



April 2025

# CARDINAL *Pride*

FREE WILL DONATION

## PANCAKE FEED



Join your Volunteer Firefighters for pancakes, bacon/sausage, eggs, a raffle & crafts

Memorial Hall  
1501 Dakota Avenue  
SSC, NE 68776

**April 13**

8:30AM-11:30AM



ON THE **INSIDE**

- National Crime Victims week, National Child Abuse Prevention Month, National Sexual Assault Awareness Month
- National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day.
- Caring for Your Trees.



### APRIL PUBLIC MEETINGS

City Hall Council Chambers– 1615 1st Avenue  
 City Council Meeting\*: 14th & 28th at 5:00 p.m.  
 Community Development Agency: 8th, 15th & 22nd at 11:00 a.m.  
 Finance Committee\*: 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd & 30th at Noon  
 Public Works Committee\*: 7th & 21st at 5:00p.m.  
 Design Commission: 3rd & 17th at 8:30 a.m.  
 Planning & Zoning Commission: 9th & 23rd at 4:00 p.m.

Parks & Recreation Office – 1021 E 6<sup>th</sup> Street  
 Parks & Recreation Board: 7th at 5:15 p.m.

South Sioux City Library – 2121 Dakota Avenue  
 Library Board: 2nd 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 CRIME VICTIMS' RIGHTS WEEK

## NATIONAL CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH

## NATIONAL SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH

**“Rights, Access, Equity for all victims.”**

***April 6-12, 2025 National Crime Victims' Rights Week***

The Office for Victims of Crime (OVC) helps lead communities throughout the country in their annual observances of National Crime Victims' Rights Week (NCVRW) every April by promoting victims' rights, and honoring crime victims and those who advocate on their behalf. This year's National Crime Victims' Rights Week will be held April 24-30, and the theme—Rights, Access, Equity for all victims. —underscores the importance of helping crime survivors find their justice by; enforcing victims' rights, expanding access to services, and ensuring equity and inclusion for all. Together, we can reduce barriers for victims by ensuring the availability of comprehensive services in a variety of ways.

NCVRW honors and celebrates the achievements of the past thirty years in securing rights, protections, and services for victims. The Victims of Crime Act (VOCA), passed by Congress in 1984, created a national fund to ease victims' suffering. Financed by fines and penalties paid by offenders, the Crime Victims Fund supports victim assistance and services, such as [Dakota County Victim Assistance Program](#), rape crisis and domestic violence programs, and victim compensation programs that pay victims' out-of-pocket expenses such as counseling, funeral expenses, and lost wages. VOCA has also pioneered support efforts for victims of once-hidden crimes such as domestic and sexual violence. Efforts are being made to ensure that all victims, regardless of their background or the crime committed against them, receive the support they deserve.

“If victims are to trust that the criminal justice system will work for them, we must meet them where they are—physically, culturally, and emotionally,” said Joyce E. Frost, Director, Office for Victims of Crime (OVC), U.S. Department of Justice. “When we take the time to focus on the victim in the aftermath of crime—to address their needs for safety and justice—we can begin to build trust and restore the hope of those victims and their communities. We all play a role in helping victims as they rebuild their lives.”

For additional information on crime victim services, please contact Dakota County Victim Assistance Program at 402.494.7550, [dcvap@southsiouxcity.org](mailto:dcvap@southsiouxcity.org), or Facebook: Dakota County Victim Assistance Program. For additional ideas on how to support victims of crime, visit the Office for Victims of Crime website, [www.ovc.gov](http://www.ovc.gov)

[Submitted by: Dakota County Victim Assistance Program](#)

### National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day

Reminder that We have placed a Drug Box in the front lobby of the Law Enforcement Center at 701 West 29<sup>th</sup> street. If you have unwanted drugs or medications, we would urge you to drop them off at the LEC in our Drug Box. The LEC's front lobby hours are from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm, Monday thru Friday, except holidays. On April 26th 2025, from 10am-2pm DEA will coordinate a collaborative effort with state and local law enforcement agencies focused on removing potentially dangerous controlled substances from our nation's medicine cabinets. DEA will collect vape pens or other e-cigarette devices from individual consumers **only** after the batteries are removed from the devices.

This year there will be two collection locations in South Sioux City. The Law Enforcement Center 701 West 29<sup>th</sup> Street and Hy-Vee 2501 Cornhusker Drive. Both locations will be available April 27th , 2024 from 10am-2pm. Items that can be collected are prescription drugs, prescription patches and ointments, over the counter medications, vitamins, and sample.

## Questions on Caring for Your Trees along the streets

South Sioux City has been a Tree City award winner for over 30 years. This is in part due to our attitude toward the care and maintenance of the urban forest in our city.

The city has over the years passed many laws pertaining to trees in our city. This article is only referring to trees in the parking along your property and all trees in the parking area are property of the home owner. Most of our laws are for public safety stating things like:

Every owner of any tree overhanging any street or right-of-way within the city shall properly prune or have properly pruned the branches of such tree so that the branches shall not severely obstruct the light from any streetlamp or obstruct the view of any street intersection. There shall be a clearance standard space of 13 feet above any highway or street surface and eight feet above any sidewalk surface this is 100% homeowner responsibility to trim not the cities. If the city deems your tree or shrub needs trimmed due to obstructing street lighting, street signs or interferes with the proper visibility of any traffic regulatory signal or sign or sight triangle at any intersection. , our Public Works Department will be forced to trim back said tree or shrub.

We also have permits for removing or planting trees in the right-of -way along our streets. These are issued by our Public Works Department and are reviewed by our Street Superintendent. We do recognize the benefits that our street trees provide us.

Below are a few facts to help validate the importance of urban trees.

### **Visual Appeal**

Few things can compare with the aesthetic impact and seasonal interest that trees offer the urban setting. They provide huge visual appeal to any area and can significantly enhance the design of a streetscape.

### **Air Quality**

For every 10% increase in urban tree canopy, ozone is reduced by 3-7%.

Trees are also proven to remove carbon from the air, getting absorbed and stored as cellulose in their trunks, branches, and leaves (a process known as sequestration). Planting trees remains one of the most cost-effective ways of drawing carbon dioxide from the atmosphere. A single mature tree can absorb CO<sub>2</sub> at a rate of 21.6 KG/year and release enough oxygen back into the atmosphere to support 2 humans - those are numbers to be paid attention to.

Research has also shown a 60% reduction in particulates from car exhaust fumes on streets lined with trees.

### **Health & Well-Being**

Trees have also been proven to have a positive impact on skin cancer, asthma, hypertension, and other stress related illness by filtering out polluted air, reducing smog formation, providing shade from solar radiation

### **Cost Savings**

For every \$1 spent on trees, a return of \$2.70 in benefits is received; according to the United States Forest Service.

### **Managing Storm water**

For every 5% of tree cover in a community, [storm water runoff](#) is reduced by 2%. Trees prevent storm water runoff from reaching water courses with harmful chemicals collected from roads and sidewalks.

### **Property Values**

Independent studies have shown a consistent 5-15% increase in property values on tree lined streets, proving that trees increase commercial and residential real estate values.

### **Crime Reduction**

Researchers have discovered reductions in both violent and petty crime, including domestic violence through the therapeutic, calming influence of mature tree planting.

### **Cooling Effects**

Trees reduce temperatures by shade and transpiring water. This helps reduce air conditioning bills and energy use. Studies have even proven that one mature tree can produce the same cooling effect as 10 room-sized air conditioners. This becomes an effective tool in reducing urban heat islands and hot spots in cities.

Trees can also save up to 10% of local energy consumption through their moderation of the local climate.

With all of this information it is important to maintain all of our trees. If we work together we can get South Sioux City to have a more vibrant healthier urban forest.

## Preguntas sobre el cuidado de los árboles de las calles

South Sioux City ha sido ganadora del premio Tree City durante más de 30 años. Esto se debe en parte a nuestra actitud hacia el cuidado y mantenimiento del bosque urbano en nuestra ciudad.

A lo largo de los años, la ciudad ha aprobado muchas leyes relacionadas con los árboles en nuestra ciudad. Este artículo solo se refiere a los árboles en el estacionamiento a lo largo de su propiedad y todos los árboles en el área de estacionamiento son propiedad del dueño de la casa. La mayoría de nuestras leyes son para la seguridad pública y establecen cosas como:

Todo propietario de cualquier árbol que sobresalga de cualquier calle o derecho de paso dentro de la ciudad deberá podar o hacer podar adecuadamente las ramas de dicho árbol de modo que las ramas no obstruyan gravemente la luz de ninguna farola ni obstruyan la vista de ninguna intersección de calles. . Habrá un espacio libre estándar de 13 pies sobre cualquier superficie de carretera o calle y ocho pies sobre cualquier superficie de acera. Es responsabilidad 100% del propietario recortarlo, no en las ciudades. Si la ciudad considera que su árbol o arbusto necesita podarse debido a que obstruye el alumbrado público, las señales de la calle o interfiere con la visibilidad adecuada de cualquier señal o señal reguladora de tráfico o triángulo visual en cualquier intersección. , nuestro Departamento de Obras Públicas se verá obligado a podar dicho árbol o arbusto. También contamos con permisos para quitar o plantar árboles en el derecho de vía a lo largo de nuestras calles. Estos son emitidos por nuestro Departamento de Obras Públicas y son revisados por nuestro Superintendente de Calle. Reconocemos los beneficios que nos brindan los árboles de nuestras calles.

A continuación se presentan algunos datos para ayudar a validar la importancia de los árboles urbanos.

### **Atractivo visual**

Pocas cosas se pueden comparar con el impacto estético y el interés estacional que los árboles ofrecen al entorno urbano. Proporcionan un gran atractivo visual a cualquier área y pueden mejorar significativamente el diseño de un paisaje urbano.

### **Calidad del aire**

Por cada aumento del 10% en la cubierta arbórea urbana, el ozono se reduce entre un 3% y un 7%. También se ha demostrado que los árboles eliminan carbono del aire, absorbiéndolo y almacenándolo como celulosa en sus troncos, ramas y hojas (un proceso conocido como secuestro). Plantar árboles sigue siendo una de las formas más rentables de extraer dióxido de carbono de la atmósfera. Un solo árbol maduro puede absorber CO<sub>2</sub> a un ritmo de 21,6 kg/año y liberar suficiente oxígeno a la atmósfera para sustentar a 2 humanos; esas son cifras a las que hay que prestar atención.

Las investigaciones también han demostrado una reducción del 60% en las partículas provenientes de los gases de escape de los automóviles en las calles bordeadas de árboles.

### **Salud y Bienestar**

También se ha demostrado que los árboles tienen un impacto positivo en el cáncer de piel, el asma, la hipertensión y otras enfermedades relacionadas con el estrés al filtrar el aire contaminado, reducir la formación de smog y proporcionar sombra contra la radiación solar.

### **Ahorro de costes**

Por cada dólar gastado en árboles, se recibe un retorno de 2,70 dólares en beneficios; según el Servicio Forestal de los Estados Unidos.

### **Manejo de aguas pluviales**

Por cada 5% de cubierta arbórea en una comunidad, la escorrentía de aguas pluviales se reduce en un 2%. Los árboles evitan que el agua de lluvia llegue a los cursos de agua con productos químicos nocivos recogidos de las carreteras y aceras.

### **Valores de propiedad**

Estudios independientes han demostrado un aumento constante del 5 al 15 % en el valor de las propiedades en calles arboladas, lo que demuestra que los árboles aumentan el valor de los bienes raíces comerciales y residenciales.

### **Reducción del crimen**

Los investigadores han descubierto reducciones tanto en los delitos violentos como en los delitos menores, incluida la violencia doméstica, gracias a la influencia terapéutica y calmante de la plantación de árboles maduros.

### **Efectos de enfriamiento**

Los árboles reducen las temperaturas por la sombra y la transpiración del agua. Esto ayuda a reducir las facturas de aire acondicionado y el uso de energía. Los estudios han demostrado incluso que un árbol maduro puede producir el mismo efecto refrescante que diez aparatos de aire acondicionado del tamaño de una habitación. Esto se convierte en una herramienta eficaz para reducir las islas de calor urbanas y los puntos calientes en las ciudades.

Los árboles también pueden ahorrar hasta un 10% del consumo local de energía mediante la moderación del clima local.

Con toda esta información es importante mantener todos nuestros árboles. Si trabajamos juntos podemos lograr que South Sioux City tenga un bosque urbano más vibrante y saludable.

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## SOUTH SIOUX CITY PUBLIC LIBRARY ADULT EVENT CALENDAR



### 2025



2121 DAKOTA AVE. 402-494-7545

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>ALL ADULT PROGRAMS ARE 16+ UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED PLEASE REGISTER FOR PROGRAMS ON OUR WEBSITE.</b>				1 MAY DAY BOOKMARKS - 2PM	2 GOODWILL OF THE GREAT PLAINS JOB ASSISTANCE - 10:30AM	3
4 WATERCOLOR IN SPACE: 4:30PM THE TEA ON IT: 5PM-8PM	5 TANGLED YARNS - 6PM	6 NE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR - 10AM- 2PM CREATIVE JOURNALING WORKSHOP: 6:00PM	7 KOI FISH: ACRYLIC WORKSHOP: 6PM	8 RIBBON SKIRT WORKSHOP: 10AM	9	10
11 COVER TO COVER 3:30PM-4:30PM THE TEA ON IT: 5PM-8PM	12 TANGLED YARNS - 6PM	13	14 THE SHAMROCKS: 6:30PM	15 RIBBON SKIRT WORKSHOP: 10AM	16	17
18 COVER TO COVER 3:30PM-4:30PM THE TEA ON IT: 5PM-8PM	19 TANGLED YARNS - 6PM	20 BEADED EARRINGS: 4:30PM	21 BEADED EARRINGS: 4:30PM LOTUS FLOWER: WATERCOLOR WORKSHOP: 6PM	22 LEVEL UP YOUR SUMMER READING: ALL DAY	23	24
25 LIBRARY CLOSED	26 TANGLED YARNS - 6PM	27	28 ENCUENTROS Y CUENTOS: BILINGUAL BOOK CLUB - 5:30PM	29	30	31



<<SCAN TO VIEW THE SSCPL EVENT CALENDAR ONLINE



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HTTPS://LIBRARIES.NE.GOV/SOUTHSIOUXCITY

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ALL PROGRAMS ARE 30 MINUTES UNLESS STATED OTHERWISE.

## CHILDREN'S EVENT CALENDAR

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 DUNGEONS & DONNA 4:30PM	2 Story Time 11:00am Tween Time 3:45 pm	3 Star Wars Movie 11:00am Star Wars Party 1:00pm
4	5 Lets Craft 4:30pm	6 Toddler Time 10:00am TEEN TIME 5:30PM	7 TWEEN & TEEN ANIME CLUB 3:45PM	8 THEATER THURSDAY 5:00PM	9 Story Time 11:00am Tween Time 3:45 pm	10 Youth Book Club 10:00am
11	12 Lets Craft 4:30pm	13 Toddler Time 10:00am TEEN TIME 5:30PM	14 TWEEN & TEEN ANIME CLUB 3:45PM	15 DUNGEONS & DONNA 4:30PM	16 Story Time 11:00am Tween Time 3:45 pm	17 Trivia 10:00am
18	19 Lets Craft 4:30pm	20 TEEN TIME 5:30PM	21 TWEEN & TEEN ANIME CLUB 3:45PM	22 FREE MOVIE 5:00PM	23 Story Time 11:00am Tween Time 3:45 pm	24 Make Slime 10:00am
25 Library Closed	26 Toddler Time 10:00am TEEN TIME 5:30PM	27 TWEEN & TEEN ANIME CLUB 3:45PM	28	29 DUNGEONS & DONNA 4:30PM	30 Story Time 11:00am Tween Time 3:45 pm	31 Game Day All Day

\*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





# SSC NEWSLETTER

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS CORNER

by Dr. Rony Ortega



Dear Community,

The volunteers leading the Cardinal Vision community engagement program have presented recommendations to the school board. We are excited to share that the board has unanimously approved a bond resolution, giving our community the opportunity to consider making an historic investment in our schools and our future.

Through five community-wide workshops and two surveys, the Cardinal Vision process shaped and created the proposal to improve our schools ensuring it reflects the priorities of our community. Our Cardinal Vision Plan, which asks the owner of a \$200k home to invest \$1.31/day in our schools, will fund the construction of three new schools to replace our three oldest schools and provide renovations to existing schools to ease overcrowding and provide enhanced security, additional classrooms, and improvements to infrastructure and accessibility.

We stand at a critical juncture where we can shape the trajectory of our district for generations to come. A special mail-in election is scheduled for May 13, 2025, to allow our community to vote on this proposal. Thank you to everyone who participated in Cardinal Vision—your input and dedication have been invaluable. We are incredibly proud of our community and the strong value you place on education.

Go Cards!

Dr. Rony Ortega, Superintendent  
South Sioux City Community School



Estimada comunidad de SSC,

Los voluntarios que lideran el programa de participación comunitaria Visión Cardenal han presentado recomendaciones a la mesa directiva. Nos complace compartir que la mesa directiva ha aprobado por unanimidad una resolución de emisión de bonos, lo que brinda a nuestra comunidad la oportunidad de considerar una inversión histórica en nuestras escuelas y nuestro futuro.

A través de cinco talleres comunitarios y dos encuestas, el proceso Visión Cardenal dio forma y creó la propuesta para mejorar nuestras escuelas, asegurándose de que refleje las prioridades de nuestra comunidad. Nuestro Plan Visión Cardenal, que solicita al propietario de una vivienda de \$200,000 que invierta \$1.31 al día en nuestras escuelas, financiará la construcción de tres nuevas escuelas para reemplazar las tres más antiguas y realizará renovaciones en las escuelas existentes para reducir la sobrepoblación y brindar mayor seguridad, aulas adicionales y mejoras en la infraestructura y la accesibilidad.

Nos encontramos en un momento crucial para definir la trayectoria de nuestro distrito para las generaciones futuras. Se ha programado una elección especial por correo para el 13 de mayo de 2025 para que nuestra comunidad pueda votar sobre esta propuesta. Gracias a todos los que participaron en Cardinal Vision; su contribución y dedicación han sido invaluable. Estamos sumamente orgullosos de nuestra comunidad y del gran valor que le dan a la educación.

¡Vamos Cardenales!

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

South Sioux City Community Schools

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