

**SI<sup>OX</sup>**  
**CITY**

# PROGRESS



**PLACES TO PLAY**



**TRENDY LOFTS**



**COMMUNITY ART**



## LOCALS HONORED

**Rocklin Manufacturing**, a 90-year-old Sioux City business, was recently honored as 2024 Small Business Exporter of the Year by the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA). This third-generation family business manufactures and distributes portable industrial equipment to 50 countries worldwide.

Rocklin utilized SBA resources to boost exports and to renovate its historic 1912 home base. The company also received support from the Iowa Economic Development Authority and from the City of Sioux City in the form of tax rebates.



**Dustin Rhoades**, the founder of Ability Tech, was recently named the 2024 Neal Smith Entrepreneur of the Year by Iowa's Small Business Development Centers.

Ability Tech is a Sioux City-based business that creates customized adaptive technology—often in the form of assistive products or digital solutions—to help individuals with disabilities.

## HANDS ON LEARNING

Trade students at the Sioux City Career Academy have completed the ultimate hands-on learning projects and built two homes for our community. Led by instructors Rick and Gary Niles, students worked together to construct a small house for Habitat for Humanity delivered to a family in Riverside in late summer. They also crafted a 1,646-sq. ft. one-story, three-bedroom ranch home that went on the market in late spring.

"Housing is key to our community's growth, so it's great to see the Sioux City Community School District helping the next generation build these homes, learn about the process, and serve the greater good," notes Mayor Pro Tem Dan Moore.



## LOVE FOR LOCAL PARKS

Parks large and small, we love them all! Along with grand-scale projects like Chris Larsen Park along the Missouri River, the City of Sioux City is also investing in community parks—dozens of places where families can get outside, connect with friends, and grow their neighborhoods.



Lyons Park, located at West 1st and John Streets, is a great example of this. This \$1.2 million project includes construction of new sidewalks, fencing and furnishings, and necessary utilities (storm sewer, water service, electrical, lighting) along with installation of playground equipment, an obstacle course, playground surfacing, and landscaping.

"We look for ways to spark residential growth and support overall quality of life," states Jill Wanderscheid, neighborhood services manager. "The improvements to Lyons Park will help in both of those areas."

Funded by the City of Sioux City's Community Development Block Grant Program, Lyons Park improvements should be mostly complete by Fall 2024.



## HOUSING HELP

As local demand for affordable and market-rate housing remains high, the City of Sioux City has teamed up with developers to meet the need:

- **Devries Addition** plans 20 single-family and twin-home units for low-income families within a development near Loess Hills Elementary.
- **Indian Hills Drive** will see 50 apartments at the former Touchstone Healthcare Community.
- **The Ridge Apartments** will add 212 units to Sioux City's growing southeast corridor.
- **Isabella Square** is bringing 11 affordable single family homes to the former West Middle School grounds.
- **Countryside Apartments** will add 110 units in Morningside.
- **East High Lofts** will bring 41 affordable apartments to the former Northwest Area Education Association building (and before that, East Junior High School).
- **Asher Apartments**, located near the former Everett Elementary School, plans 30 units for low- to moderate-income families—including units for those experiencing homelessness.

"We are working to provide housing options that are affordable and attainable for more individuals and families in our community," says Councilmember Julie Schoenherr.



## PERDUE INVESTS IN SIOUX CITY

One of America's food processing giants is ramping up its commitment to our community. Perdue Farms has operated in Sioux City since the 1990s and now employs 150 local workers—but it recently purchased the former Tur-Pak Building, 6201 McArthur St., with plans for a \$50 million expansion that will add up to 100 jobs.

Growing domestic and international markets dictated the need for more space, but the area workforce drove Perdue to invest more fully in Sioux City.

"It was the most pivotal factor," says Gary Malenke, senior vice president. "We saw too much value in our associates to hit the restart button somewhere else."

"Sioux City has long been a national leader in food processing, and Perdue is playing a key part in our success," notes Chris Myres, business development coordinator.

Adds Malenke: "The new location provides a place of prominence we can call home and reinvigorates our desire to be a stronger community player."

Perdue Farms plans facility tours and ribbon-cutting festivities in coming months.



## CITY PROMOTES SELF-SUFFICIENCY

Taryn Lokhorst is a first-time homeowner thanks to the Family Self-Sufficiency (FSS) Program.

Run by Sioux City Housing Authority, this employment/savings incentive program helps individuals and families to leave the welfare system and become self-sufficient. For those who qualify, FSS builds savings that can be used as down payments on their first homes. The program's escrow accounts have no use restrictions by Housing and Urban Development.

A single parent, Lokhorst first learned of the FSS Program in 2012—but soon after enrolling, she no longer qualified. Ten years later under different circumstances, she reapplied, graduated from community college, and began full-time work. As her income and savings increased, she had enough for a down payment on her first home.

"I want to encourage and inspire others on the Housing Choice Voucher Program to enroll in the Family Self-Sufficiency Program," Lokhorst shares. "It changed my life."

### WANT TO LEARN MORE?

Check out this short video explaining the Family Self-Sufficiency Program.



# GET OUT & PLAY

## Whatever your outside interests, Sioux City has you covered!

"If you're looking to live an active lifestyle, we have a wealth of community resources that are available and accessible," shares Parks & Recreation Director Matt Salvatore. "And whether you're a resident or visitor, we know you'll find plenty of places to play."



## RIVERFRONT REVIVAL

The City of Sioux City held a dedication ceremony for its Chris Larsen Riverfront Redevelopment project on June 20, both kicking off the summer and capping off an eight-year effort that cost \$12 million—\$6 million funded by the City and \$6 million from various grants and donors.

"Every time I drive by the new riverfront space, there's so much activity in the park," shares Mayor Bob Scott.

It's true. Nearly every day and especially on the nicest evenings, the new riverfront park is buzzing and people of every age, ethnicity, and walk of life make use of the park's many amenities: trails, basketball courts, dog park, gaga ball, playground equipment, light-up splash pad, yoga lawns, and MOVMENT—an interactive video game recently installed on the active rec lawn.



"It really is everything we envisioned," states Parks & Recreation Manager Angel Wallace, whose grant writing efforts garnered extensive funding for the project. "We wanted this to be a destination that brings people together, celebrates the uniqueness of this space, embraces the Missouri River, and creates a sense of community where everyone feels comfortable and connected."

Situated in the middle of a citywide trail system that connects with Chautauqua and Riverside Parks, the new riverfront park is easily accessible from various parts of the city.

"That connectivity is also an important element of the park because of the way it has unified different parts of the community," adds Wallace, who also notes the new park space can be rented for gatherings of all kinds.

"It's been a long time coming, but it was worth the wait," says Mayor Scott. "There's no doubt this will be one of the city's premier park locations for many years to come."

## MOUNTAIN BIKING MECCA... AND MORE!

Gear up, Sioux City! Cone Park, 3800 Line Dr., has a new mountain bike trail system and pump park that are different from anything you've seen before. "There's nothing like this mountain bike park in the Midwest," says Recreation Superintendent John Byrnes.

Along with a carpet lift and full-service concessions, Cone Park features a trails concept plan designed by the International Mountain Bicycling Association that spans 10 miles of mountain bike trails along with a paved pump track and jump lines.

But if you're a novice, don't let that intimidate you.

"People should expect something for everyone," shares Byrnes. "If you are an advanced biker who wants to try crazy features like you would see in Colorado, we have those. If you're just learning to ride—or if you haven't ridden in a while—there are trails for you, too."

Use of the mountain bike park is free if you have your own bike. Rentals are available during park operating hours. And if hills aren't for you, you can buy an all-day pass for the carpet lift to avoid about 80 percent of the uphill riding. What's more, the new park isn't just for cyclists. Trails in the wooded area of the park are bi-directional, so hikers and runners are welcome!

Culminating a three-year, \$3 million project, Cone Park officially opened its mountain bike park with a ribbon-cutting and Trails Fest celebration on June 14-15. The project was funded in part with a \$1 million donation from the Chesterman Foundation. This gift celebrates the 150th anniversary of the Chesterman Company, an independently owned and operated Coca-Cola bottling company based in Sioux City.



Cone Park is an all-seasons venue! Along with mountain biking, you'll find summer tubing, snow tubing, ice skating, a splash pad, outdoor fire pit, and a spacious lodge with concessions. Visit [coneparksiouxcity.com](http://coneparksiouxcity.com) for all the details!

## MAKING A SPLASH

There's a wave of activity in northeast Sioux City as plans progress for Siouxland Splash, a new waterpark expected to open by next summer.

Situated on 10 acres of land along Highway 75, Siouxland Splash will feature a giant kid's zone (one of the biggest in the region), a lazy river, multi-lane mat racer, drop slide, wave pool, swim-up concession area, and a 50-foot slide tower with an iconic slide that's the first of its kind in the United States.

"This is important to us because we live here, and we have families, too," says Joe Zehring of his development team. "We want to make this a really fun staple in the community."

"Their whole motivation is to improve the community and offer something that's not here, so this is a first class, state-of-the-art waterpark with great features," explains Marty Dougherty, economic and community development director. "And while it will be family-oriented, it will also appeal to people of all ages."

Of equal importance to Dougherty and city leaders, the waterpark could spark growth on Sioux City's northeast corridor along Highway 75, where the City recently acquired nearly 100 acres of land. "We are constructing a street with lanes off Highway 75 North to provide an entrance to the park and prepare for future growth," he adds. "That area offers tremendous potential for residential, retail, and commercial opportunities, along with a connection to the new PlyWood Trail."



## OUTDOOR OPTIONS

- 1,786 acres of parkland
- 58 city parks
- 34 playgrounds
- 2 dog parks
- 3 pools
- 37.5 miles of trails
- 12 miles of natural biking trails
- 17 public golf courses within 20 miles
- 3 disc golf courses
- 1 outdoor yoga lawn
- 12 tennis + 14 pickleball courts
- 12 soccer fields
- 46 ball diamonds
- 9 baseball & softball complexes
- 2 futsal courts
- 6 splash pads + 1 more underway
- 1 waterpark [opening Summer 2025]



# DESTINATION: SIOUX CITY

Looking for something new to do? You're in the right place! These affordable, family-friendly excursions offer new ways to explore the community. Warm or cold, rain or shine...Sioux City offers adventures for every season whether you have all day or just a couple hours.

## SUNNY DAYS

STOP 1	STOP 2	STOP 3	STOP 4	STOP 5
<b>Chris Larsen Riverfront Park</b> Walk, bike, or blade!  1 hour	<b>Farmers Market</b> Wednesdays & Saturdays, 8 a.m.-1 p.m. <b>OR</b> <b>Downtown Mural Walk</b> How many murals can you spot?  1-2 hours	<b>Community Sculptures</b> Sculptures on Nebraska Street near MLK Transportation Center  .5 hour <b>LUNCH</b> <b>Food Truck Friday</b> Pearl Street Park 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. <b>OR</b> <b>Milwaukee Wiener House</b> Sunny outdoor seating	<b>Cone Park</b> Try the new Mountain Bike Park  2 hours <b>DINNER</b> <b>Tastee Inn &amp; Out</b> Drive-Thru <b>OR</b> <b>Marto</b> Outdoor Seating	<b>Downtown Live!</b> Friday night concerts on Sioux City Public Museum lawn through Aug. 2 <b>OR</b> <b>Outdoor Movie Night</b> Free Saturday night movies at Grandview Park until mid-August <b>OR</b> <b>Sioux City Explorers Baseball</b> Home games through Sept. 2  2-3 hours

## NOT-SO-NICE DAYS

STOP 1	STOP 2	LUNCH + DESSERT	STOP 5	DINNER
<b>Explore the Sioux City Skywalks</b> Climate controlled & filled with art  1 hour <b>BREAKFAST</b> <b>Pierce Street Coffee Works</b>	<b>Sioux City Public Library</b> KIDS: Storytime hours at each location  1 hour <b>STOP 3</b> <b>Sioux City Public Museum</b> Explore the new exhibit about community festivals  1 hour	<b>Little Chicago Deli + The Scoop</b> <b>STOP 4</b> <b>Palmer's Old Tyme Candy Shoppe</b> Pick up your favorites for later  1 hour	<b>Stone State Park or Dorothy Pecaut Nature Center</b> Bundle up for a hike or explore indoor exhibits <b>OR</b> <b>Lewis &amp; Clark Interpretive Center &amp; Betty Strong Encounter Center</b> So much to see!  2-3 hours	<b>Jerry's Pizza</b> Takeout <b>OR</b> <b>The Diving Elk</b> Sit-Down <b>STOP 6</b> <b>ibp Ice Center</b> Public skating Fridays & Saturdays, 7-9 p.m. <b>OR</b> <b>War Eagle Lanes</b> Bowling has never been so fun!  2 hours

## DOWNTOWN'S NEW VIBE

Downtown Partners is giving Sioux City its very own background music. Carefully piped from speakers within the existing decorative light posts (thanks, Ike Rayford from Kingsbury Electronic Systems!), the music will eventually run every 120 feet along the pedestrian walkway between Historic Pearl Street and Historic Fourth Street Districts. The first phase spans from Iowa to Jones Streets. "You won't hear it in the buildings, but you'll hear it as you're walking by," notes Ragen Cote, Downtown Partners executive director. "It's truly meant to provide ambiance from one post to the next." The goal? Creating a space where people feel comfortable, Cote explains, and where locals and visitors want to return again and again. "When that happens, businesses will be successful...and that's our ultimate goal."

## WALKING SKY HIGH

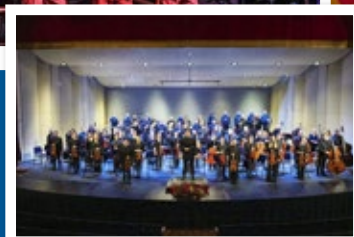
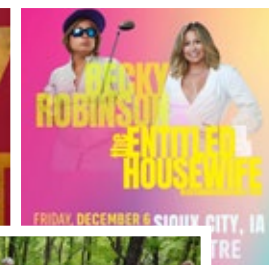
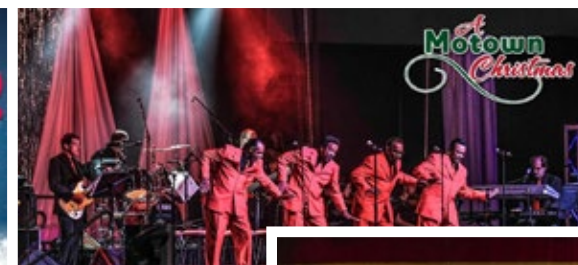
Sioux City features one of only 28 skywalk systems in the nation. Well-signed, directionally color-coded, and climate-controlled, the system features 27 access points and sprawls more than two miles. Not only are the skywalks a great place to walk with friends or family, but they are also a relaxing and inspiring place to get steps on your own. After three years of successful Gallery in the Sky events, the skywalk is filled with all kinds of colorful artwork. And if you need something new to do with your kids, the novelty of walking the skywalks is a winner! Visit [sioux-city.org/skywalks](http://sioux-city.org/skywalks) to get started.

# SO MUCH TO DO!

Interested in exploring art or history? Craving a cultural connection? Looking for recreation and leisure? Sioux City offers SO MUCH TO DO! Follow us on social media for the latest updates on what's happening!



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## CULTURAL CONNECTIONS

Experience rich cultural opportunities right here in Sioux City! We offer an endless variety of live entertainment, including the best of Broadway and a world-class symphony—both with ticket packages to suit almost any budget. Check out this year's exciting seasons!

### SIoux CITY SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

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| Gladiator Live!<br>Saturday, Sept. 28 • 7:30 p.m.                           | Home for the Holidays<br>Sunday, Dec. 15 • 3 p.m.  |
| Beethoven 6th<br>Saturday, Oct. 19 • 7:30 p.m.                              | Olga Kern Performs Shostakovich<br>Saturday, Feb. 8 • 7:30 p.m.                          |
| The Music of Tina Turner<br>Saturday, Nov. 16 • 7:30 p.m.                   | Her Story In Music: A Celebration of Women in the Arts<br>Saturday, March 22 • 7:30 p.m. |
| Handel's Messiah<br>Sunday, Dec. 8 • 7:30 p.m.<br>Cathedral of the Epiphany | Carmen<br>Sunday, May 4 • 7:30 p.m.  |

### BROADWAY AT THE ORPHEUM

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| Cirque Dreams Holidaze<br>Sunday, Nov. 24 • 4 p.m.     | Mean Girls<br>Tuesday, March 11 • 7:30 p.m.  |
| Dear Evan Hansen<br>Wednesday, Dec. 4 • 7:30 p.m.      | Ain't Too Proud: The Life and Times of The Temptations<br>Tuesday, May 6 • 7:30 p.m. |
| Pretty Woman: The Musical<br>Tuesday, Feb. 11 • 7 p.m. | Wednesday, May 7 • 7:30 p.m.   |

## FALL FEST: OCT. 12-13

Mark your calendar for Fall Fest on Oct. 12-13. Now in its 14th great year, this seasonal festival lets you sample Sioux City's fantastic community attractions—many for free or at reduced cost.

Check out Cone-Acopia at Cone Park, visit the Farmers Market, explore Dia de los Muertos activities at the Sioux City Public Museum, attend special programs at Dorothy Pecaut Nature Center, get creative at the Sioux City Art Center, and more!

Make plans now for a weekend of family friendly fall fun!

## FUN & ACTION GUIDE



## SIouxLAND REBRAND

Explore Sioux City—the brand of the Sioux City Regional Convention & Visitors Bureau—has a new name: Explore Siouxland. “With the rebrand, the City of Sioux City solidifies its position as the central hub of tourism activity but also serves as a gateway to experiences throughout the region,” explains Executive Director Kristi Franz. “Our goal is to create a unified platform that promotes tourism, economic development, and cultural exchange across all of Siouxland.”

Seeking greater collaboration with area communities, businesses, and organizations, Explore Siouxland's new website features a community calendar of events with SO MUCH TO DO! Visit [exploresiouxland.com](http://exploresiouxland.com) to check it out!



## HISTORY OF FUN

Consider this your invitation to explore the Sioux City Public Museum's latest exhibit: **Sioux City's Festivals and Celebrations 1887-2024**. Running now through Oct. 13, it highlights our community's long tradition of organizing fall and summer events on the grandest scale—from the first Corn Palace Festival in 1887 through River-Cade and Saturday in the Park.

But wait...there's more! Check out the Sioux City Public Museum's interactive and educational events held throughout the year. Uncover a replica dinosaur fossil. Learn more about the local community. Take a family field trip. Experience all that this fun (and totally free) community resource has to offer!



## NEW SPACE TO CHILL

With \$1.65 million in cool new upgrades, the ibp Ice Center is a great place to chill.

Individuals and families who come here for public skating will experience an expanded lobby with comfortable seating and TVs, plus shorter concession and skate lines and more space to spread out.

Local hockey players and members of organized hockey leagues will also see changes. Among them? A dry land weight room, greater equipment storage space, and expanded locker rooms, including a dedicated women's locker room.

“This investment makes an instant impact on the user experience at the facility,” shares John Byrnes, recreation superintendent. “Hockey players and the general public alike are really going to love it.”

Renovations occurred through a partnership between the City of Sioux City and Siouxland Youth Hockey Association, which originally financed and constructed the ibp Ice Center in 1997.



## RECORD-BREAKING ATTENDANCE

Tyson Events Center saw a record-breaking spring in terms of attendance, number and variety of events, and economic impact!

Journey and Sam Hunt marked Tyson's highest selling concerts since 2018, creating an estimated \$1 million in economic impact for the community. The venue saw record attendance numbers as Sioux City hosted (for the 27th time) the NAIA Women's Basketball National Championship where local fans cheered Dordt University all the way to a title win.

“In terms of improving the quality of life and having an economic impact, it's great to see the difference we're making in the community,” shares Emily Vondrak, who directs marketing efforts at the Tyson Events Center, Orpheum Theatre, and Sioux City Convention Center.

Following such a strong spring, what's on the horizon for fall? Musketeers hockey, NAIA volleyball, and the Holiday Craft Fair, just for starters. “We're in a good groove with finding the right frequency and diversity of events to offer something for everyone,” Vondrak says. “We love introducing new things, and we're working to book more entertainment options...so stay tuned!”



## CLEAR BAGS ONLY

The Orpheum Theatre and Tyson Events Center have a clear bag policy. This important safety protocol is now the industry standard to ensure the security of all fans and help expedite their entrance into the venues.

## GARBAGE & RECYCLING UPDATE

Litter Dash has been a hit, especially as it has been pushed by local groups on social media and promoted through bigger events with the Iowa Department of Transportation. Residents are also rallying around the City of Sioux City's "24on24" litter initiative, which encourages locals to pick up 24 pieces of litter on the 24th of every month through 2024. "It's great to see nonprofits, businesses, community groups, even entire elementary schools getting together to clean up our community," notes Councilmember Matthew O'Kane.

Re-Event is held each spring and fall to collect items that can be recycled, reused, and refurbished (including lightbulbs, batteries, and electronics) to save energy, conserve natural resources, and recover potentially harmful materials. Since Spring 2023, Re-Events have kept 1,200+ batteries and 50,000+ lbs. of used electronics from local landfills. The next Re-Event will be held at the Citizen's Convenience Center, 5800 28th St., on Sept. 28 from 9 a.m. to noon.

New recycle bins are popping up throughout downtown Sioux City thanks to a partnership connecting the City of Sioux City, the Environmental Advisory Board, and Downtown Partners. Best of all, they're being used! "In our first two months of use, we saw 6.59 tons of recycling, which is impressive," shares Arah Montagne, environmental services program and development manager. "That's roughly 13,200 lbs. of recyclables off the streets and out of the landfill!"



## SCPD HIGH-TECH TRAINING

In law enforcement, de-escalation is an essential skill, but it can be challenging to practice. Now with high-tech training tools, the Sioux City Police Department (SCPD) is strengthening de-escalation techniques that they can use on the force and share with the community.

With its new grant-funded InVeris Training Simulator, officers train in fully immersive environments that effectively put them "in the action" by utilizing top-of-the-line virtual reality headsets with impressive 360-degree capabilities and weapons tracking.

SCPD Chief Rex Mueller says the use of virtual reality technology in de-escalation training is crucial. "By enabling officers to practice their skills in a safe and controlled environment—and to get immediate feedback and progress tracking—the simulator better prepares them for real-life situations," he explains.

Accredited nine times over by the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, the SCPD will also provide de-escalation training to community groups.

"This training will give agencies the tools they need to de-escalate mental health crises and other high-stress situations," states Capt. Ryan Bertrand.



## SCFR WATER RESCUE

When Siouxland saw significant flooding this summer, Sioux City Fire Rescue (SCFR) used its personnel, training, and equipment to provide water rescues and assistance in Sioux City's Riverside neighborhood. The Sioux City division of the Iowa's Urban Search and Rescue team (which includes SCFR members) also helped with water search and rescue in nearby Hawarden and Rock Valley.

The well-trained SCFR team includes 17 certified boat operators, 17 swift water rescue technicians, 10 certified divers, and 31 ice rescue technicians.

SCFR also has a strong fleet of water-worthy vehicles: two 18-ft. flat-bottom boats, an 18-ft. tri-hull boat, a rigid-hull inflatable boat, an amphibious water/land craft, and its primary rescue vehicle—a 23-ft. boat kept on the Missouri River—that was completely rehabilitated last winter with new motors, canopy, sonar, fire pump, and fresh paint.

"Until our recent flood rescues, the department averaged only nine rescues per year—but each one saved a life," shares Fire Chief Tom Everett. "This summer's flood recovery stretched our resources but also allowed us to help in a big way, and that's what we're all about."



## WASTEWATER TREATMENT NEWS

In the coming years, the City of Sioux City plans a \$470 million upgrade to its Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) to replace severely aging infrastructure at the plant.

"This is an important but very complex process," explains Utilities Director Tom Pingel. "Modernizing and rebuilding the WWTP allows the City of Sioux City to manage more wastewater, so there will be even greater opportunities for residential, commercial, and industrial growth and development that will allow Sioux City to thrive."

Project information is available at [sioux-city.org/wwtp-improvements](http://sioux-city.org/wwtp-improvements).

## TRANSIT IN REAL-TIME

Sioux City Transit recently launched a new app—Passio GO—so transit travelers can use their smartphones to track buses in real-time. Riders can also identify bus stop locations, obtain walking directions to the bus stops, get down-to-the-minute arrival times, and even receive alerts for selected neighborhoods.

"This new service is all about improving the passenger experience," says Transit Operations Supervisor Jason Allen. "If a bus is delayed by traffic or a train, for example, riders will be able to see the delay in real-time. It's another way of improving our customer service."

Residents and visitors can download Passio GO from Google Play or the Apple Store.

WHAT'S NEXT? Mobile ticketing will be an option for Sioux City Transit buses by early 2025. Riders can purchase tickets on the app and then save the tickets on their phones.



## EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT

SCFR Lead Paramedic Liz Ford is an Iowa Donor Network hero. Part of Sioux City's Emergency Medical Services system for 42 years and a member of SCFR since it took on ambulance operations in 2018, she is also a longtime nurse with trauma and emergency room experience.

Ford's background with Iowa Donor Network began 15 years ago as she created and manages an out-of-hospital referral program that continues to this day through her role with SCFR. She is also a donor family, which makes this cause very dear to her heart.

Since Ford started with SCFR, the department has had 744 referrals that provided 339 donated organs and tissues. SCFR had 117 referrals for tissue and organ donation last year alone. Given that each donor can help up to 300 people, Ford's impact is exponential.

SCFR and Ford have received two Iowa Donor Network awards for clinical excellence. "This has always been a team effort," she shares, "and I'm extremely proud to be a part of it."





## CHECK IT OUT!

When it comes to resources you'll find at the Sioux City Public Library, books are just the beginning!

**Playaways** are pre-loaded audiobooks for children (age 8+) and teens that can be used anywhere and everywhere, even without an internet connection or download. Simply plug in your headphones or an AUX cable connected to a speaker or vehicle, and you're good to go. Playaways are available at the Aalfs Downtown and Morningside Branch locations.

**Wonderbooks** are children's picture books that read the story for you! Every Wonderbook is a print book with a ready-to-play audiobook inside. Kids can press "play" to read along with their favorite books and then switch to the book's "learning mode" for literacy learning and fun.

**STEM/Maker Cart** features toys and kits to encourage both structured and organic play deeply rooted in science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) concepts. Aiming to inspire future innovators and creators, activities bridge academic learning with real-world applications and help kids make connections between school subjects and potential careers. Gifted to select Iowa libraries from the Deb and Jeff Hansen Foundation, the carts are available for in-house play and exploration at the Aalfs Downtown location.

## DAZZLING DISPLAY

There's something big coming to the Sioux City Art Center this summer! Razzle Dazzle, an enormous and brightly colored textile sculpture envisioned by artist Amanda Browder, will cover large sections of the downtown building and the Gilchrist Learning Center in August.

It's the Art Center's largest project of the year, says Art Center Director Todd Behrens, and it coincides with another milestone. "We're working to complete it in mid-August ahead of ArtSplash's 30th anniversary."



Using fabric donated from local and regional sources, Browder worked directly with area volunteers and artists during dozens of public sewing days throughout Siouxland last fall and spring. As a result, the work represents the diverse community that helped create it.

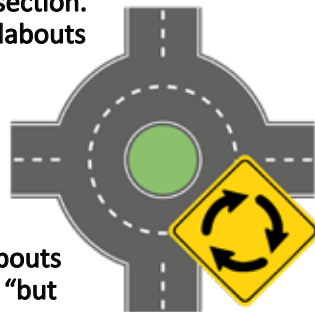
"Razzle Dazzle couldn't have been completed without Amanda Browder's creative vision or the generosity of hundreds of Siouxlanders who shared their fabric and their sewing time to make this spectacular fabric installation," shares Christopher Atkins, curator. "We look forward to seeing how it transforms the outside and inside of the Sioux City Art Center."

## FIRST ROUNDABOUT

Sioux City is seeing its first roundabout! A joint venture between Woodbury County and the City of Sioux City, the roundabout will facilitate traffic at the intersection of Southern Hills Drive, Christy Road, Elk Creek Road, and Old Lakeport Road.

"The roundabout will keep traffic moving, avoid intersections from being blocked, and minimize traffic backing up at any intersection," explains City Engineer Gordon Phair. "This solution is also more efficient and cost effective versus a signalized intersection." What's more, he says, it's safer. Roundabouts reduce severe crashes by 80 percent.

And while Sioux City already has other circular intersections (along Larsen Park Road by the Anderson Dance Pavilion, for example), they are not modern roundabouts. "I do see future roundabouts for the City of Sioux City," notes Phair, "but there are no plans as of yet."



## SIoux CITY CITY COUNCIL



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