

The Southwind Times

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Announcements:

If you or a family member wants to add their name to the list for neighborhood job opportunities, please contact Victoria via text or call at 706-662-2167.

A very special birthday shout-out to Mary Schultz! Not just an amazing woman and mother, but a lady who truly helps this civic association and all her neighbors and friends. Have a wonderful birthday Mary!

“The Holiday season is a perfect time to reflect on our blessings and seek out ways to make life better for those around us.” — Terri Marshall

Funny reminder: Don't be like the Grinch
“4:00, wallow in self-pity; 4:30, stare into the abyss; 5:00, solve world hunger; tell no one; 5:30, jazzercise; 6:30, dinner with me—I can't cancel that again; 7:00, wrestle with my self-loathing... I'm booked. Of course, if I bump the loathing to 9, I could still be done in time to lay in bed, stare at the ceiling and slip slowly into madness.”

Southwind Civic Association Meeting

Now on winter break and will resume on February 21, 2024.



Five Easy Homemade Holiday Gifts

- 1. DIY Christmas Ornament** – From feathers filled (gathered in nature or a story) in clear glass ornaments, to small painted square canvases with ribbon glued to the back, there is nothing like a personalized ornament to make a beautiful tree and create fun memories. Take a look at this site for even more ways to create your own ornament: <https://www.goodhousekeeping.com/holidays/christmas-ideas/g393/homemade-christmas-ornaments/?slide=1>
- 2. Hand Print Mason Jar** – Children's handprints make some of the most wonderful gifts kids can make. A Mason jar can be used for flowers, plants, candles, or spare pens, or change.
- 3. DIY Painted Mugs** – These are perfect for any tea or coffee drinker! Mugs can be bought at the Dollar Tree and permanent markers or ceramic markers can be bought at any craft store. From drawing a design, stenciling around a letter, initials, or short words, like “joy” makes for a one-of-a-kind gift!
- 4. Yarn-Wrapped Hearts** – This is an easy and engaging fine motor craft for even small children, as a way of showing how much they love the recipient of the gift!
- 5. DIY Candles Votives** – The Dollar Tree has tons of simple small votives that kids can paint or spray with glue and roll in glitter. It's a great way to lighten up those dark nights. Check out this site for details: <https://lessonslearntjournal.com/diy-christmas-gifts-glitter-candles/>



Southwind Civic Association Annual Membership Form

- Enclosed are my voluntary dues of \$20 for my 2023 Southwind Civic Association membership (Jan-Dec).

Yes, I am interested in helping to support Southwind and continue our many neighborhood activities:

- I/we would like to volunteer to help with a Southwind event.

(Each event requires no more than 1-2 hours of your time)

- Contact me/us if additional volunteers are needed for any event.

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

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Thank you for your continued support of our terrific neighborhood!

Denver Botanic Gardens Blossoms of Light

A stroll through the Denver Botanic Gardens is a delightful way to celebrate the holiday season. The Blossoms of Light extravaganza is a twinkling and breathtaking twist on the already beautiful gardens, especially on a December evening.

For over 30 years, lights have transformed this cultural pocket of Denver and become an annual tradition for many local families and friends. From Friday to Sunday, November 17th, 2023 to January 7th, 2024, enjoy warm drinks and holiday treats amongst the most festive lights, blossoms, and pathways in Colorado.

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Sock Drive!

According to the Salvation Army, socks are the number-one most requested clothing item. New and gently used socks may be dropped off at 130 E. Geddes Ave. These socks will be delivered and donated to our local shelters: A Precious Child, Boys and Girls Club Metro Denver, Facing Homelessness, Family Tree, Hope House, Help & Hope Center, Littleton Family Services, and The Action Center. Remember all socks, men's, women's, and children's are needed! Donations are accepted up to December 31st, 2023.



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Santa Visits Southglenn

I know this is the busiest time of year for Santa and he appears in many places. One of those places happens to be in Southglenn! Also, remember there are free clydesdale carriage rides on Fridays and Saturdays from now until December 30th! No reservations, first come, first served. Pick up and drop off is in front of the Regal Theater.

December Hours:

- Monday: Dec. 18 – 12PM-8PM
- Tuesday: Dec. 19th – 12PM-8PM
- Wednesdays: Dec. 6th and 13th – 4PM-8PM
Dec. 30 – 12PM-8PM
- Thursdays: Dec. 7th and 14th – 4PM-8PM
Dec. 21 – 12PM-8PM
- Fridays: Dec. 1st, 8th, and 15th – 4PM-8PM
Dec. 22 – 12PM -8PM
- Saturdays: Dec. 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd – 12PM-8PM
- Sundays: Dec. 3rd, 10th, and 17th – 12PM-5PM
Dec. 24th – 11AM-3PM

HERE ARE A FEW SPECIAL SANTA EXPERIENCES!

- Sensitive Santa:** Wed., Dec. 6th and 13th - 4PM-8PM
- Pet Photos:** Thur., Dec. 7th - 4PM-8PM (Dogs & Cats only!)
- Cookies & Milk with Santa:** Thur., Dec. 14th - 4PM-8PM
- Fams in Jams (PJ Photo Night):** Fri., Dec. 15th - 4PM-8PM

For more events and information, please check out <https://www.shopsouthglenn.com/holidays2023/>

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– Buddy, Elf



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Six Winter Holidays From Around the World

The winter is often cold, desolate, lonely and long. Here are six winter holidays to bring joy and light around the world.

Diwali (November 9-November 14). This five-day celebration is a Hindu festival of lights. It is particularly associated with Lakshmi, the goddess of prosperity, and marks the beginning of the fiscal year in India.

Hanukkah (November 28 – December 6). This Jewish festival runs for eight days. The religious holiday is a celebration of Judaism and commemorates the rededication of the Second Temple of Jerusalem. People celebrate by lighting candles, gifting presents and eating traditional Hanukkah food, such as latkes.

Santa Lucia (December 13). Saint Lucy's Day is a feast day in the Christian calendar celebrating Saint Lucy, a martyr who is seen as a figure of light in the darkest part of the year. It's an especially important day in Scandinavia, where the day is marked by atmospheric processions and concerts, featuring singers clad in white and wearing head-dresses featuring actual flickering candles.

Christmas (December 25). Christmas is a Christian festival celebrating the birth of Jesus. From mops and brooms in Norway, fried chicken in Japan, tamales in Mexico, to roller skating in Venezuela, surfing in Australia, and mince pies in England, Christmas is celebrated many different ways around the world.

Kwanzaa (December 26-January 1). First celebrated in California in the 1960s, Kwanzaa is an annual celebration of African-American history and culture, culminating in a communal feast. Festivities typically include dancing, performance and candle-lighting.

Chinese New Year (February 10, 2024). The Chinese New Year is an annual 15-day festival that begins with the new moon that occurs between January 21st and February 20th. This celebrates the start of the zodiac year. This new year it's the Dragon.

Got Help?

Babysitting:

Ella Gomez (CPR Cert. First Aid Cert.), 303-250-1109
Elsa Rodriguez (CPR Cert. First Aid Cert.), 303-868-9671

Yard Work:

Elijah Gomez, 303-250-1109

Does your son or daughter babysit, rake leaves, shovel snow, walk dogs, pet sit, or more? If so, Southwind Civic Association can safely list their names and job talents in the Southwind Civic Newsletter along with you're, the parents or guardians, phone number. This ensures your son or daughter will remain safe and employed by allowing you to personally vet anyone who wants to use their services. At the same time, this allows people in the neighborhood to utilize those services! Please reach out to Victoria Hank at 706-662-2167.

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