

# The Southwind Times

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## Corrections and/or Announcements:

- Southwind Civic Association Meeting is now on winter break and will resume, on February 21, 2024.
- 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.

*"I am happy because I'm grateful. I choose to be grateful. That gratitude allows me to be happy."*  
— Will Arnett

*Dad Joke: Hey, I just met you, and this is gravy.  
But here's my stuffing, so carve me maybe.*



## 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.

## National Gratitude Month

This probably comes as no shock, since Thanksgiving, a day of practicing gratitude, is one of the major holidays this month.

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## Colorado Gardening Tips For November

*Taken from the SCU Denver Extension Horticulture Website:*

### Lawn:

- Rake up leaves so they don't mat on the turf and promote mold growth. Running a mower over piles of leaves will produce free mulch to spread over plant beds.
- Blow out and shut off sprinkler systems if you haven't done so already.

### Shrubs and Trees:

- Pruning trees and shrubs can wait a few months, however, dead tree branches should be removed ASAP so they don't become a hazard in heavy snow accumulations. (Many arborists offer discounts for off-season services.)
- Wrap the trunks of trees too young to have formed bark to prevent sun scalding during periods of alternate warming and freezing in the winter.
- Consider using protection like plant bags and burlap around evergreens prone to drying out in winter winds.
- Put rose collars around your roses and fill the collars with leaves for insulation, or mound soil over the bud union of each plant.

### Perennials:

- Postponing deadheading and cutting perennials back until spring offers.
- Protect crowns from freezing and catch snow to deliver more moisture to the plants.

### Vegetables:

- Harvest any remaining vegetables.
- Spread compost over the soil and turn it in – it feeds the microscopic critters that will deliver nutrients to your plants' roots next year.

## 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): \_\_\_\_\_

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**Thank you for your continued support of our terrific neighborhood!**

# Thanksgiving Games For The Whole Family!

Wanna play some family games in between the football games being aired? This article is courtesy of 40 Best Thanksgiving Games for Families (Playpartyplan.com/30-great-thanksgiving-party-games/



## Skittles Gratitude Game

If you want a game that reminds you of the reason for Thanksgiving, this is a great one! Go to this site (<https://www.playpartyplan.com/gratitude-skittles-game/>) to print out this free gratitude Skittles game. Open a pack of Skittles and play with the entire family. In this fun game, the Skittles determine what you say you're grateful for! Great for kids and adults. Don't like skittles, do it with M&Ms. *continued on page 4*

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### YARD WORK

**Elijah Gomez, 303-250-1109**

Does your son or daughter babysit, rack 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.

## Test Smoke And CO Alarms

With cold weather arriving and furnaces and fireplaces cranking up, this is a good time to test your smoke and carbon monoxide (CO) detectors to make sure they're functioning properly. Press and hold the "test" button on the smoke or CO detector to make sure the alarm goes off. Replace the batteries if the alarm doesn't work, or if the batteries are more than a year old, then test again.

Be sure to write the date the battery was replaced on the battery or on a piece of tape stuck to the back of the alarm. It's also a good idea to blow out smoke and CO alarms with canned air periodically to remove dust. Also, be sure to replace any alarms that are over than 10 years.

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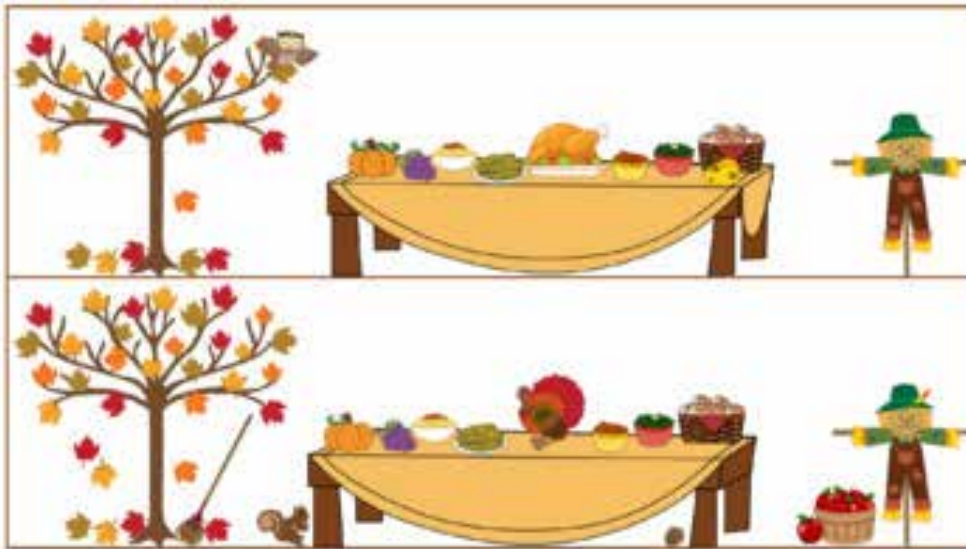
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# Thanksgiving Games For The Whole Family, *continued from page 2*

## Thanksgiving Minute to Win it Games

These games are one of the easiest to play at any party and work for any age! A few years back NBC had a show called Minute to Win It where contestants had to complete a task using household items in less than a minute to move on to the next challenge and ultimately win money. People now play minute-to-win-it games just like simple party games – sometimes actually having a minute time limit and other times just playing them as quick and easy party games. You can create groups, or go one-on-one! Check out <https://www.playpartyplan.com/thanksgiving-games/>

## Spot the Difference: Find all 11!



## Thanksgiving Pictionary

This one is free and requires no printing.... Write down a list of Thanksgiving-themed foods and activities, football, gravy, turkey, cousins, rolls, parade, etc. Write them out on slips of paper and put them in a bowl or hat. All you need is pens and paper!

*Fall has always been my favorite season. The time when everything bursts with its last beauty, as if nature had been saving up all year for the grand finale.*

*–Lauren DeStefano*

1. Feather in scarecrow's hat
2. Apple basket
3. Acorn beside right table leg
4. Draping of tablecloth at end of table
5. Cheese
6. Turkey
7. Squirrel
8. Broom
9. Owl
10. Leaves falling
11. Pumpkin leaf missing

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