

# The Southwind Times

The Official Publication of the Southwind Civic Association

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## Calendar of Events:

Dumpster Day: June 24th  
Fourth of July Parade: July 4  
Neighborhood Garage Sale, July 12 & 13  
National Night Out, Aug 6 (Mark Hopkins Park)  
Halloween Cider, Oct 31



*"You can cut all the flowers, but you cannot keep spring from coming." – Pablo Nerudath*

## Salsa!

In honor of Cinco de Mayo, below is an easy salsa recipe. Prep Time: 10 mins.; Yield: 4 Cups

- 1 small onion, cut into quarters
  - 1 clove garlic, roughly chopped
  - 2 (14.5 oz) cans fire roasted tomatoes
  - 2 chipotle peppers in adobo sauce, more if desired
  - ½ cup roughly chopped fresh cilantro (stems are okay too!)
  - ½ tablespoon kosher salt, more to taste
  - 1 table spoon fresh lime juice
  - Tortilla chips, for serving
1. Pulse all ingredients in a blender or food processor until no large chunks remain, but not completely smooth.

Notes: Serving size: 4 tablespoons. You can save the remaining chipotle peppers and sauce in a zip lock baggy and freeze for the next batch. Want to kick it up a notch? Add 1 chopped jalapeño (no seeds), add seeds if you're feeling fiery!

## Southwind Civic Association Meeting

May 15, 2024

Please RSVP to Mary Schulz if you plan to attend, 303-797-2775.

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## Gardening Tips for May

*(Courtesy of CSU Denver)*

### SURVEY YOUR GARDEN, AS YOU CLEAN THINGS UP.

- Note what's coming up, what pooped out, what needs transplanted to the right place and what are the right plants for bare spots.
- Straighten the trellis, spray down the patio furniture and clean and disinfect the garden tools and containers that you'll be using.
- Check your sprinkler system against any winter damage.

### HEALTHY SOIL

- If you haven't had a soil test done for your garden, go for it. It's interesting, informative and guides your soil amending. Remember, soil is the bases for gardening!
- Add any fertilizer, actually leads to my next point...

### COMPOST

- Harvest this rich organic matter from your bin, pile, or barrel and treat your garden. Gather it into a wheelbarrow or onto a tarp so you can easily move it around your yard to top-dress garden beds and around plants throughout your garden.
- Creating and maintaining compost is well worth the effort.

### TREES

- Inspect your trees for any damage from Colorado's weighty snowfalls and gusty winds. If an arborist is necessary, call to get on their schedule, they get busy fast.
- Trees are beautiful and beneficial in so many ways. Maintaining them is central to their health and longevity. CSU Garden Notes 650-659 will provide you with essential tree care information.

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## Southwind Civic Association Annual Membership Form

- Enclosed are my voluntary dues of \$20 for my 2024 Southwind Civic Association membership (Jan-Dec).

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

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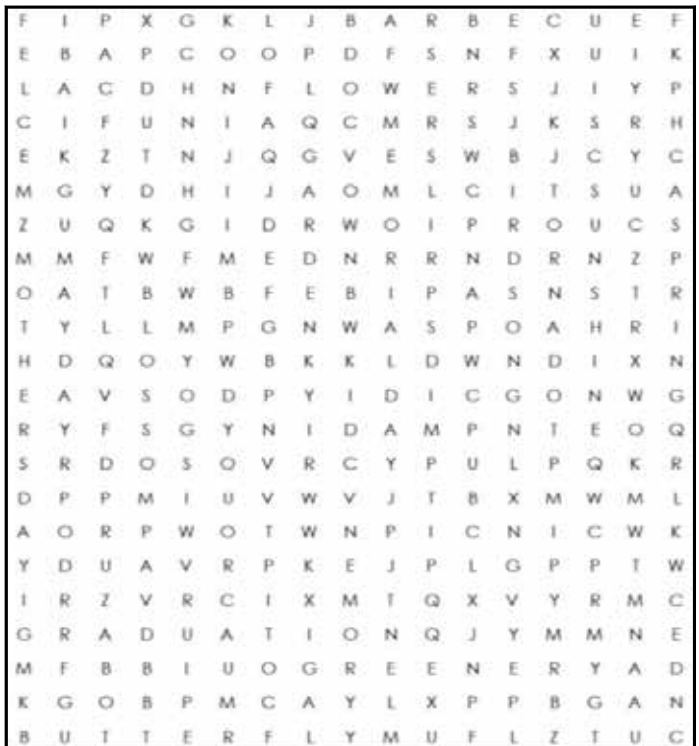
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## Gardening Tips For May, *continued from front page*

### PERENNIALS

- After you clear beds of die-back plant debris, show your perennials some TLC to make their annual debut better.

### LAWNS

- Lawns thrive with mechanical aeration that pulls soil plugs 2-4 inches apart.
- The CSU Turfgrass Program provides complete lawn care tips throughout the season.

### SHRUBS & VINES

- May is prime time for pruning and shaping shrubs, vines and even roses.
- Take time to prune and fertilize your roses early this month. They'll love the attention and will reward you with blooms and color for months.

### VEGETABLES

- If you're new to Colorado, plant after Mother's Day!
- When outdoor temps are holding at a minimum of 40°F, hardy, cool season vegetable seeds like peas, lettuce, kale, and spinach can be direct sown into the prepped bed
- More tender/warm season crops need nighttime temps to be reliably at a minimum of 50°F. Patience is truly a virtue in planting things like tomatoes, peppers, and eggplants.
- Hardening off or acclimating delicate bedding plants prior to planting them outside is essential. Start by putting plants outdoors in a protected area for a few hours each day and then bring them inside. Gradually increase the amount of time outside over the next week to 10 days until they can be left out overnight.

### ANNUALS

- Annuals are the color bombs and mainstays of many a patio pot and garden bed. Love them SO much and we enjoy them in not only our yards but all over town. Shop till you drop at your local nurseries, start them by seed, and plant them with abandon!



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Southwind has published this article before, but I've heard several neighbors have had "issues" that are covered in this article. We all need to be on the look of any suspicious behavior, people stopping and starting at houses too long or emails or texts that seem too good to be true. Always listen to your instincts. If you feel better about hanging up and calling your bank back, do so. They won't be upset.

### WRONG TEXT

You get a "wrong text" for rescheduling a doctor's appointment, business meeting, or social gathering. Being the helpful person, you respond, "Wrong Number." and that starts the scam. They will then start to get personal information out of you or sell and reuse your number for other scams. They might send you a link for you to click and steal your information. Best thing to do is not respond to any number you're not familiar with.

### EMAIL STATING YOU MISSED A FEDEX OR UPS DELIVERY

This email looks legit and requests you click the link to reschedule the delivery, but if you look closely at the email address, you'll see it's a fake. It might read FEDEX@ udevonalpha.com.... looking at what follows the @ sign will give the emailer away. By clicking on the link, you could be opening a back door to your computer for hackers to steal your information.

### BANK IMPERSONATOR RACKET

You get a call, text, or email from your bank" asking you to verify your password and/or other personal information. It sounds convincing...trust me. My bank will text me and call to confirm online purchases. I always call my bank back and not the number that was provided to verify it is indeed my bank. But my bank has never asked for passwords. If you think the call is legit, then tell them you will call them back from a phone number that *you* have. Not one they provide for you.

## 4 Easy But Amazing Mother's Day Gifts

Aside from breakfast in bed (with no kitchen clean up afterwards) and a day just relaxing with everyone on their best behavior, here are some great ideas for Mom that she'll love! These supplies are either lying around the house or can get at the Dollar Tree. It's the thought and time that Mom will love the most. These are easy activities that kids of almost all ages can help Dad with!



### LEGO-STAMP HEART CARD

Have the kids make a heart shape with their Legos, get some thick card stock paper and paint.

### LIP SCRUB

Find a pretty jar, grab some honey, vanilla extra and brown sugar. Mix the ingredients until it creates a scrub. This is great for keeping lips moisturized and exfoliated.



### FINGERPRINT BUTTERFLY MUGS

Melt any mom or grandma's heart by getting your little to decorate a simple white mug with paint on her little one's finger tips.

### FLORAL MONOGRAM DOOR HANGER

What better than getting mom flowers? Getting Mom flowers that will last! Grab some pretty faux flowers, hot glue, x-acto knife, and either 12' canvas letters (found at any art supply store) or a large cardboard box! Simply cut the top of the letter box off and glue the flowers inside!




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