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Letter From The Interim President

Dear Southwind Neighbors,

Thanks to each of you who has taken the time to reach out via phone or the neighborhood survey. Please continue to contact me so that I can better understand our community! As we've mentioned, we continue to seek more active membership in our Civic Association. Our next meeting will be in January. All are welcome!

Shoutout to all the Southwind Times delivery folks. Thank you for your service to our neighborhood! November is commonly focused on themes of gratitude and Thanksgiving. This month, I'm grateful for all of you to connect with and information to learn new ways to see the world.

— Jenny Riat,
720-960-2134

"I promised myself a long time ago that I would lead an interesting life."

— Sacheen Littlefeather

Explore Native Lands

Find our neighborhood!

<https://native-land.ca/> is a resource to help people around the world learn more about their local history. It's designed to help you see what indigenous territories and languages might have and still do exist in the world, including where you live. Treaties are also mapped. Check it out!

Neighborhood Survey

SWCA wants to hear from you!

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



Thanksgiving: From Local Harvests To National Holiday

Most Americans are familiar with the Pilgrim's Thanksgiving Feast of 1621, but long before Europeans set foot in the Americas, native peoples sought to insure a good harvest with dances and rituals such as the Green Corn Dance of the Cherokees.

Most of the credit for the establishment of an annual Thanksgiving holiday may be given to Sarah Josepha Hale. Editor of Ladies Magazine and Godey's Lady's Book, she began to agitate for such a day in 1827 by printing articles in the magazines. She also published stories and recipes, and wrote scores of letters to governors, senators, and presidents. After 36 years of crusading, she won her battle. On October 3, 1863, buoyed by the Union victory at Gettysburg, President Lincoln proclaimed that November 26, would be a national Thanksgiving Day, to be observed every year on the fourth Thursday of November.

Today, Thanksgiving is a time when many families come together, and many churches are open for special services. We have both Native Americans and immigrants to thank for the opportunity to observe a day of thanksgiving.

— Source: <https://www.si.edu/spotlight/thanksgiving/history>



Thanksgiving: Are Your Kids Ready To Hear The Real History?

The answer is probably yes.

The story most people heard about Thanksgiving from a young age is pretty simple: A group of Pilgrims, fleeing religious persecution, sail to North America and settle on Plymouth Rock. After a hard winter, they celebrate a successful harvest with their new neighbors, Native Americans. Everybody's grateful; the end. But that's not the full story. The Wampanoag tribe, the Indigenous people who lived at Plymouth Rock, experienced this moment very differently.

Sharing the Wampanoag perspective is essential but can be tough for parents because we have to talk about some raw topics in order to get a fuller, clearer understanding. Parents can start by telling their kids the truth and offering their children the more complex narrative. Kids are smart and capable of understanding.

Here are some talking points as you explore the indigenous perspective on the history of Thanksgiving:

Prior to the Pilgrims landing, the Wampanoag had experienced a plague that devastated their community. Any child who lived through the COVID-19 epidemic can likely relate to the challenges of a widespread sickness in the community. You might ask your child, "How did you feel about meeting new people when there was so much sickness in our community?"

The Wampanoag people did not rush out to welcome the newly arrived Puritans. They took months to observe them. You might give the example of a new neighbor

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moving in next door. They seem to do everything differently. They don't speak the same language or go to the same church as your family. Ask your child, "How might you get to know those people?" These were questions the Wampanoag leader had to ask himself when the Puritans arrived.

The Wampanoag tribe also knew that other people who were like the Pilgrims had raided their food supplies in the past, so they felt wary. You might ask your child, "What if you had a new neighbor that moved in and the first thing they did was take your food and toys?"

As you explore this topic, a child may also wonder why we celebrate Thanksgiving. History is complicated, as is the present. Exploring the answers to these, and other questions can encourage children to think critically about the information they learn.

— Source: <https://www.today.com/parents/how-tell-thanksgiving-story-your-kids-t200911>

Neighborhood I Spy

Do you recognize these decorations?

Shoutout to these neighbors for their festive spirit in October! Thank you for making our neighborhood a little more fun. We'll be keeping our eyes out for winter displays soon!



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This Space Intentionally Left Blank for Teen Services



National Secondhand Sunday

The Sunday after Thanksgiving we celebrate national Secondhand Sunday to embrace secondhand gifting, while supporting second hand sellers during the peak holiday shopping season.

Ready for Retirement? Here are 3 Tips for a Smooth Transition!

- 1. Set New Goals:** Think about what you want to achieve in retirement—travel, learning new skills, etc.
- 2. Stay Active and Engaged:** Explore hobbies, volunteer opportunities, or part-time work to keep your mind and body active.
- 3. Plan Your Finances:** Start by reviewing your savings, investments, and potential income sources.

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November Festivals

DENVER FILM FESTIVAL

Fri-Sun, November 1-10, 2024, Denver

Back for its 47th year, the Denver Film Festival showcases hundreds of full-length films, music videos, and shorts at multiple locations across the city.

DENVER VETERANS DAY RUN

Saturday, November 9, 2024, City Park, Denver

Back for its 16th year, the Denver Veterans Day Run is both an in-person and virtual 5k and 10k event that directly benefits Colorado Vets.

GEORGETOWN BIGHORN SHEEP FESTIVAL

Saturday, November 9, 2024, Georgetown

Home of one of the oldest and largest bighorn herds in the entire state, enjoy wildlife programs, children's activities, hikes, music, crafts, and more at this festival.

WARREN MILLER FILM TOUR

Late October through December, 2024,

Multiple showings across Colorado

An annual film tour following skiers and snowboarders as they take on the snow. From backyard hills to mega mountains, this tour kicks off the winter season with a bang.

BOTANIC GARDENS BLOSSOMS OF LIGHTS

Fri-Sun, November 20, 2024 – January 12, 2025, Denver

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 way to spend a winter evening.

DENVER CHRISTMAS SHOW

Fri-Sun, November 22-24, 2024, Denver

This Christmas-themed event is held at the Colorado Convention Center. Explore the more than 450 and 300 booths, respectively, of arts, crafts, and gifts from local vendors. Santa will be on-site at both locations, so bring the kids.

DENVER CHRISTKINDLMARKET

Fri-Sat, November 22-December 23, 2024,

Civic Center Park, 101 14th Ave, Denver

24th year for the month-long Christkindl Market in downtown Denver. Experience old German traditions with authentic cuisine, live music, holiday drinks, and an artisan marketplace.

POLAR EXPRESS TRAIN RIDE

Fri-Sun, November 22, 2024 – January 1, 2025, Durango

Aboard the Polar Express Train Ride, you and your family will be swept away into an elaborate holiday fantasy complete with hot chocolate, a light show, holiday music, and, of course, Santa.

DENVER ARTS WEEK

Fri-Sun, November 1-10, 2024, Denver

All of Denver comes alive with creativity each November for over eight days as it collectively celebrates the city's creative neighborhoods, museums, galleries, and all-around artistic vibe.

–<https://www.uncovercolorado.com>

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