



**MAY 2024**

# CARDINAL *Pride*

Thank you to all the USD students that volunteered at the Korean War Memorial. The students helped plant 100 bushes and 15 trees at the Korean War Memorial in Freedom Park. The 12 young women volunteered their time and efforts to complete this great project. Thank you!



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City offices will be closed on Monday May 27th in observance of Memorial Day



## **MAY PUBLIC MEETINGS**

City Hall Council Chambers– 1615 1st Avenue

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

Parks & Recreation Office – 1021 E 6<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.southsiouxcity.org)

# National Slam the Scam Day

## March 7, 2024



On National Slam the Scam Day and throughout the year, we give you the tools to recognize Social Security-related scams and stop scammers from stealing your money and personal information.

Help protect your loved ones and people in your community this Slam the Scam Day by:

- Educating them about government imposter scams. Let them know they shouldn't be embarrassed to report if they shared personal information or suffered a financial loss. It is important to report the scam as quickly as possible.

Sharing our [Scam Alert](#) fact sheet and helping educate others about how to protect themselves.

Report Social Security-related scams to the Social Security Office of the Inspector General (OIG).

### Hydrant flushing will be Monday May 13th at 7:00am to May 15th at 4:00pm

The South Sioux City Water Department will be flushing city fire hydrants to insure a continued high quality supply of water. Persons are advised not to wash clothes, etc. during these times. If your water has 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.

As the construction season is under way, please honor these signs and give caution to workers in the area.



**Thank you!**

**This Safety tip provided to you by  
South Sioux City Public Works**



## From: South Sioux City Chamberettes

For a number of years, the South Sioux City Chamberettes have been selecting Yard of the Month for ten different areas in South Sioux City for the months of June, July, and August. This is in keeping with their original mission of “Keeping South Sioux City Beautiful.” Since it is approaching that time of the year, the Chamberettes would like to share some information with regard to this selection.

First of all, yards should be neat, well-manicured and free of weeds. The members look for “something extra” such as landscaping and flowers, well-kept shrubbery or an attractive front porch in making their final decision.

Records are kept of each year’s selection and members try to spread the award around as much as possible by not selecting someone who has received it in the past two to three years. Many members like to go at least five years in order to award as many deserving yards as possible. So if you see someone whom you think is deserving and they haven’t received it, perhaps it’s because they have received it recently or perhaps they declined the award. Chamberettes members ARE NOT ELIGIBLE to receive the award. Those who are selected receive a Certificate and a coupon from Bloomers Lawn Care. With the permission of the homeowner, pictures are put in the Dakota County Star and on the Chamberettes Facebook page. If you would like to make a suggestion for a recipient, you can message the Chamberettes through their Facebook page or send an email to [marwilt1@gmail.com](mailto:marwilt1@gmail.com).



### **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

### **GARAGE SALES**

The City of South Sioux City recognizes the importance of garage sale to give the citizen a chance to reuse their family materials. The regulations are to allow that but control the frequency due the past complaints from neighbors.

No person shall operate, conduct, manage or permit a garage sale upon his, her or its premises or other property under his, her or its control more often than two (2) times per calendar year and said sale shall not be continued for a period of more than three (3) consecutive days. No sale shall be conducted before 8:00 a.m. or after 8:00 p.m. Outdoor garage sales are permitted only in areas zoned for residential use (R-Zones) Indoor only garage sales may be conducted in areas zoned for commercial use (C-Zones) or manufacturing use (M-Zones). You must receive a garage sale permit in advance at City Hall during regular office hours, Monday-Friday, 9am-5pm. There is no fee for the permit.

The licensee is allowed to post three off premise signs advertising the garage sale and the signs must be removed by the licensee by 5:00 p.m. on the last day of the sale. No sign shall be attached to any utility pole, light pole, tree or any other public facility located within the public right-of-way.



# 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 (NCMEC) 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.

Arbor Day, April 26th, is a great opportunity to raise awareness about the benefits trees bring to our communities, from providing shade and reducing urban heat islands to improving air quality, reducing stress, and improving health.

Community well-being: While trees can beautify neighborhoods, they are also essential for promoting community health and mental well-being. Access to green spaces, parks, and urban forests fosters social interactions, reduces stress, and improves the overall quality of life for residents.

Air quality improvement: Planting trees is a powerful way to combat air pollution and create healthier environments for all. Urban trees filter out pollutants and capture carbon dioxide, improving air quality and reducing the risk of respiratory diseases.

Mitigating extreme heat: Trees play a crucial role in mitigating the impacts of extreme heat. With temperatures on the rise, trees provide vital shade and cooling effects, making urban areas more livable and resilient to urban heat islands. By planting trees, we can create cooler, safer spaces for everyone to enjoy



# JUNE

## CHILDRENS EVENT CALENDAR



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>ALL PROGRAMS ARE 30 MINUTES UNLESS STATED OTHERWISE.</b>			PARTICIPATE IN OUR SUMMER READING PROGRAM BY READING BOOKS AND USING THE LIBRARY TO EARN LIBRARY LOOT FORM THE PRIZE SHOP			1 Make a Sticker 10:00am
2	3 Story Time 2:00pm  Lets Craft 4:30pm	4 Toddler Time 10:00am  TEEN TIME 5:30PM	5 Pan for Gold 10-2pm Tween Time 4:30pm	6 Reading Buddies 1:00pm Sign up with a summer mentor DUNGEONS & DONNA 4:00PM	7 Story Time 10:00am  TWEEN & TEEN ANIME CLUB 3:00PM	8 Graphic Novel Book Club 11:00am
	10 Story Time 2:00pm  Lets Craft 4:30pm	11 Toddler Time 10:00am  TEEN TIME 5:30PM	12 Puppet Play 10-2pm Tween Time 4:30pm	13 Free Magic Show with Adam White 2:30 pm	14 Story Time 10:00am  TWEEN & TEEN ANIME CLUB 3:00PM	15 FANTASY SCIENCE 10:00 AM  FATHER'S DAY CRAFT 2:00
	17 Story Time 2:00pm  Lets Craft 4:30pm	18 Toddler Time 10:00am  TEEN TIME 5:30PM	19 Light & Shadow Play 10-2pm Tween Time 4:30pm	20 Pirate Treasure Hunt 1:00-3:00pm  DUNGEONS & DONNA 4:00PM	21 Story Time 10:00am  TWEEN & TEEN ANIME CLUB 3:00PM	22 Build a Pirate Ship All Day!
	24 Story Time 2:00pm  Lets Craft 4:30pm	25 Toddler Time 10:00am  TEEN TIME 5:30PM	26 Youth Yoga 10:00am Tween Time 4:30pm	27 Let's Go to Space 2:00 PM  Movie 5:00pm	28 Story Time 10:00am  TWEEN & TEEN ANIME CLUB 3:00PM	29 Game Day All Day

\*PROGRAMS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE\*

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

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# JUNE

## SOUTH SIOUX CITY PUBLIC LIBRARY ADULT EVENT CALENDAR



2121 DAKOTA AVE. 402-494-7545

2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>ALL ADULT PROGRAMS ARE 16+ UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED</b>						1 BICYCLE DRIVE STARTS!!!! DUNGEON, DICE, AND DRAGONS? 1PM - 4PM
2	3 ALIBI: A TRUE CRIME BOOK CLUB 4:30PM TECH HELP MONDAYS 4PM-8PM	4 TANGLED YARNS - 6PM	5 NE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR - 10AM-2PM WILD CARDS: CANASTA 3:30PM CRAFT-VENTURE: CREATIVE COLLAGING - 6PM	6 RAINBOW ROSES: WATERCOLOR WORKSHOP - 6PM	7 GOODWILL OF THE GREAT PLAINS JOB ASSISTANCE - 1:30PM WILD CARDS: CANASTA 3:30PM	8 NATIONAL KNIT IN PUBLIC DAY! ALL DAY EVENT
9	10 COVER TO COVER 3:30PM-4:30PM TECH HELP MONDAYS 4PM-8PM	11 TANGLED YARNS - 6PM	12 USING COPILOT 3:30PM CRAFT-VENTURE: EENIE, TEENIE, TINY BOOKS - 6PM	13	14	15
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23 30	24 COVER TO COVER 3:30PM-4:30PM TECH HELP MONDAYS 4PM-8PM	25 TANGLED YARNS - 6PM	26 CRAFT-VENTURE: CROCHET - 6PM	27 AI SEARCH 3:30PM ENCUENTROS Y CUENTOS: BILINGUAL BOOK CLUB- 6:30PM-7:30PM	28	29 LIBRARY BOOK SALE 1PM-4PM BICYCLE DRIVE ENDS!!!!



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# SSC NEWSLETTER

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS CORNER

by Dr. Rony Ortega



Dear SSC Community,

I am thrilled to share some exciting updates from our school district as we head towards the 2024-2025 school year. It has been an eventful time, and I'm proud to say that we're making significant strides forward thanks to the dedication and expertise of our educators and staff.

First and foremost, I am pleased to announce that our school board has approved the adoption of new K-5 English Language Arts materials and resources for the upcoming academic year. The decision to adopt HMH Into Reading was made after careful consideration and consultation with our teachers, whose expertise played a pivotal role in driving this initiative. We firmly believe that our teachers are the true experts in the classroom, and their insights have been invaluable in shaping our educational programs.

In addition to the exciting developments in our K-5 curriculum, I am delighted to welcome Joe Wanning as our new Director for Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment. With his wealth of experience, I am confident that he will greatly contribute to the success of our district. I am also thrilled to announce that Marleen Burkhardt will be joining us as the new principal of Lewis & Clark Elementary. It's heartening to see former SSC employees, like Joe, Marleen, and a few others finding their way back to our community.

On another note, I am pleased to report that we are making significant gains in student attendance, thanks to the collective efforts of our students, families, and staff. Let's continue to work together to finish the school year strong, ensuring that every student has the opportunity to thrive and succeed.

Dr. Rony Ortega, Superintendent  
South Sioux City Community School



Estimada comunidad de SSC,

Estoy encantado de compartir algunas actualizaciones interesantes de nuestro distrito escolar a medida que nos acercamos al año escolar 2024-2025. Ha sido un momento lleno de acontecimientos y me enorgullece decir que estamos logrando avances significativos gracias a la dedicación y experiencia de nuestros educadores y personal.

En primer lugar, me complace anunciar que nuestra junta escolar aprobó la adopción de nuevos materiales y recursos de artes del lenguaje inglés para los grados K-5 el próximo año académico. La decisión de adoptar HMH Into Reading se tomó después de una cuidadosa consideración y consulta con nuestros maestros, cuya experiencia jugó un papel fundamental en el impulso de esta iniciativa. Creemos firmemente que nuestros profesores son los verdaderos expertos en el aula y sus conocimientos han sido invaluable a la hora de dar forma a nuestros programas educativos.

Además de los interesantes avances en nuestro plan de estudios K-5, estoy encantado de darle la bienvenida a Joe Wanning como nuestro nuevo Director de Plan de Estudios, Instrucción y Evaluación. Con su gran experiencia, estoy seguro de que contribuirá en gran medida al éxito de nuestro distrito. También estoy encantado de anunciar que Marleen Burkhardt se unirá a nosotros como nueva directora de la escuela primaria Lewis & Clark. Es alentador ver a ex empleados de SSC, como Joe, Marleen y algunos otros, encontrar su camino de regreso a nuestra comunidad.

Por otro lado, me complace informar que estamos logrando avances significativos en la asistencia estudiantil, gracias a los esfuerzos colectivos de nuestros estudiantes, familias y personal. Sigamos trabajando juntos para terminar el año escolar con fuerza, asegurando que cada estudiante tenga la oportunidad de prosperar y tener éxito.

¡Gracias por su continua colaboración y compromiso con nuestras escuelas!

South Sioux City Community Schools

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