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Upcoming Events in Southwind

September 18th:

Southwind Civic Association Meeting

Join us on Wednesday, Sept. 18, 2024, 6-7pm for our monthly neighborhood meeting. The Southwind Civic Association needs more active participants so that we can truly represent our community well. Consider joining a meeting virtually, in person, or emailing in your feedback to jenriat@gmail.com.

October 31: Halloween Cider



Mark Your Calendar!

City of Centennial Chalk Fest: September 14

Come to the Streets and Southglenn on Saturday, September 14 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. for the FREE annual Chalk Art Festival! This festival brings together talented local artists and their sidewalk chalk masterpieces to life. Arrive early to spend the day browsing local businesses and vendors, listen to live music and grab a bite to eat at a local restaurant. You will have the chance to vote for your favorite chalk art too. This event features:

- Chalk Artists
- Family Activities
- Live Music
- Local Vendors

“The more we care about a topic of conversation, the more we rush to speak.”

— Matthew R. Kay

Neighborhood Survey

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



Southwind Civic Association Meeting

Wed., September 18, 2024

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

Letter From The President

Dear Southwind Neighbors, I leave Colorado at the end of this month and I wish everyone the best. Each household makes this neighborhood a truly special place to live. We have a wonderful new editor and chief of the newsletter, Jenny Riat. She will help guide the newsletter and continue to inspire neighborhood participation. Please make sure to give her your support!

The naked truth is we still need members to help make events this neighborhood loves, happen. We need at least two to three people to help with Halloween Cider handouts. We need someone willing to donate his or her pickup truck and time to drive it, and at least one or two other people to help pour and hand out Cider on Halloween. Best time to start handing out Cider is around 5:45pm and end time is typically around 7:45. Please reach out to Jenny Riat if you're interested in helping make Halloween Cider happen! Her number is 720-960-2134.

Again, without your help and time, neighborhood events will cease. Please take the survey found at the QR code in this newsletter. This survey will take two to three minutes of your time and will help the Southwind Civic Association with tailoring activities, news articles, and events to what the neighborhood wants. All of this will help make our neighborhood an even better place to live!!!

Thank you again for your support, participation, and for being amazing neighbors! It is a bittersweet good bye that I give you. Thank you for making this place an amazing and special place to live. Have a wonderful fall y'all!

— Victoria Hank

Hispanic Heritage Month

September 15th – October 15th

Hispanic Heritage Month is a month-long celebration of Hispanic and Latino history and culture celebrated each year from Sept. 15 to Oct. 15. The Latino population makes up 18.9% of the total population and is the largest racial or ethnic group in the US. The timeframe of this month is significant because many Central American countries celebrate their independence days within these dates.

Hispanic or Latino? Which is it? The term “Latino” describes the diverse residents of the United States with cultural or ancestral ties to Latin America or the Caribbean. For many, the term “Latino” also creates room for acknowledging Black, Indigenous, Asian, and other heritages on equal terms with European ancestry. The term “Hispanic” is used to signal a connection to Spain or the Spanish language. Here are various ways to recognize this month:

- **Latino Culture:** Learn about the diverse Latino culture and how it has contributed to the society and culture of the United States.
- **Latin Independence Days:** Learn about the different Independence Days across Latin America and how they are celebrated and honored each year.
- **Latin Food:** Explore Latino recipes and learn about special events that Latino dishes are a central part of.
- **Famous Latinos:** Learn about famous Latinos and Latinas who have helped to shape the history and culture of the United States.
- **Latino Art:** Discover Latino artists who have used their unique experiences to help shape American culture through creative forms.
- **Learn More:** <https://latino.si.edu/>

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:
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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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for Teen Services**

Grandparents Day

On the Sunday following Labor Day, National Grandparents Day honors the love only grandparents can provide. Grandparents and their grandchildren share a special bond. These hugging, caring and patient people in the lives of children offer more than a generous dose of love. Grandparents provide an abundance of wisdom. They also offer guidance and stability.



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Pueblo vs. Hatch Chiles


Settle the never-ending debate between Pueblo and hatch chiles by visiting Pueblo, CO to taste for yourself. September is the peak harvest season for the Pueblo chiles, flooring grocery stores, and farmers' markets with your choice of mild, medium, or hot chiles. The long-standing battle between Colorado and New Mexico chiles has even gone political when the CO governor challenged the NM governor to a chili taste-off.

The claim is that the Pueblo chile is thicker, meatier, and roasts better, but the only way to know is to taste for yourself. The spicy crop has even garnered an annual festival every year in Pueblo, the Chile & Frijoles Fest. Sample different kinds of chiles from Pueblo, from roasted to raw and too hot to handle.


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Weird, But True!

A Stowaway Groundhog is Elevated to Local Icon

A Pennsylvania groundhog is making a name for himself for something other than predicting an early or late spring.

Colonel Custard, so named for the frozen custard shop and mini-golf outlet where he was discovered, was found stowed away with a passel of stuffed animals prizes in an arcade game two weeks ago. Players were maneuvering a mechanical claw to pluck toys from the glass game case when they suddenly realized a real live groundhog was blinking back at them.

The newly named colonel was found in Hollidaysburg, a good hour's drive from Pennsylvania's far more famous groundhog town, Punxsutawney, home to the weather-predicting groundhog Phil.

The owners and staff at The Meadows frozen custard shop aren't being shy about promoting their own furry friend. Staff and owners made T-shirts that read "Respect the Groundhog," held the online naming campaign that drew an avalanche of responses and are working on more promotional ideas, such as naming one of their frozen treat flavors for Colonel Custard.



Fun Numbers About Back to School

1. There are approximately 33 million elementary school children in the U.S, 17 million kids attending high school, and 8.8 little ones in nursery schools and kindergartens.
2. All told, including college students, and about 78 million kids head back to school every fall.
3. That's 25% of the entire U.S. population over 3 years old!
4. There are about 8 million teachers in the U.S.
5. Add in parents, school staff, and retailers, and it's hard to find someone not impacted by the Back to School exodus every year.

Help Build Beds For Children

Join us for J&K Roofing's annual Build Day with non-profit Sleep in Heavenly Peace (SHP) on September 14th! Help us build beds for children in need in our community. Bring your family, friends, and neighbors—no experience needed.

Build Day: Saturday, September 14th at J&K Roofing, 13000 W 43rd Dr, Golden, CO 80403.

Register or donate at shpbeds.org/chapter/co-denver. Let's ensure "No kid sleeps on the floor in our town!"



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<p>Sundays HIGHLANDS RANCH MAY 5 - OCT 27 HR Town Center 9288 Dorchester St. 10am-2pm or Sellout</p>	<p>Wednesdays LITTLETON JUN 19 - SEP 25 Aspen Grove 7301 S. Santa Fe Dr. 10am-2pm or Sellout</p>

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