

The Southwind Times

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Upcoming Events in Southwind

4TH OF JULY PARADE

We will gather starting at 9:30 at Penrose and Geddes on the 4th of July for a bike parade! The parade will begin at 10:00. Bicycles, scooters, wagons and pets are welcome. We will NOT be hosting snacks at the school this year. Bring your own hydration! Costumes and bike decorations are encouraged!

GARAGE SALE

Friday & Saturday,
July 11 & 12, 2025

The Southwind Southglenn Garage Sale Weekend is here! Register to be on the list at StellerRealEstate.com/GarageSale

Summer Concert Series

The Littleton Museum and the Friends of the Library and Museum are delighted to welcome you to the museum front lawn for the 2025 Summer Concert Series. The concert series is free, with open lawn seating on a first come, first serve basis. Concerts take place from 6:30 - 8 p.m.

- **Wednesday, July 9, 2025: The Ninety Percent 90s.** A 3-piece acoustic cover band covering the best and worst hits from the 90s.
- **Wednesday, July 16, 2025: The ThreadBarons.** A combination of Americana, folk, classic rock, folk rock, and garage rock.
- **Wednesday, July 23, 2025: Dakota Blonde.** Acoustic folk, bluegrass, acoustic rock music, part singer/songwriter, and sometimes even Celtic.

The show goes on in the rain. In the event of extreme temperatures, strong wind, downpours, severe weather warnings, and/or lightning, the Museum may cancel or delay a show for a short time.

– www.museum.littletonco.gov/Events-Programs/Summer-Concert-Series

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Letter From The Board

Dear Southwind Neighbors, We are sad to announce that Southwind Civic Association (SCA) will be forced to go dormant.

As the four board members are in their 80s and have been involved for almost 30 years, we no longer have the energy to organize events. We have asked several times for residents to help us keep SCA alive. For a while Victoria was fantastic as our leader, but unfortunately she was needed in Florida. Jenny Riat came on board as our newsletter manager, but she is unable to serve as President.

Volunteering for SCA is not time consuming. We ask for one night a month (from May to Oct) for a meeting. And someone to organize our events. Right now, we only have two events (4th of July Bike Parade and National Night Out in August). We have all the information that would be needed, and we are still here to advise. We would love to have more events, but again with no one stepping up to help, this is not possible.

We need a President, Vice President, Secretary, members at large. And volunteers to help at events.

Please contact us if you are interested.

— Jenny Riat, 720-960-2134



National Parents' Day

National Parents' Day honors all parents on the fourth Sunday in July. No matter where our parents may be, this day serves to celebrate their important role in our lives.

In May we celebrated mothers, and in June we celebrated fathers. It follows that in July we can bring all our parents together and show them some appreciation all at once.

Parents play a vital role in the lives of children.

From our birth, parents protect, teach, provide, and serve as role models. As part of a family, we look to them for guidance. We mirror their behavior and learn to be a core part of our communities.

National Father Daughter Take A Walk Day, July 7

National Father Daughter Take a Walk Day is observed annually on July 7th. This day promotes the benefits of family bonding time between fathers and daughters as well as the benefits of physical activity. The memories made during your time together will stay with you forever. During the summer season, there are many incredible places to walk and enjoy nature as you spend time talking, laughing, and bonding. While taking a stroll, cherish the time spent together. Your child will value the gift of the time you give no matter how old they are.

Neighborhood Survey

SWCA wants to hear from you!

Please take this survey to tell us what you need from your Southwind Civic Association!



Arapahoe County Fair

Arapahoe County celebrates its Fair the last weekend of July each year at the Arapahoe County Fairgrounds at 25690 E. Quincy Ave., Aurora, CO 80016. The Fair is an incredible value for families looking for a full day of laughter and good wholesome fun.

The first Arapahoe County Fair was held in 1906, along the banks of the South Platte River within present day Littleton. The Fair is one of Arapahoe County's longest-standing community traditions. The County Fair has traveled to various locations including Deer Trail, Byers, Englewood and Littleton. The current location of the Arapahoe County Fairgrounds was commemorated in July of 2006, marking the 100th anniversary of the Fair.

The Fair continues to showcase the County's agricultural and western heritage through 4-H programming, traditional agricultural activities and entertainment. For the price of your admission you can also enjoy carnival rides, daily motor sports, canine entertainment, BMX entertainment, trampoline entertainment, a petting farm and numerous other activities.

Don't forget to shop at the food vendors or stop by and check out our commercial vendors. Enjoy a beer or wine from one of our beer, wine, and spirits tents.

Fair Dates & Hours

TIME: 2025 Arapahoe County Fair Hours

July 24, 2025; 4 p.m.-Midnight

July 25, 2025; 11 a.m.-Midnight

July 26, 2025; 11 a.m.-Midnight

July 27, 2025; 11 a.m.-10:30 p.m.

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beach picnics, and vegetables all out of the garden.*

—Jean Hersey

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Buffalo Bill Days

July 25–27, 2025, Parfet Park, Golden

Buffalo Bill Days is a historic festival dating back to the 1940s, celebrating the legacy of William F "Buffalo Bill" Cody. The event features a variety of activities, including the "Best of the West" parade, live music performances, an arts and crafts festival, children's activities, and more.

PLAN YOUR VISIT: Festival hours are Friday: 5-10 pm, Saturday: 10 am-10 pm, and Sunday: 10 am-5 pm. Free parking options include satellite lots with free shuttles, and public transportation is encouraged.

In the summer, the days were long, stretching into each other. Out of school, everything was on pause and yet happening at the same time, this collection of weeks when anything was possible.

–Sarah Dessen

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Helping Colorado Pollinators And Wildlife With Native Plants

Pollinators have evolved to seek and find food from plants in their environment. They focus on certain colors, flower shapes, textures, and scents to find the nectar and pollen they need. Plants native to the Rocky Mountain west are naturally more attractive and important to the survival of our local pollinators.

Garden centers offer an amazing array of plants gathered from around the world and created by plant breeding facilities. Hybrids are constantly being created to offer different colors, different shapes, and different statures. Only some of these are important to the survival of key Colorado pollinators.

Pollinators require a constant supply of food, water, and shelter throughout their lifetime. A little advance planning will ensure that your yard provides these.

One key consideration is planting a mix of native plants that flower early, in the middle of the summer, and later in the fall. This provides season-long nourishment. Many plants, including penstemons, bee balm, black-eyed Susans, and blanket flowers, are popular perennials that regenerate yearly from their root system or seeds broadcast after the flowers have faded.

The same native plants that support pollinators also feed and support our local birds and animals. Birds rely on native plants including blanket flowers, black-eyed Susans, sand cherries, choke cherries, lupines, and common yarrow for insects, nutritious seeds, and berries throughout the spring and summer nesting seasons.

Learning more about the relationship between plants and native pollinators is rewarding and environmentally valuable.

– John Ashworth, CSU Extension,
Denver Master Gardener since 2014

Concerts in Clement Park

Foothills Park & Recreation District is proud to offer Concerts in Clement Park free to the public and put on for the benefit of District residents and South Jefferson County residents. This outdoor series of concerts incorporates community collaborations and grant funded performances which are free, open to the public and family friendly. Performances are held at the Grant Family Amphitheater in Clement Park. All concerts start at 7 p.m. and are held on select Thursdays

- **July 10 – Blue 88s Big Band** – big band jazz
- **July 17 – Michael Friedman Band** – R&B, funk, jazz
- **July 24 – Julia Kirkwood** – alternative pop, rock
- **July 31 – Blessing Bled Chimanga** – African jazz and dance music
- **August 7 – Austin Zimmerman** – folk, bluegrass, rock and roll
- **August 14 – Grunge Lite** – 90s alternative rock and pop covers

Spend A Day At The Beach

Many reservoirs throughout the state include spacious beach spots perfect for sunbathing, swimming, picnics, SCUBA diving, and more. Notable ones include Cherry Creek State Park, Chatfield State Park, Lake Dillon Reservoir, and the Boulder Reservoir. Pack a picnic, bring some towels and an umbrella, and soak in some sun.

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