

The Southwind Times

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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 on seven Wednesdays in June & July, from 6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.

- **Wednesday, June 4, 2025: 17th Avenue Allstars.** Colorado's premier a cappella group singing a wide variety of pop harmonies spanning the decades.
- **Wednesday, June 11, 2025: Jeff Johnson and Company.** Songs you love from the 60s to today, guaranteed to keep your toes tapping.
- **Wednesday, June 18, 2025 (6:30 - 8 p.m.): Juice O'The Barley.** Contemporary versions of pub classics and current Irish folk, pop, and rock - It's "Irish music with an attitude."
- **Wednesday, June 25, 2025 (6:30 - 8 p.m.): Delta Sonics.** A Chicago Blues base and seasons it with Swing, Delta, N'awlins R&B, and some early Rock n' Roll.
- **Wednesday, July 9, 2025 (6:30 - 8 p.m.): The Ninety Percent 90s.** A 3-piece acoustic cover band covering the best and worst hits from the 90s.
- **Wednesday, July 16, 2025 (6:30 - 8 p.m.): The ThreadBarons.** A combination of Americana, folk, classic rock, folk rock, and garage rock.

Neighborhood Survey

SWCA wants to hear from you!

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



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Colorado Family Attractions For Kids 10 & Under

Elitch Gardens Theme & Water Park, Denver: Ride scream-inducing roller coasters, little-kid-friendly rides and slippery water slides. (Check website for seasonal hours.)

Children's Museum of Denver: Learn about the world in the museum's child-sized grocery market, fire station and construction workshop.

Denver Zoo: See the more than 3,500 animals that call the 80-acre zoo home. The monkey and big cats exhibits are among the top crowd pleasers.

Downtown Aquarium, Denver: Feed a slippery stingray and gaze at hypnotically moving jellyfish, stealthy sharks and frisky fish of every color.

Butterfly Pavilion and Insect Center, Broomfield: Walk through a tropical rainforest habitat filled with free-flying butterflies. Sniff exotic plants, pet a sea star and hold a tarantula.

Denver Museum of Nature & Science: Watch an out-of-this-world show at the planetarium and IMAX theater. Tour exhibits about space, gems and minerals, dinosaurs and the color spectrum.

Denver Art Museum: Explore, learn and play. Get creative with hands-on activities for all ages, relax in one of the family fun areas and discover world-class art.

Colorado Railroad Museum, Golden: Stroll the museum's 15-acre railyard featuring more than 100 railcars. Most Saturdays (and select Tuesdays) you'll also find train rides! Check the museum's train-ride schedule before you go.

Wings Over the Rockies Air & Space Museum, Denver: See dozens of historic airplanes, space vehicles and interactive exhibits. The collection includes a rare B-18A Bolo—one of only five remaining WWII-era bombers—five Century-Series fighters.

Fort Collins Museum of Discovery: Kids love the blend of science, history and culture at this hands-on experience in Fort Collins.

The Wild Animal Sanctuary, about 45 minutes from Denver in Keenesburg, amazes visitors with its Mile Into the Wild walkway that lets you observe lions, wolves, grizzlies and other rescued exotic and endangered species from above.

Mineral-rich fun, Idaho Springs: Play in the mineral-water swimming pool at Indian Hot Springs or pan for gold at Argo Mill & Tunnel.

Colorado Model Railroad Museum: In Greeley, examine intricate model railroad layouts, a wooden caboose from the Colorado and Southern Railroad and more than 1,000 railroad artifacts. See actual trains come and go on nearby tracks.

Trout Haven Ranch Trout Pond, Estes Park: Cast your line in Trout Haven's stocked pond — a perfect first-time fishing experience.

Water World, Federal Heights: Cool off at one of the biggest and best water parks in the nation.

Dinosaur Ridge, Morrison: Encounter more than 100 fossilized dinosaur tracks and informative signs.

—<https://www.colorado.com>

Cherry Blossom Festival

June 21, 2025, FREE

20th and Lawrence Streets, Denver, CO 80202

Fans of taiko drumming, teriyaki chicken, sake and Japanese artwork and wares won't want to miss this year's Cherry Blossom Festival – "Sakura Matsuri" in Japanese. The Annual Cherry Blossom Festival celebrates the Japanese heritage and culture through live entertainment, food and drink, a marketplace and informative exhibits and demonstrations.

National Movie Night

Pop some popcorn, grab a blanket and your favorite buddy, put away the cell phones and tablets, and then queue up a string of movies for a fun night of entertainment. National Movie Night on the second Friday in June encourages us to start (or restart) a tradition of movie nights with friends and family.

Movies have been bringing people together for over 100 years. The stars, the stories entertain us, connect us and help us create memories. As technology evolves, so does how we enjoy our movie nights. From the theater to reel-to-reel home movies, the VCR, DVD, and streaming, we've been enjoying movies on big and small screens. Drive-in movies invited us to enjoy films from the comfort of our cars. Today, our video library is as large as we want it to be thanks to streaming services. We can even enjoy movies in our own backyards projected onto screens under the stars.

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*Daddies don't just love their children every now and then,
it's a love without end.*

- George Strait

National Flag Day

On June 14th, National Flag Day honors Old Glory and commemorates the adoption of the United States flag on June 14, 1777. The holiday is a day that Americans show respect for the U.S. Flag and what it represents. Representing independence and unity, the Star-Spangled Banner has become a powerful symbol of Americanism and the flag is flown proudly.

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Denver Chalk Art Festival

A little bit of Italy comes to The Mile High City every summer, thanks to the annual Denver Chalk Art Festival in the Golden Triangle Creative District. See hundreds of artists create vivid artworks on the streets, June 7–8, 2025.

The art you'll encounter during the Denver Chalk Art Festival isn't in galleries — it's on the pavement! The event features more than 200 professional and amateur artists who will spend hours on their creations over the course of two days. Their efforts transform the streets into a bright and colorful street museum, adorned in vivid pastel chalks.

Area schools and youth groups will have the chance to compete for cash prizes that will go to their respective school or youth group's visual arts departments. This is truly a unique way to show school spirit, team build and fundraise for school arts programs!

Creating these amazing works of art requires more than just scribbling on the sidewalk. First, the artist must draw an outline of the original painting in proper proportion using a pencil or a charcoal pastel. Then they begin to lay the base of colors. Using a number of colored pastels, the artist layers the chalk, blending the colors to create shadow, contrast and depth. The art may not last long, but that's sort of the point. The fun in this kind of art is in the performance aspect. Visitors to the Denver Chalk Art Festival are given the rare opportunity to watch as an artist transforms a spot of blank asphalt into a beautifully expressive painting.

Of course, that's not all that attendees can expect at the festival. There will be live music and a kids' corner where your young ones will get a chance to make some chalk art of their own!

—<https://www.denver.org/things-to-do>

25 Summer Activities For Kids

Summer is upon us! A lot of these bucket list ideas are naturally inspired by all the memories we can still recall fondly from our own childhoods.

1. Have a Picnic.
2. Water Balloon Fight.
3. Star Gazing.
4. Tell Stories Around a Fire.
5. Camp Out.
6. Build a Fort.
7. Make a Lemonade/Flower/Fruit Stand.
8. Have a Backyard Concert or Play.
9. Create Your Own Backyard Summer Camp.
10. Play Flashlight Tag.
11. Watch a Sunrise.
12. Create your own Parade.
13. Draw with Sidewalk Chalk.
14. Play Capture the Flag.
15. Go Hiking
16. Ride Bikes.
17. Build an Obstacle Course.
18. Go Fishing.
19. Have an Insect Hunt.
20. Watch a Sunset.
21. Fly a Kite.
22. Tie Dye T-Shirts.
23. Go on a Nature Scavenger Hunt.
24. Paint with Mud.
25. Make a Fairy Garden.

Now head outside and have some fun this summer!



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