

# Southbridge



## Last Day Of School Traditions

The last day of school is both a happy and sad occasion. While you celebrate your child's accomplishments, you also mark another year off the calendar.

**1. Photo.** Take a photo of your child in the place where you also took a photo on the first day. That could be by the front door, at the school, or sitting at their desk.

**2. Balloons.** Count down the last day with balloons. Fill five balloons with a note or a treat and number them. Each day, have your child pop a balloon and enjoy the surprise inside.

**3. Signatures.** Send your child to school on the last day with something that friends can write on and a sharpie. Your child's friends can autograph their shirt, a pillowcase, or another keepsake. This is especially fun for kids moving up to the next school campus, i.e. 5th grade to middle school.

**4. Planning.** Make a summer bucket list. Sit down together and plan out a few fun things to look forward to doing over the summer break.

**5. Surprise.** Kick off the summer with a fun surprise when your child comes home from the last day. Keep it simple, such as hiding a bucket of water balloons by the front door or making a Last Day basket full of summer fun.

**6. Chalk.** If your child rides the bus, decorate the sidewalk from the bus stop to the front door with sidewalk chalk. Write messages like, "Happy summer!"

**7. Garden.** Start a summer garden. Beans, carrots, cucumbers, and melons can be planted in May or June throughout the US.

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## Etiquette For Dog Parents

Dog parents have a responsibility to manage their pets' behavior and follow certain rules of etiquette. Follow these guidelines to ensure that you and your dog are being courteous community members.

- Scoop your poop.
- Prevent barking.
- Only let your dog greet a stranger if they ask.
- Always leash your dog on walks.
- Don't play while on leash.
- Be aware of other people's feelings.

— Animal Humane Society



## FREE Paper Shred Event

SAVE THE DATE: **Saturday, May 10 from 10-Noon**

LOCATION: Medema Park, 4950 E Easter Ave. Centennial 80122

*If you've been cleaning out and organizing things, and you have paper products to shred after tax day, drop them off and have them shredded for free!*

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## Tissue Paper Poppy

Want to slide in a history lessons while keeping little hands busy? You can help kids make a tissue paper poppy while explaining about Memorial Day's origins, then explain that poppies, because they are blood-red, became a symbol of sacrifice during World War I. These are easy to create, and they make a lovely gift. **You'll need:** one sheet of red tissue paper, a small piece of black construction paper, two green pipe cleaners, scissors, and tape.



1. Cut a small (about 1-inch diameter or less) circle from the black construction paper.
2. Place a piece or two of tape on one side of your circle to reinforce the paper.
3. Fold the circle and make a small cut through the paper and tape near the center, just big enough to push a pipe cleaner through. Then fold and cut one more.
4. Cut all around the edges of your black circle so that they look like fringe.
5. Now, fold your red tissue paper until you have several layers – a 3" x 3" square is about right, but you don't have to be exact.
6. Cut a vaguely petal-like shape through all the sheets at once. Remember that your flower will most likely not be inspected by a horticulturalist. Cut through all the edges so that each layer becomes separated from the others. Then fold it gently and cut a small hole through the center.
7. Hold a green pipe cleaner (for little ones, be careful of potentially pointy ends!) and stack the tissue papers onto the pipe cleaner, letting them turn and settle randomly. Then top it with the black construction-paper circle, tape side against the tissue so it isn't showing. Loop the end of the pipe cleaner through one of the center holes, then bend it, hook-like, and loop it back through the second hole, and twist to secure it.
8. Bunch up the tissue paper, folding it accordion-style for maximum volume in your flower. Flip the flower upside-down and secure it with a piece of tape. I've tried just doing a pipe cleaner and it slips, but you can also cover the tape with a second green pipe cleaner to make the underside of the flower more realistically stem-like.
9. Holding the bottom of the flower, gently separate the petals until your flower is beautiful.

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# 10 Ways To Make Mom Feel Special On Mother's Day


Moms—they really deserve more than a day, don't they? While we always try to let the mothers in our lives know how much they're appreciated, we try extra hard to show her how much we care on Mother's Day!

- **Feed her!** Whether it's by taking her out to her favorite restaurant (or one she's been dying to try) or, even better, cooking a thoughtful meal full of her favorite dishes, it will leave both her heart and her stomach happy.
- **Plan a family photo session or maybe one for just you and her.** Get silly in front of the camera, and you'll have more than just the memory of your day together—you'll have something tangible to share with her. Plus, as a bonus, you can relive the day all over again when the proofs come in!
- **Treat her to breakfast in bed!** Sleeping in and not having to cook breakfast? Most moms can't think of a better gift!
- **Fill up her gas tank, do the grocery shopping, clean the house—**when you handle some of these simple but burdensome tasks like these, she'll appreciate your appreciation!
- **Experience something new together!** Experiences have a way of bonding people together, so take a hot air balloon ride, go to a concert, skydive, or take a cooking class together, and you'll create memories to last for a lifetime.
- **Every mom has a honey-do list.** Consider tackling a big project on the list that she'll be so thrilled to see completed. We're talking cleaning the garage, organizing a closet, or maybe even a woodworking project.
- **Plan a party for her** and the other special moms in her life—her mom, her sister, her best friend, and, of course, those moms' children. She'll adore being surrounded by her closest loved ones.
- **Whisk mom around the town** with a day filled with her favorite activities. Soak in some quality time at a spa or a museum together, treat her to a shopping spree, or play a round of tennis with her.
- **Treat mom to a gift that is thoughtful and special.** Don't just buy another robe or sweater, unless you know she really wants one. Consider buying her something that she wouldn't typically buy for herself or something that she's been talking about for a while. Has she wanted new tableware? Does she have an empty place on her wall that she has been wanting to fill? Could she use a day to treat herself? Get personal with it!
- **You can write her a letter, make a list of all the reasons you love and appreciate her, or turn it all into a craft project.** Just be sure the day doesn't pass without you taking the time to thank her for being such a thoughtful mother.

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## Bring Flowers To Someone Day

April showers means May 15 is Bring Flowers to Someone Day to celebrate why giving flowers plays a significant roll in kindness. Flowers are one of nature's most beautiful gifts. Bring Flowers to Someone Day is the perfect way to give the gift of love and kindness to those around you. Whether you gift flowers to show sympathy or give them just because, the simple act of giving flowers brings joy to the recipient.

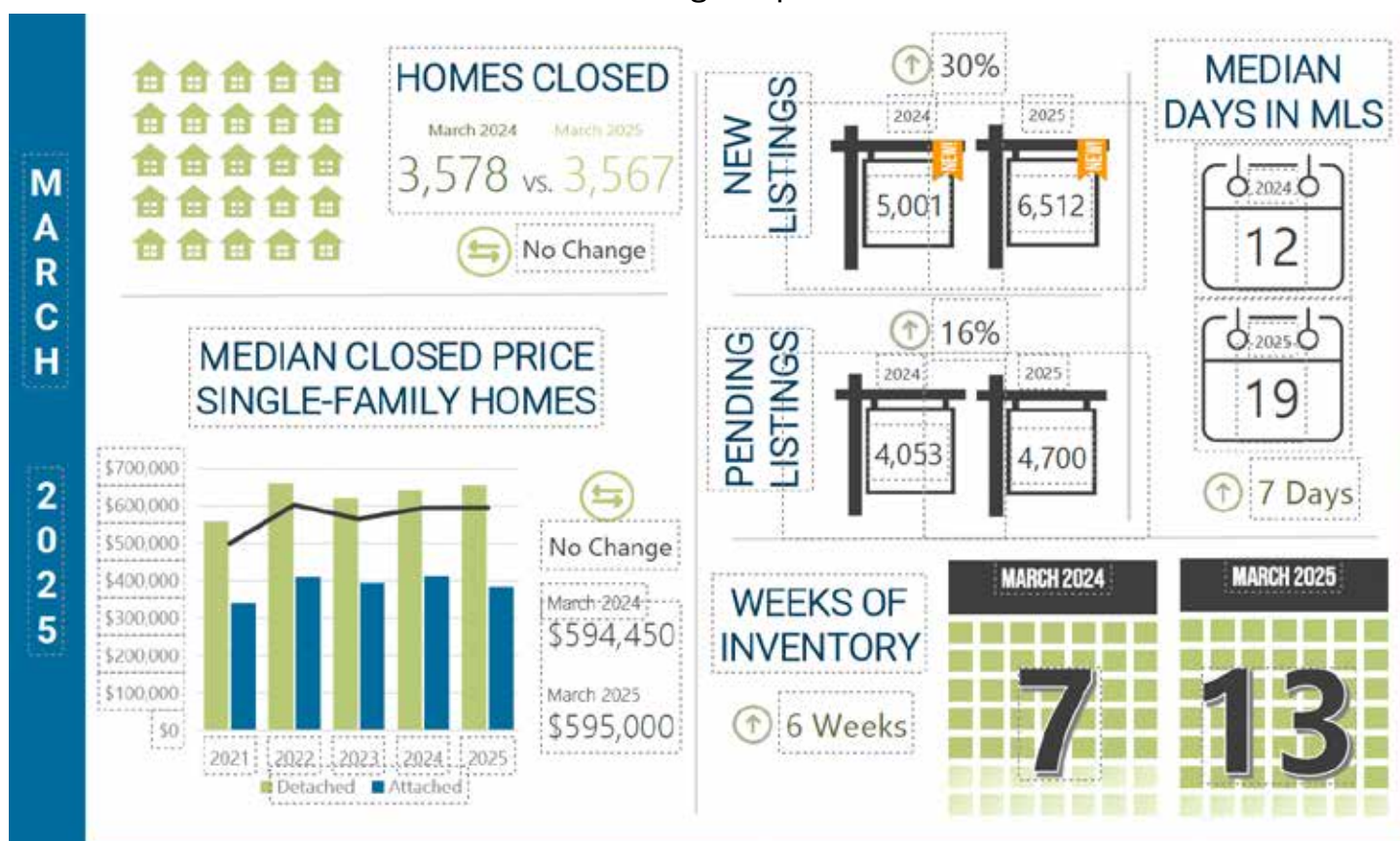
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who have fought and died for their country  
is the freedom we enjoy as Americans.*

– Lucian Adams

## MARCH REAL ESTATE MARKET UPDATE

We have significantly more homes listed on the market this year compared to March 2024. What does that mean for sellers? Because there are more homes on the market, homes may take longer to sell. There are 30% more new homes listed in March 2025 than 2024 so more homes means more competition. However, homes that are highly updated and priced well are often receiving multiple offers and selling above the asking price. When there is more competition, careful pricing and knowledge of the market is critical.

For buyers, there are opportunities all over, especially with homes that are not perfectly updated. Look for those homes that have been on the market for a few weeks, because there are some great possibilities!



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## Fun Things In May

### CAMP BEFORE IT GETS TOO CROWDED:

May is typically a terrific time to camp without as many people as later in summer. Keep in mind it still gets quite cold in the evenings, so pack your winter clothes.

**CHASE A FEW WATERFALLS:** Waterfalls will be near their peak flow this time of year. Be sure to pack some water shoes if you want to explore the riverbeds at the base.

**CELEBRATE SPRING AT A FESTIVAL:** Each weekend in May is filled with fun events for the whole family. Find a full list of popular Colorado events happening in May.

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3/28/25	7647 S Crocker Court	\$1,049,000.00	\$1,049,000.00	4	3	4,208
3/20/25	831 W Kettle Avenue	\$725,000.00	\$755,000.00	5	4	3,400
4/3/25	8012 S Cedar Street	\$705,000.00	\$710,000.00	4	4	2,348
4/4/25	221 W Jamison Court	\$705,000.00	\$670,000.00	4	4	2,398
1/14/25	435 W Jamison Circle	\$615,000.00	\$610,000.00	3	2	2,575
3/3/25	670 W Jamison Circle	\$599,000.00	\$592,000.00	3	2	1,670
4/11/25	329 W Jamison Circle Unit# 21	\$490,000.00	\$424,000.00	2	3	1,440

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### Kyla Is Highly Recommended!

*"Kyla was fantastic! She lives in and knows this area. I had lived in my house for 32 yrs and did not want to do anything inside as I figured the new owners would "make it their own". Kyla listened to my thoughts and politely suggested new paint and staging to get the best price for my house. It wasn't even on the market for 24hrs, I had 5 offers and it sold well over the asking price. She has a great team of people that coordinated folks and were wonderful and helpful thru the entire process. Kyla knows what she is doing. I highly recommend doing business with her."*

*~ Laurie, Southbridge, 2025*



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