

Your Neighborhood KNOW

WELCOME to the City's Quarterly Neighborhood Newsletter

Welcome to the first edition of Your Neighborhood KNOW!

To all Neighborhood Associations and Neighborhood Watch Group members, welcome to the 2023 first edition of this quarterly newsletter! The City of Sioux Falls will host events and activities throughout the year, and this will be our tool to share that information and provide access to City staff.

We also want you to let us know how we can better serve or provide information that's important to you.

Come spring, we'll provide information from Sioux Falls Public Works about road construction, so you can check to see how your commute may be affected. Although we can't determine where potholes are located in your travels around town, we can let you know how to report them for repairs.

In this issue, we are inviting you to the Neighborhood Summit, scheduled April 14 and 15 at the Anne Zabel Studio in the Orpheum Theater Center at 315 N Phillips Avenue. See schedule and details on page 7.

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DO YOU KNOW?

The Difference Between a Neighborhood Association and a Neighborhood Watch Group



A **NEIGHBORHOOD** is the place where people live, play, work, worship, shop, and go to school. A **NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION** serves its members by working with various community and service organizations and individuals to provide input on issues that affect the neighborhood and undertake efforts to address the concerns of the neighborhood. A **NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION** can also serve as simply a fun way to get to know your neighbors.

NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATIONS require resident involvement, commitment, planning, and organization. They can be directed by a steering committee or board of directors. Members should have a long-term commitment of time and energy.

Diane deKoeper is the City of Sioux Falls Neighborhood Planner who works with citizens to become active participants in their neighborhoods with the ultimate goal of building stronger neighborhoods. Diane can interact directly with citizens to provide information and resources, meet with other City departments, nonprofit organizations, faith-based institutions, and businesses to bridge the gap in our neighborhoods.

Each year, the City provides \$50,000 to the **NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION** Grant Program to encourage Sioux Falls residents to collaboratively identify and actively participate in making improvements in their neighborhood for the enhancement of a neighborhood's livability, involvement, and to promote a strong sense of community.

PAST PROJECTS INCLUDE:

- Boulevard tree replacement due to removal of ash trees
- Neighborhood identification signage
- Pedestrian safety and traffic calming equipment
- Residential security lighting
- Public art

If you're interested in reviewing past **NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION** Grant projects, please find them at: www.siouxfalls.org/planning-dev/planning/neighborhoods

If you know of a neighborhood that has interest in enhancing their quality of life, or addressing concerns within our community, please have them contact the Neighborhood Planner for more information at: ddekoeyer@siouxfalls.org.

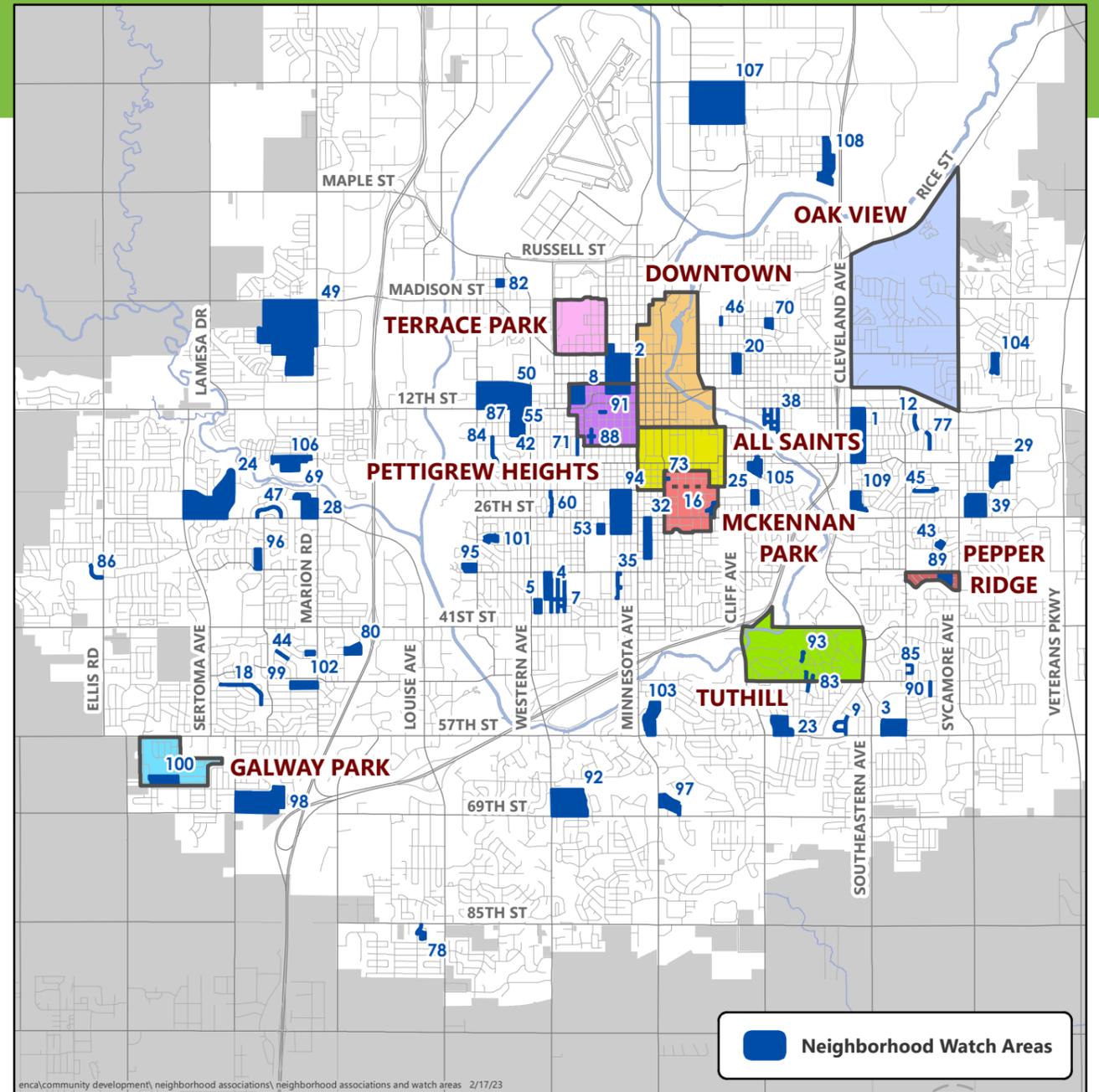


A **NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH GROUP** is a group of concerned residents, community organizations, and business organizations living in the same area who want to make their neighborhood safer by working together and in conjunction with local law enforcement to reduce crime and improve their quality of life. Members learn how to make their homes and neighborhoods more secure, watch out for each other, and report illegal or suspicious activities to the police.

The first Tuesday in August is National Night Out. This is an annual community-building campaign that promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie to make our neighborhoods safer and more caring places to live. The event helps to enhance the relationship between neighbors and police. Neighborhoods host block parties and barbecues for emergency personnel under positive circumstances.

For more information, you can contact: www.siouxfalls.org/police/cro/neighborhood-watch

Neighborhood Association and Neighborhood Watch Group Areas



Get a Closer Look Online

Neighborhood Associations | <https://www.siouxfalls.org/planning-dev/planning/neighborhoods>

Neighborhood Watch Groups | <https://www.siouxfalls.org/police/cro/neighborhood-watch>



Terrace Park NA planted hydrangeas to screen fences in the upper park.

Neighborhood Grant Program

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The following are a few of the projects completed in 2022 for the Neighborhood Grant Program.

All Saints Neighborhood



The All Saints Neighborhood engaged residents and artists to collaborate with Sioux Falls Parks and Recreation to create a unique and original public art project by painting picnic tables that will permanently reside under the shelter at Lyon Park.

Left: Molly O'Connor's artwork reflects the nature that can be found in a park if we look close enough.



Right: Zach DeBoer used the opportunity to create a place to show pride for Sioux Falls and give neighbors an opportunity to be a part of the creation during last year's National Night Out at the Park.

Tuthill Park Neighborhood

With the loss of trees from a tornado in 2019 and the City's removal of ash trees in the Tuthill Park Neighborhood, resident hero Brian Lindaman worked with the City Forester to select, permit, and install over 80 trees in the area. Each resident contributed \$40 per tree along with grant funds to help beautify the once forested neighborhood. With more ash trees scheduled to be removed this year, this neighborhood hero is planning on replacing almost as many trees in 2023.

Previous grant projects for the Tuthill Park neighborhood include: Establishing the Tuthill neighborhood as a 501c3 to raise funds to rehabilitate the historic Tuthill House that is used as a rental venue for weddings, graduations, and other events through the City of Sioux Falls Park system.



Above/Left: The homeowner that led the effort to reforest the Tuthill Neighborhood worked with residents on tree selection and installation.



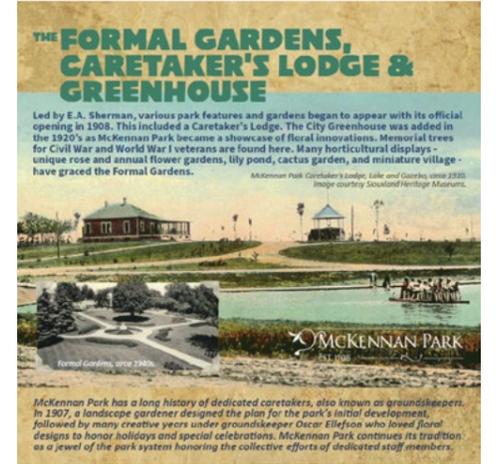
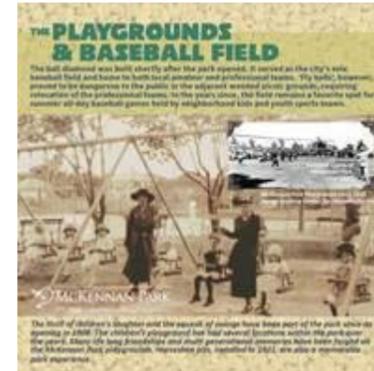
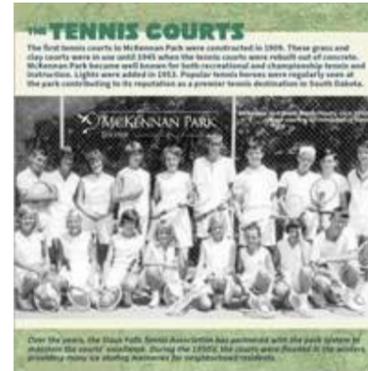
McKenna Park Neighborhood

In 2021 resident John Paulsen and a group of neighbors in the McKenna Park Neighborhood worked with a landscape architect to create exhibits in the park featuring historic events and locations. Memories were provided by neighbors that grew up in the neighborhood. Images and historic information for the exhibits were provided by the Siouxland Heritage Museum and Center for Western Studies.



Pedestals constructed of quarter-inch corten steel display images and information at a comfortable height for visitors to read.

In 2022, the neighborhood added to four more exhibits which creates a walking tour of the Park's history.



The Human Relations Office is a neutral branch of the City Attorney's Office whose mission is to eliminate unlawful discrimination and promote greater understanding, inclusion, and justice in Sioux Falls through education and enforcement.

The Human Relations Office provides free training and education regarding legal rights, obligations, and protections under anti-discrimination laws applicable to employment, housing, education, public accommodations, and public services. Additionally, the Human Relations Office, working with the Human Relations Commission (an 11-member City volunteer board), is responsible for enforcing the City's anti-discrimination ordinances through investigation and processes for obtaining resolution of complaints, which services are similarly provided free-of-charge.

The Human Relations Commission, with support of the Human Relations Office, holds regular public meetings on the second Thursday of each month from 12-1pm. These meetings are typically held at City Hall, and members of the public are welcome and encouraged to attend.

If you believe you have experienced illegal discrimination or are interested in scheduling a training at no cost, please contact:

Sioux Falls Human Relations
605-367-8745 - General
605-367-HOME (4663) - Fair Housing Concerns
HumanRelations@siouxfalls.org

City of Sioux Falls HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION

Committed to eliminating unlawful discrimination and harassment, and promoting greater understanding, inclusion, and justice for those who live, work, study, worship, visit, and play in the City of Sioux Falls.

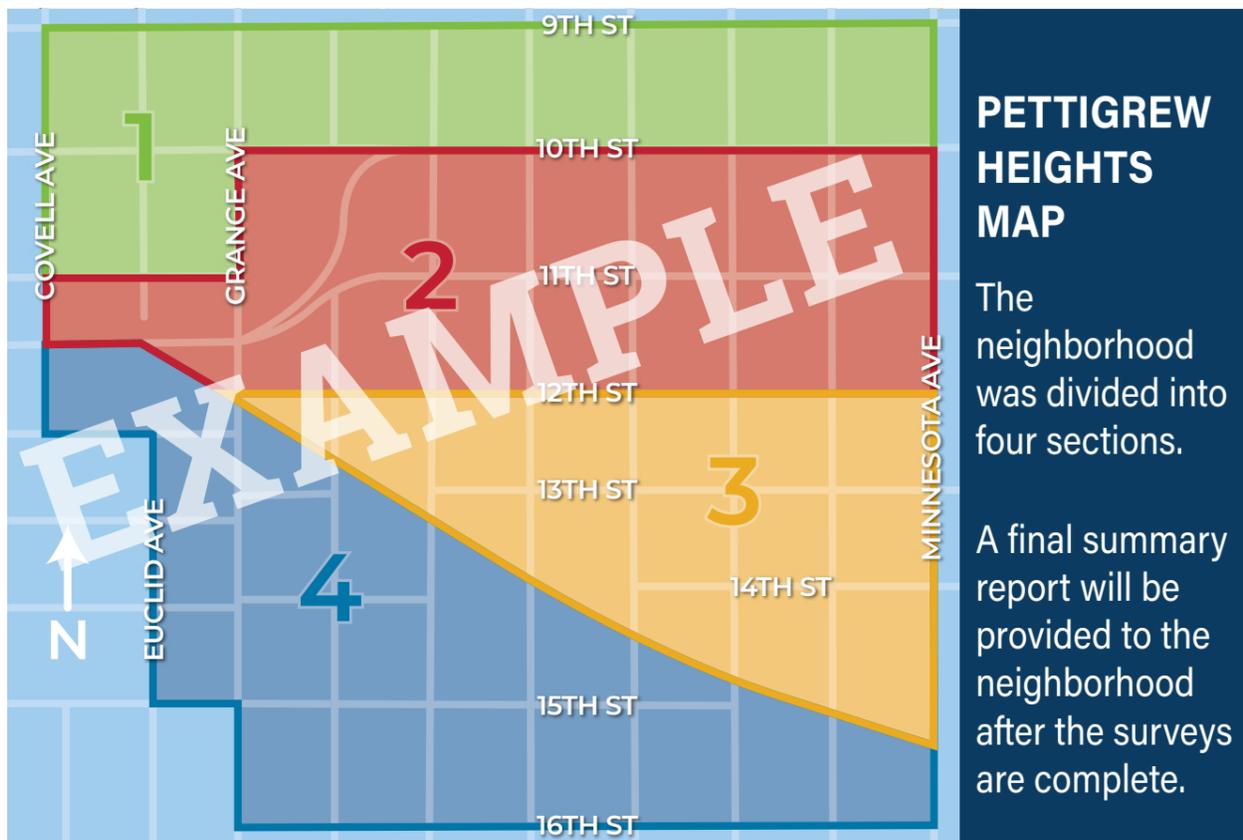
DOES YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD NEED A Walk Audit?

BACKGROUND: The Pettigrew Heights Neighborhood Association Walk Audit was conducted in 2022 when the City of Sioux Falls saw the need to address health and safety issues in their neighborhood. In response, two City departments (Neighborhood Revitalization and Health) have developed a plan to survey the neighborhood and identify potential code violations.

GOAL: Survey the Pettigrew Heights neighborhood for code enforcement violations.

OBJECTIVES:

- Improve collaboration between the neighborhood associations and the City.
- Improve safety and property conditions in neighborhoods.



PROJECT TIMELINE:

- **Monday, April 17 through Friday, April 21:** Pairs of inspectors with Neighborhood Revitalization and Health Department will survey quadrants of the neighborhood.
- **Early May:** Property owners will be notified by mail about any identified issues.
- **Late May:** Code cases will be started for any code violations that have not been resolved.
- **June:** Meet with the neighborhood association with an update about the Walk Audit.

COMMUNICATIONS:

- **Messaging and Tone:** Collaboration, prevention, health, and safety.
- **Timeline:** Update to the City Council and neighborhood association in June.
- **Audiences:** Neighborhood associations, elected officials, and general public
- **Proposed Tactics:** News release and social media update



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SIOUX FALLS RESIDENTS, BUSINESSES, NONPROFITS, AND FAITH-BASED ORGANIZATIONS ARE INVITED TO THE

NEIGHBORHOOD SUMMIT

Friday and Saturday, April 14-15, 2023

Anne Zabel Studio Theater at the Orpheum Theater Center, 315 North Phillips Avenue

Residents will have the opportunity to take part in the City of Sioux Falls Neighborhood Summit. On Friday evening, Keynote Speaker, Jim Diers will return to Sioux Falls to engage residents and leaders in empowering neighborhoods and spearheading community-building workshops.

FEATURED KEYNOTE SPEAKER
JIM DIERS
Author and World-Renowned Neighborhood Advocate

Jim will share stories and lessons about the power of community from his work in Seattle as a former community organizer and director of the city's Department of Neighborhoods and from his current involvement with neighborhoods and local government throughout the world.

FRIDAY, APRIL 14, 5:30-7 P.M.
THE POWER OF COMMUNITY
Introduction by Mayor Paul TenHaken

SATURDAY, APRIL 15, 7:15 A.M.-1 P.M.
WORKSHOPS

- Engaging Broad and Inclusive Participation
- Building on Your Neighborhood's Strengths
- Community-Driven Placemaking
- Creating a Vision and Action Plan for Your Neighborhood

CHECK OUT A PREVIEW VIDEO OF JIM DIERS, FEATURED KEYNOTE SPEAKER
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1THnrSL_qY

More information can be found at:
www.siouxfalls.org/planning-dev/planning/neighborhoods

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If an ADA accommodation is needed, please contact the Human Relations Office at 605-367-8745 or humanrelations@siouxfalls.org

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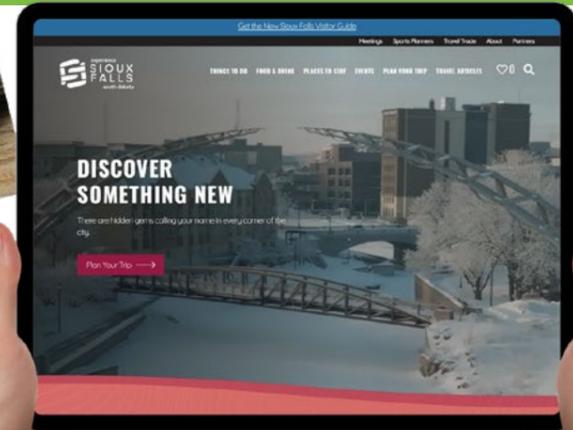


Things to See and Do...

Go online for a full schedule of happenings throughout the Sioux Falls Area:

https://issuu.com/siouxfalls/docs/p_r_spring_2023-final-digital

<https://www.experiencesiouxfalls.com>



When it comes to removing snow from driveways and sidewalks, homeowners have important responsibilities.

SNOW REMOVAL CHECKLIST for Homeowners

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| <p>CLEAR SIDEWALKS OF ICE AND SNOW WITHIN 48 HOURS AFTER IT SNOWS</p> | <p>ENSURE MAILBOX IS ACCESSIBLE</p> |
| <p>CLEAR FIRE HYDRANT OF SNOW</p> | <p>CLEAR HOME HEATING EXHAUST OF SNOW</p> |

WHO TO CONTACT...

Animal Control Questions, General Information | 605-367-7000

- Stray animals
- Barking dogs
- Nuisance wild animals (skunks, opossums, bats in the house, etc.)

City Attorney | 605-367-8880

- Uncorrected violations

Code Compliance Officer | 605-367-8613

Emerald Ash Borer Information

- Helpline Center at 211

EMERGENCIES | 9-1-1

Police, Fire, Animal Control

Engineering | 605-367-8601

- Sidewalk and curb hazards
- Sidewalk specifications
- Drainage issues

Environmental + Household Hazardous Waste | 605-367-8276

- Recycling of residential electronics
- Disposal/recycling of household chemicals and waste
- General recycling questions/requirements
- Home Healthcare Needle Disposal Program
- Storm water discharges

Fair Housing Awareness | 605-367-8745

- Tenant rights education
- Landlord rights education
- Fair Housing laws and awareness

Fire Non-Emergencies | 605-367-8093

- Illegal burning
- Free smoke alarms

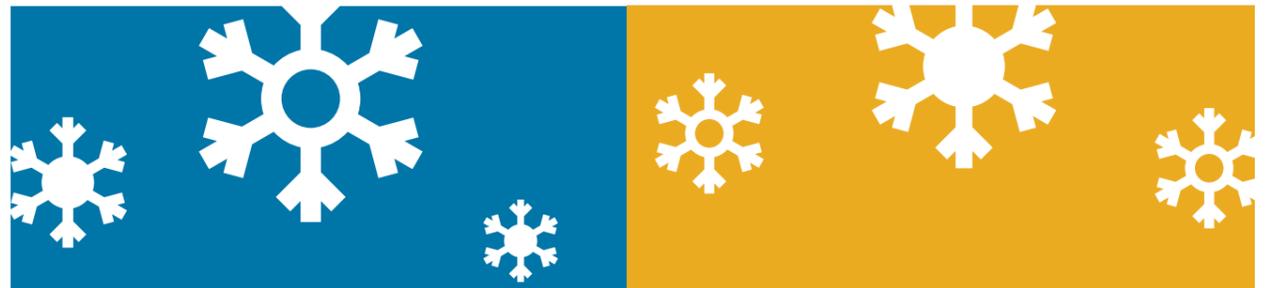


Health | 605-367-8760

- Garbage accumulations
- Rubbish and waste material
- Unlicensed or inoperable vehicles/trailers on private property
- Yard waste
- Animal waste
- Graffiti

Housing Repairs (Income-Based) | 605-367-8180

- Owner occupied homes
- Mobile homes
- Rental housing properties



DON'T WAIT: Shovel Within 48

Everyone should have safe access to our sidewalks during winter. That's why the City of Sioux Falls requires that they all be cleared 48 hours after any snow or ice accumulation.

It's the responsibility of the property owners or those in possession of property, to clear all snow and ice after a winter storm. Others rely on you to travel safely throughout our community. The elderly, disabled, and schoolchildren especially need sidewalks cleared for safe passage during the winter months.

Failure to clear sidewalks will result in citations and other costs to you.

For more information about snow removal, contact Property Maintenance at 605-978-6900.

www.siouxfalls.org/code-enforcement/sidewalk-snow

Have an Issue, Check this List for Who to Contact for Help

Human Relations | 605-367-8745

- Discrimination: employment and housing
- Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) issues

Landfill | 605-367-8162

- Garbage can lids and can placement
- Garbage removal requirements
- Waste removal companies
- Leaf and tree drop off/yard waste

Lawn Watering Schedule | 605-373-6971

- Watering violations, schedule

Mosquito Control | 605-367-8284

- 605-367-8799 (after hours)
- Stagnant water/mosquito breeding sites

Neighborhoods | 605-367-8889

Parking Citations | 605-367-8170

- Citation payments, questions, or concerns
- Parking permits

Parks and Recreation | 605-367-8222

- Low hanging branches over streets and sidewalks
- Approved street tree list
- Dead trees

Police Non-Emergencies | 605-367-7000

- Vehicles and trailers parked on the street
- Vandalism

Pothole Hotline | 605-367-8002

Property Maintenance | 605-978-6900

- Dilapidated housing conditions/property maintenance
- Sidewalk snow removal/complaints
- Grass and weeds (taller than 8 inches)
- Noxious weeds
- Improper parking of vehicles/trailers

Street Light Outage | 605-373-6979

Streets | 605-367-8255

- Street hazards
- Snow removal (snow gates)

Zoning Enforcement | 605-367-8254

- Improper parking and storage of vehicles and trailers on private property
- Building and land use
- Property signs/private fences