

The Southwind Times

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Sip In Centennial

Sat., Oct. 25, 2025, 1:00 to 5:00 p.m.

Centennial Center Park

Colorado Breweries, Distilleries

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Food Trucks * Yard Games

Eat, drink and enjoy live music for our Sip in Centennial event! This event offers diverse tastings from local breweries, distilleries and wineries. Join us for a fall afternoon filled with live music and tasty food truck bites while sampling adult beverages. All ages are welcome, must be 21+ to partake in alcohol tastings.

This event is free to attend and open to all ages, however guests must be 21+ to partake in alcohol tastings. Tickets for tastings cards are \$20 in advance and \$30 day of the event. Advanced purchase is recommended, as similar events have sold out. Tasting cards do not include food. Please note: a small service fee will apply online or if paying with a credit card on event day. The Centennial Rotary Club will sell full-sized beers and seltzers throughout the event as a fundraiser.



A New Chapter for Our Community

Hey Neighbors! We're back, and we can't wait to share some exciting news with you! Our neighborhood association has fresh faces on the board, and we're thrilled to introduce you to your new team:

Liz Sawyer - Co-President

Carl Miller - Co-President

Jenny Riat - Secretary/Publisher

Mary Schulz - Treasurer

Amber Daniels - Member at Large

Ahna Saetveit - Member at Large

Our mission is simple: we want to make this neighborhood a warm, welcoming place for everyone. We're all about bringing people together through fun activities and making sure our board is there for you.

As a first step in this revitalization, we've updated our logo to reflect our new energy and vision. We are committed to a renewed focus on Building Community, Together.

We've been brainstorming a bunch of engaging activities and traditions that you all love, and our calendar is filling up fast! Keep an eye out for it on our brand new community social media channels launching soon!

We want to hear from YOU! Your ideas and feedback are super important in shaping our future events. Plus, if you're interested in lending a hand as a volunteer, we would absolutely love your help! Just scan the QR code below to share your email with us, and we'll keep you updated on how you can pitch in.

Now, about the dues—thanks to the fantastic management of the previous board, we have some funds to carry us through the year. Starting in January, we'll be collecting voluntary dues of \$20 per household. These contributions will directly support our activities, and the more we collect, the more fun we can have together!

Thank you for being part of our amazing community! We're excited to serve you and create unforgettable moments together. Let's make this the best year yet in our neighborhood!

Join us, get involved, and let's make some memories!

— Liz Sawyer & Carl Miller, SWCA Co-Presidents
southwindcivic@gmail.com



Building Community, Together.



We would love to
hear from you!

Scan the QR code or
email us at:
southwindcivic@gmail.com

Halloween Cider Is Back!

Calling all volunteers who would like to support this event. We are specifically looking for someone who is willing to drive the cider delivery truck again. Please contact southwindcivic@gmail.com if you would like to help!

Southwind Civic Association Neighborhood Vision

A vibrant, safe, and connected community where all are welcome, valued, and celebrated.

Iced Pumpkin Cookies

INGREDIENTS:

Cookies:

- 2 ½ cups all-purpose flour
- 2 teaspoons ground cinnamon
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- ½ teaspoon ground nutmeg
- ½ teaspoon ground cloves
- ½ teaspoon salt
- 1 ½ cups white sugar
- ½ cup butter, softened
- 1 cup canned pumpkin puree
- 1 large egg
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract

Icing:

- 2 cups confectioners' sugar
- 3 tablespoons milk
- 1 tablespoon melted butter
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract

DIRECTIONS:

1. Gather all ingredients. Preheat the oven to 350 degrees F (175 degrees C). Grease two cookie sheets.
2. To make the cookies: Combine flour, cinnamon, baking powder, baking soda, nutmeg, cloves, and salt in a medium bowl.
3. Cream together sugar and butter in a mixing bowl until fluffy, 2 to 3 minutes. Add pumpkin, egg, and vanilla; beat until creamy. Mix in flour mixture until combined.
4. Drop tablespoonfuls of dough onto the prepared cookie sheets; flatten slightly.
5. Bake in the preheated oven until centers are set, 15 to 20 minutes, switching racks halfway through. Transfer cookies to a wire rack to cool to room temperature, about 30 minutes.
6. Meanwhile, make the icing: Stir together confectioners' sugar, milk, butter, and vanilla in a bowl until smooth. Add milk as needed, to achieve drizzling consistency. Drizzle icing over cooled cookies with a fork.

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:

- ☐ 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): _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Please complete this form and mail with your check to:

Southwind Civic Association
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Make payment via Venmo: Include your name, street address, and phone number along with your payment to @Southwind Civic Association. All donations go to events in the neighborhood.

Thank you for your continued support of our terrific neighborhood!

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Dues

The Southwind Civic Association is back up and running! That means we're gladly accepting dues in support of our events and services.

Youth Confidence Day

Building a framework of positive role models is vital to developing responsible, confident young adults. Incidentally, National Youth Confidence Day, on October 20, encourages us to connect and inspire today's youth for tomorrow's success.

National Youth Confidence Day celebrates the energy, spirit and potential of young people. The day is an acknowledgment of all they will accomplish, respectively. Guidance, leadership and mentors will help light the path, indeed. In addition, today's youth will navigate the obstacles that will inevitably lay before them.

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*Ah, Lovely October, as you usher in the season
that awakens my soul, your awesome beauty compels
my spirit to soar like an leaf caught in an autumn breeze
and my heart to sing like a heavenly choir*
—Peggy Toney Horton

Fall Landscape Ideas For A Gorgeous Autumn Garden

ADD FALL CONTAINER PLANTS

Lean into container plants featuring late-blooming flowers and succulents, like mums and stonecrop, as temperatures start to drop this fall. They'll add so much color and interest to your porch, plus you can repot and move them inside when it gets too cold in the winter!

PLANT TREES AND SHRUBS

Surprisingly, fall is a great time to plant evergreen and ornamental trees in your yard! In autumn, the weather and soil conditions can help trees develop a strong root system before the summer heat kicks in. If you're looking for evergreens, go for boxwood, spruce, and pine trees. On the other hand, if you want to add stunning autumn hues to your yard, plant sugar maple, Japanese maple, dogwood, or redbud trees.

CREATE A FALL COMPOST PILE

There's no better time than fall to start a compost pile, especially with all that fallen foliage! Instead of throwing away those big piles of fall leaves after raking them, add them to

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a compost pile along with vegetal food scraps and twigs. By spring, you'll have a nutrient-rich additive for your garden beds that'll improve your soil quality!

REFRESH YOUR YARD

Spring cleaning may be the norm, but fall is also a great time to refresh your yard or garden! The cooler months following summer are great for tidying up your yard before spring rolls around again. To start, get rid of unruly weeds and wilting annuals. Then, start patching up bare spots in your lawn with overseeding and fertilizer.

START A POLLINATOR GARDEN

It's never a bad time to plant flowers and shrubs to support the pollinator population in your yard. Add perennials that extend the season for bees and butterflies, such as black-eyed Susan, autumn-blooming sedums, asters, and Shasta daisies.

CREATE AN OUTDOOR DINING SPACE

If you never got around to it during the hot summer months, autumn is a great time to create an outdoor oasis. A small table and chairs are all you need for evening meals al fresco.

ADD DECORATIVE ACCENTS

A simple obelisk or trellis can be a focal point in the garden, long after the first frost. Place it where it's visible from indoors so you have something of interest to see in the winter garden. Bonus: Add lights to it for the holidays!

CREATE COZY SEATING AREAS

Fall is a great time to sit and enjoy the cooler weather and the stunning panorama of colors. Create a cozy seating area by placing

Adirondack chairs or a simple wicker chair where you can soak up nature's beauty. Oh, and don't forget the cozy blanket!

DECORATE WITH PUMPKINS

This might seem obvious, but decorating with pumpkins is one of the easiest ways to get your home ready for fall. Add different color pumpkins, including orange, white, and green, throughout the yard and on the front porch.

PLANT BULBS FOR SPRING

It might seem like an exercise in delayed gratification (and it is!), but it's a good idea to start planting spring-blooming bulbs right now. Many flowers such as daffodils, tulips, and hyacinths must be planted in the fall for blooms next spring. Trust us: You'll be so happy and grateful when you see your flowers pop up after a long winter.

ADD EXTERIOR LIGHTING

Adding a few outdoor lighting options will make the long, dark days of winter a little brighter. Update exterior lights and add lighting along walkways. Even a solar-powered LED lantern or string lights on the patio can make a seating area feel more intimate and special during fall gatherings.

BRING IN COLD-SENSITIVE PLANTS

There's really no point in allowing all your plants to die back in the first frost. Bring in plants that can be enjoyed as houseplants (dig them up and put them in pots). Plants to consider include rosemary, begonias, hibiscus, and succulents. Also, in cold climates, don't forget to dig up tender bulbs such as dahlias and gladioli after the first frost to save for planting next spring.



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