indicate the donation is for Cardinal Christmas Baskets. This year’s project goal is to increase the number of households from 300 to 350.

Option 2 – Assist with Bell Ringing

Grab your spouse, your best friends, or co-workers, or form a team of 4-6 people and join us in ringing bells on December 9, 2023, between 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. to raise funds for the project. If you are unable to form a team of 4, we still would like your help and will team you up with other volunteers.

Please call **Randy Groetken at 712-251-9798** to sign up and pick a shift. (Must be 19 or older to assist).

Option 3 – Assist in Delivering Baskets

Join other community members to personally deliver the 350 baskets on **Saturday, December 16, 2023**. Delivery begins at **7:30 a.m. at Memorial Hall, 201 West 16th Street, South Sioux City**.

We appreciate your past generosity and hope we can count on you again this year!!

Sincerely,
The Cardinal Christmas Basket Committee

City offices will be closed on Thursday November 23rd & Friday November 24th in observance of Thanksgiving Happy Holidays

Trash holiday schedule:

Thanksgiving Day will be picked up the following day on Friday, Nov. 24th,
All pick up will be delayed by one day for the remainder of the week .
Have a Happy and Safe Thanksgiving !



Nebraska Property Tax Credit General Information

Nebraska provides refundable credits for both school district and community college property taxes paid. Each credit is equal to a distinct percentage multiplied by either the school district or community college tax paid. The Nebraska Department of Revenue (DOR) computes each credit percentage during the last quarter of each calendar year.

The school district and community college property taxes paid on each parcel may be found in the Look-up Tool. The information related to payments made in prior years that qualify for the property tax credit will remain in the Look-up Tool.

Credit for Property Taxes Paid in 2022 and after. The credit is available for both school district and community college property taxes paid. An individual or entity may claim the credit by filing the appropriate Nebraska tax return together with a Nebraska Property Tax Credit, Form PTC (Form PTC).

Credit for Property Taxes paid in 2021. The credit is only available for school district property taxes paid. An individual or entity may claim the credit by filing the appropriate Nebraska tax return together with a 2021 Form PTC. If an individual does not owe Nebraska income tax and paid Nebraska school district taxes, a Nebraska income tax return and the 2021 Form PTC should still be filed to receive the credit. If an individual did not claim the credit on their Nebraska tax return, they may file a 2021 Amended Nebraska Property Tax Incentive Act Credit Computation, Form PTCX.

S-corporations, partnerships, estates, and trusts that did not claim the credit or allocate the school district property taxes they paid in 2020, may claim the credit on their 2021 Nebraska return.

Credit for Property Taxes Paid in 2020. The credit is only available for school district property taxes paid. The credit may be claimed by an individual, C Corporation, financial institution, or organization exempt from income tax. These individuals and entities may claim the credit by filing the appropriate Nebraska tax return together with a 2020 Form PTC. If an individual does not owe Nebraska income tax and paid Nebraska school district taxes, a Nebraska income tax return and the 2021 Form PTC should still be filed to receive the credit. If an individual did not claim the credit on their Nebraska tax return, they may also file a 2020 Amended Nebraska Property Tax Incentive Act Credit Computation, Form PTCX.

A pass-through entity (S-corporation, partnership, or estate and trust) may allocate the school district property taxes they paid to their owners or beneficiaries in the same manner as income is distributed. An allocation is made by submitting a Form PTC, with the 2020 Nebraska tax return.

Other Information. Individuals and business entities who do not otherwise have a Nebraska income tax filing requirement must file a Nebraska return with the Form PTC to claim the credit.

| <u>Taxpayer</u> | <u>Nebraska Return</u> |
|------------------------|--|
| Individual | Nebraska Individual Income Tax Return, Form 1040N |
| Tax-exempt Corporation | Nebraska Corporation Income Tax Return, Form 1120N |
| Tax-exempt trust | Nebraska Fiduciary Income Tax Return, Form 1041N |

Resident individuals may claim the credit by filing a Nebraska income tax return for free over the internet using the DOR’s [NebFile](#) system.

Contact Information

Questions regarding the Nebraska Property Tax Credit may be directed to:
Nebraska Taxpayer Assistance Phone: 800-742-7474 (NE and IA) or 402-471-5729

MADD

MADD or Mothers Against Drunk Driving is a nonprofit organization in the U.S. In response to more than 13,000 people who were being killed each year in drunk driving crashes, MADD launched the *Campaign to Eliminate Drunk Driving*. There are three important steps in MADD’s campaign. Here are three steps that we can all take today to stop drunk driving tomorrow: 1) support our heroes, that is, be vigilant to help law enforcement catch drunk drivers while discouraging others from driving drunk as well. 2) Sober to start which is the requirement of ignition interlock devices, or in-car breathalyzers, for all drunk drivers. 3) Secure the future and support technology and other advancements in the effort to stop drunken driving.

Alcohol is a depressant and affects the Central Nervous System or CNS. If you suspect someone of being drunk some signs to look for are altered speech. If the person is slurring their words are incoherently speaking and not making any sense it can be a sign that they are very impaired. A very strong sign that a person is drunk is the way they are walking. Look to see if the individual is having trouble walking straight or keeping their balance. Hold up your fingers and ask them how many are up, because someone who is drunk and impaired usually has foggy or blurred vision. Many drunk drivers get into accidents because they have slowed reaction time, hazy thinking and poor judgment (usually in bad weather conditions as to their speed).

Some important drunk driving statistics to consider:

- An average drunk driver has driven drunk 80 times before their first arrest.
- 50 to 75 percent of convicted drunk drivers continue to drive on suspended license.
- The rate of drunk driving is highest among 21 -25 year olds (23.4%).
- Every two minutes, a person is injured in a drunken driving crash.
- Drunk driving costs the United States roughly \$199 billion a year.
- 2/3 on average will be involved in a drunken driving crash in their lifetime.
- Males are more likely than females to drive drunk.
- About 1/3 of all drivers arrested or convicted of drunk driving are repeat offenders.

Some of the most dangerous days of the year on our nation’s roadways are between Thanksgiving and New Year’s Day. There are many alternatives to drunk driving. Most of these are common sense, although when impaired, our decision making can be impaired as well. Arrange a ride to and from the bar to ensure that you do not drink and drive. This can include designating someone as the sober driver, or as a good friend, volunteer yourself to ensure the safety of your friend and of the public. If you suspect anyone of being a drunk driver do not hesitate to report the person to your local authority. Never serve alcohol to anyone who is under 21. Serve mocktails or other non-alcoholic beverages at parties and gatherings. To show your support display the MADD ribbon on your vehicle. You can make the difference in a live being lost or a life being saved.

For more information please visit:
<http://www.madd.org/>
<http://sciencenetlinks.com/interactives/alcohol/ebook/pages/central-nervous-system.htm>

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

**Buzones vs.
Clima invernal**

Los buzones de correo y el almacenamiento de nieve comparten el mismo espacio en el estacionamiento. La nieve puede ser muy pesada y el proceso de quitar la nieve de la calle puede ejercer presión sobre los buzones de correo que están detrás de la acera. La tripulación intenta evitar empujar la nieve con fuerza contra los buzones de correo.

Este otoño se han fotografiado y documentado varios buzones de correo que se encuentran en muy malas condiciones incluso antes de que comience la temporada de nieve. Si estos se derriban por el quitanieves, será responsabilidad del residente repararlos. Nuevamente, tratamos de evitar todos los buzones de correo, pero la calle debe limpiarse. Un buen consejo sería echar un vistazo a su buzón ahora y hacer reparaciones ahora

**Mailboxes vs.
Winter weather**

Mailboxes and snow storage share the same space on the parking. Snow can very heavy and the process of removing the snow from the street can put pressure on mailboxes that are out behind the curb. The crew tries to avoid pushing the snow hard against mailboxes.

This fall several mailboxes have been photographed and documented that they are in very poor condition before the snow season even begins. If these get knocked down from snow plowing, it will be the resident’s responsibility to repair. Again, we try to avoid all mail boxes but the street must be cleaned. Some good advice would be to take a look at your mailbox now and make repairs now.