

# Merry Christmas

December 2016

Sioux Center Connections

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## HOLIDAY CLOSINGS

The City Office will be closing at noon on Friday, Dec. 23, and will be closed Monday, Dec. 26, and Monday, Jan. 2.

## GARBAGE NOTICE

Due to the holidays, there will be no garbage pickup on Monday, Dec. 26 and Monday, Jan. 2. These routes will be picked up on Wednesday, Dec. 28 and Wednesday, Jan. 4.

## CHRISTMAS TREE COLLECTION

Brommers will collect Christmas trees Jan. 3-6 on your garbage day. Monday collection will be on Wednesday of that week.

## OVERNIGHT PARKING

No parking on the street from 2-6 a.m. throughout the year.

## ON THE CALENDAR

- Dec. 3** ..... Breakfast with Santa at Centre Mall
- Dec. 5** ..... Christmas Crafts and Cookies at library
- Dec. 6** ..... PPEL Vote
- Dec. 7** ..... Christmas Tea at Royale Meadows
- Dec. 27** ..... Paul Clousing Retirement Open House at The Ridge Golf Club.

For more dates and news visit [www.siouxcenter.org](http://www.siouxcenter.org)

## COMMUNITY TO HONOR RETIRING CITY MANAGER

City Manager Paul Clousing is retiring this month. Paul has served as Sioux Center's city manager the past 11 years and worked for the city for 44 years.

Mayor Dennis Walstra said, "One of Paul's greatest attributes is patience. He uses this gift to lead people to consensus and work toward a common good."

Paul has promoted local economic development, campaigning for several industries including Groschopp and Pella Corp. to locate and expand in Sioux Center.

He helped lead collaborative efforts to move many projects forward including the new library, Centre Mall, the All Seasons Center, The Ridge Golf Club, Terrace View Event Center, and park and trail improvements.

Paul also served for 15 years as executive director of New Homestead Low Income Housing Agency.



He has been working alongside Sioux Center's new city manager, Scott Wynja, since September and intends to stay involved in local efforts.

"We have a wonderful community with visionary leadership and a great city staff. I plan to stay in Sioux Center and continue to be involved," Paul said.

The public is invited to an open house honoring City Manager Paul Clousing on Tuesday, Dec. 27 from 4-6 p.m. at The Ridge Golf Club event hall.

## CENTRE MALL OFFERS HOLIDAY FESTIVITIES

**Free Mini-Train Rides** Saturdays, Dec. 3, 10 & 17, 9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

**Breakfast with Santa** Saturday, Dec. 3 at Pizza Ranch, 9 a.m. Children ages 3-10 can make gifts for \$1 for a relative or friend.

**Dordt College Art Show & Sale** Thursday, Dec. 8, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.  
Friday, Dec. 9, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.  
Saturday, Dec. 10, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

**Visit Santa at the Mall** Saturdays, Dec. 10 & 17, 1-3 p.m.

**Free Kids Movies at Cinema 5** Saturdays, Dec. 3, 10 & 17 at noon & 2:30 p.m., Sundays, Dec. 4, 11 & 18 at noon. *FREE tickets available at participating Centre Mall businesses.*

## JOIN IN HOLIDAY FUN AT THE LIBRARY

**Christmas Crafts and Cookies Exchange** will be Monday, Dec. 5 at 7 p.m. Register at the library by Dec. 2. Open to first 24 people. FREE.

**Christmas Tea** on Wednesday, Dec. 7 at 3:30 p.m., with residents of local senior facilities at Royale Meadows Community Room. All are welcome to enjoy a Christmas story by Lisa Laird and one of her puppets, crafts, and tea with refreshments. Stop by the library to register.

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# Local News

## ALL SEASONS CENTER

Looking for a gift? The ASC has gift certificates for any amount, available at the front desk during public swim hours or at the office, Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

On Dec. 24 and 31 the ASC will be **closing at 4 p.m.** and will be **closed** on Dec. 25. The ASC is open a variety of hours over the holidays. A great option for kids on break is the fun day pass, \$5 for swimming *and* skating. Check hours at [www.allseasonscenter.org](http://www.allseasonscenter.org).

**Moonlight Skate** on Dec. 10, 9:15-11:15 p.m. & Dec. 30 7:45-9:45 p.m.

## SCHOOL PPEL VOTE

The Sioux Center Community School Physical Plant and Equipment Levy (PPEL) Election will be held Tuesday, Dec. 6.

Voters in the Sioux Center school district are being asked whether to renew the \$1.03 PPEL levy.

Polls will be open from 7 a.m.-8 p.m. at Terrace View Event Center, 230 St. Andrews Way, Sioux Center.

## TREE TRIMMING NOTICE

Tree branches must be trimmed to at least 10-12 feet above city streets (including leaves) to allow equipment like the street sweeper to pass. If you intend to trim your own trees, contact the City Office by the end of the year. Otherwise city crews will be trimming low-hanging branches in January.

## SNOW REMINDERS

Please remember to **shovel snow from sidewalks** and keep them safe for pedestrians. You have 10 hours after a snowfall to clear your sidewalks. After this, the City may remove the snow and bill the property owner. If there is a fire hydrant by your property, we appreciate your help in keeping it clear of snow.

Please be considerate and do not scoop or blow snow onto streets or a neighbor's property.

## APPLY NOW FOR FOUNDATION GRANTS

The Sioux Center Community Foundation is accepting applications for this year's Generations Community Endowment Fund grants through Jan. 31. Applications are available online at [www.siouxcenter.org/Generations](http://www.siouxcenter.org/Generations), by email at [SCCF@siouxcenter.org](mailto:SCCF@siouxcenter.org), in person at the City Office, or by telephone at 722-0533. Those eligible include nonprofit organizations and units of local government that serve Sioux Center and are tax exempt under section 501(c) (3). For more information, call Dean Gabhart at 722-0533 or Paul Clousing at 722-0761. If you would like to contribute to the foundation, contact Darryl Ten Pas at 722-0761.

## NEW PEDESTRIAN CROSSING SIGN

A new style of pedestrian crossing sign is going up at the intersection of 9<sup>th</sup> Street and 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue SE. When pedestrians push a button, flashing lights will be activated to alert traffic to stop.

The city is trying this type of sign after hearing concerns about pedestrian safety near Sioux Center Christian School and Kinsey Elementary. City planners are looking at using signs like this at crossings as part of potential Highway 75 improvements.



## SIoux CENTER PUBLIC LIBRARY ACTIVITIES

**BIBLE JOURNALING** - Learn to create beautiful pieces of art in your Bible at a Bible Journaling class at the library on Tuesday, Dec. 13, at 7 p.m. Learn techniques and reasons for Bible journaling. Call the library at 722-2138 to reserve a seat for this FREE program. Individuals should bring their own Bible and any scrapbooking or journaling supplies you would like to use.

**VINTAGE MOVIE** - The Sioux Center Public Library will have a Vintage Movie Showing on Friday, Dec. 16, at 2 p.m. They will be showing the movie "A Christmas Carol." All are invited and free popcorn will be served.

**LIBRARY CLOSINGS** - The Sioux Center Public Library will be closed for Christmas from Dec. 24 through Dec. 26. It will also be closed on Saturday, Dec. 31 through Monday, Jan. 2 for the New Year's holiday.

## BEGINNING KNITTING CLASS IN JANUARY

Adults and teens ages 13 and up interested in learning knitting basics are invited to try this beginning knitting class. It will be on Tuesdays Jan. 10, 17, 24, & 31 from 7 p.m.-8:15 p.m. at the All Seasons Center Senior Room. Cost is \$20. Sign up at: [www.siouxcenter.org/onlineregistration](http://www.siouxcenter.org/onlineregistration) or call Bethany at 722-4386 Ext. 8 for more information.