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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

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.

Nebraska Taxpayer Assistance

Phone: 800-742-7474 (NE and IA) or 402-471-5729

NOVEMBER PUBLIC MEETINGS

City Hall Council Chambers– 1615 1st Avenue

City Council Meeting*: 11th & 25nd at 5:00 p.m.
 Community Development Agency: 12th & 26th at Noon
 Finance Committee*: 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th at Noon
 Public Works Committee*: 4th & 18th at 5:00p.m.
 Design Commission: 7th & 21st at 8:30 a.m.
 Planning & Zoning Commission: 13th & 27th at 4:00 p.m.

Parks & Recreation Office – 1021 E 6th Street

Parks & Recreation Board: 4th at 5:15 p.m.

South Sioux City Library – 2121 Dakota Avenue

Library Board: 6th 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

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Landscape Design (Part 1): Choosing the Right Tree

By Brittany Cech, NE Certified Nursery Professional

"Where should I plant my tree?" "I don't know where to start." "I have a space to fill but don't know what to plant here." These are all common concerns that homeowners express to us. Planning your landscaping can seem very overwhelming when you don't know where to begin, especially when there are so many species to choose from. Fortunately, we have some tips to help narrow the funnel and make it seem less overwhelming!

There are a few components to keep in mind when selecting the right tree or shrub for your landscaping. These include sun exposure, water requirements, soil conditions, size and shape, and interest or use of the plant. You will want to start by asking yourself, "Why am I planting this tree?"

Is it to provide shade? Create habitat for wildlife? To block wind? Each tree has its purpose. For example, a Black Hills Spruce would make a great windbreak tree and a home for nesting birds, but it is not necessarily a shade tree. Next, you will want to think about how much space you have. When doing so, remember that though a tree may seem to fit in the space when young, you must consider its mature size. Planting a tree that will outgrow the area can lead to future issues. Do you live in town? Do you live on an acreage? Will you need just one or multiple trees to meet your needs? Trees come in many different shapes and sizes that can meet your needs and fit in your space.

Next, you will want to ensure that your tree gets the proper amount of sunlight. Many trees do best in full sunlight. However, some prefer to be understory trees, where they get partial sun and partial shade. The same applies for water and soil conditions. Some trees prefer well-drained soil and drier conditions, while others prefer their roots to be consistently moist. All these factors are important to keep in mind to provide a healthy environment for your growing tree.

Proper placement of trees can ultimately result in a healthier, stronger tree that can have a long life in your landscape. Once you have found a few options that can grow well in your space, you can have the fun of selecting them based on the aesthetic and your preference! Whether you're drawn to a showy spring bloom, vibrant fall color, or a tree that offers fruit or nuts for you and the local wildlife, there's always the perfect match. It's all about finding the right tree for you!

2024

The Tree Pruners & Espalier Builders

The Teachers & Students

The Tree Planters

The Orchard
In South Sioux City, NE

Weeds including Poison Hemlock

Rabbits Again
(snow drifts allowed them to go above the guards)

The Orchard
In South Sioux City, Nebraska

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Dakota County

South Sioux City, NE
Orchard & Garden



Cardinal Christmas Baskets
PO Box 987
South Sioux City, NE 68776

October 9, 2024

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 **17th year**, the goal is to provide assistance to 250+ 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. You, your family or your organization have **3** different opportunities for assisting **Cardinal Christmas Baskets** this year: **(We would love to have volunteers assist with more than 1 of the options!)**

Option 1 – Donate

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 provide baskets to 250 to 300 households.

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 Saturday, December 7, 2024, 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 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).

Option 3 – Assist with Delivering Baskets

Join other community members to personally deliver the 250+ baskets on **Saturday, December 21, 2024**. Delivery begins at **7:30 a.m. at Memorial Hall, 201 West 16th Street, South Sioux City**.

We appreciate the generosity from our community and hope we can count on you again this year!!

Sincerely,
The Cardinal Christmas Basket Committee

City offices will be closed on Thursday November 28th
&
Friday November 29th in observance of Thanksgiving .
Happy Holidays

Trash holiday schedule:

**Thanksgiving Day will be picked up the following day on
Friday, Nov. 29th.**

All pick up will be delayed by one day for the remainder of the week .

Have a Happy and Safe Thanksgiving !



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 life 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.

December

South Sioux City Public Library

2121 Dakota Ave.

402-494-7545



2024



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 Hot Cocoa Greetings – 6pm	3 Tangled Yarns – 6pm	4 Cozy Crocheted Socks – 6:30pm	5 Noche Buenas: Noche de Artesanía – 6pm Crocheting Granny Squares – 6:30pm	6 Goodwill of the Great Plains Job Assistance – 1:30pm	7
8	9 Hot Cocoa Greetings – 6pm Cover to Cover – 3:30pm	10 Tangled Yarns – 6pm	11	12	13	14 Drop-in December – 10am
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29	30 Hot Cocoa Greetings – 6pm Encuentros y Cuentos: Bilingual Book Club- 6:30pm	31 Library Closes at Noon				

publiclibrary@southsiouxcity.org



<http://libraries.ne.gov/southsiouxcity/>

Goodwill of the Great Plains Job Assistance: First Friday 1st, 1:30pm-3:30pm
The Career Cruiser will be here to help you with job preparation.
Bus will be in the Parking Lot

Tangled Yarns: Every Tuesday, 6:00pm-8:00pm
A time for anyone to come work on or ask questions about crafting projects that can be carried with you.
Group held in the Reference Section.

Hot Cocoa Greetings Mondays 6:00pm-8:00pm
***No Registration Required, Adults Only!**
Unwind at Hot Cocoa Greetings as we drink hot cocoa, write to our loved ones and listen to music. Remember the holidays aren't always about gifting and spending money, sometimes it's the thought that counts! *Greeting cards will be supplied or created, or bring your own if you would like!
Location: Reference Department

Cozy Crocheted Socks: Wednesday 4th, 6:30pm-7:30pm
Join us at the library for National Sock Day as we crochet easy chunky socks for the cold weather.
*5 or 6 gauge yarn needed
**Registration Required

Crocheting Granny Squares: Thursday 5th, 6:30pm-7:30pm
Continuation of Nov. Crocheting Granny Squares program, where we will be putting the granny squares we've learned to make together.
*Registration Required
**Must have taken previous programs class!

Noche Buenas: Noche de Artesanía: Thursday, December 5th, 6pm—8pm
***Registration Required! **Adults Only**
Crearemos Noche Buenas, tendremos una buena tarde creando artesanías y en buen compañía. Escucharemos música festiva, y la clase se dará en español.
ubicacion: departamento de referencia

Cover to Cover: Monday 9th & 23th, 3:30pm-4:30pm
1st Meeting Discussing: *Twelve Topsy-Turvy Very Messy Days of Christmas* by James Patterson
2nd Meeting Discussing: *The Cold Dish* by Craig Johnson

Group held in Meeting Room.

Bingos Birthday: Saturday 28th, 2:00pm TBA

Drop-in December: (craft your heart out)
Saturdays 14th, 21st, & 28th, 10:00am-4:00pm
***No Registration Required, Adults Only!**
Drop-in December will be on Saturdays from 10am-4pm. This is your opportunity to stop at reference, check in with **reemie**, and create one of the many craft ideas from 2024s programmed nights. Whatever supplies we have left will be the crafts you will get to choose from! Mini menus with the available crafting options will be printed and ready for you to make your selections. *While Supplies Last! *Max of 2 crafts per person per Saturday!
Location: Reference Department

Encuentros Y Cuentos: Bilingual Book Club Monday 30th, 5:00pm-6:00pm
Bilingual book club, we will discuss the book "Rompe la Barrera del No/ Never Split the Difference" by Chris Voss (book can be read in either Spanish or English). This is for those looking to strengthen their Spanish speaking skills or for some English Speaking Practice. ¡Este club de leer será bilingüe, puedes leer el libro para el mes en inglés o español, ven a leer y practicar tu inglés!
Location: Fluid (Reference Department or Meeting Room)

For programs that require registration please scan the QR code on the front page.



SSC NEWSLETTER

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS CORNER

by Dr. Rony Ortega



Dear SSC Community,

I'm excited to share an update about our new community-led initiative, Cardinal Vision: Our Community • Our Vision. This program brings together parents, grandparents, families, and community members to help shape the future of South Sioux City Community Schools by developing a long-range plan for our district. Your voice is essential in addressing key challenges, and we need your participation!

We face challenges such as aging buildings, outdated infrastructure, and the need for safety and security updates, as well as evolving to meet the changing educational needs of today's students. By working together, we can create a shared vision that best supports our students.

Please join us at our Cardinal Vision Community Engagement Sessions. Each session will focus on different topics, provide information, and gather community feedback to create a strategic plan for the future of our schools.

Upcoming Sessions:

- Session 3: October 29
- Session 4: December 10
- Session 5: January 14

All sessions will take place from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. in the Middle School gym (3625 G Street, enter through Door #1).

Please visit CardinalVision.org for a recap of previous sessions if you were unable to attend our sessions on 9/18/24 and 10/8/24.

We're excited to collaborate with you to shape our schools for the next generation!

Dr. Rony Ortega, Superintendent
South Sioux City Community School



Estimada comunidad de SSC,

Me complace compartir una actualización sobre nuestra nueva iniciativa liderada por la comunidad, Cardinal Vision: Our Community • Our Vision. Este programa reúne a padres, abuelos, familias y miembros de la comunidad para ayudar a dar forma al futuro de las escuelas comunitarias de South Sioux City mediante el desarrollo de un plan a largo plazo para nuestro distrito. ¡Su voz es esencial para abordar desafíos clave y necesitamos su participación!

Enfrentamos desafíos como edificios antiguos, infraestructura obsoleta y la necesidad de actualizaciones de seguridad y protección, además de evolucionar para satisfacer las cambiantes necesidades educativas de los estudiantes de hoy. Al trabajar juntos, podemos crear una visión compartida que apoye mejor a nuestros estudiantes.

Únase a nosotros en nuestras sesiones de participación comunitaria de Cardinal Vision. Cada sesión se centrará en diferentes temas, brindará información y recopilará comentarios de la comunidad para crear un plan estratégico para el futuro de nuestras escuelas.

Próximas sesiones:

- Sesión 3: 29 de octubre
- Sesión 4: 10 de diciembre
- Sesión 5: 14 de enero

Todas las sesiones se llevarán a cabo de 6:00 a 8:00 p. m. en el gimnasio de la escuela secundaria (3625 G Street, ingrese por la puerta n.º 1).

Visite CardinalVision.org para ver un resumen de las sesiones anteriores si no pudo asistir a nuestras sesiones del 18 de septiembre y el 8 de octubre de 2024. ¡Estamos emocionados de colaborar con usted para dar forma a nuestras escuelas para la próxima generación!

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

South Sioux City Community Schools

www.scccardinals.org

