

Upcoming Calendar

12/21 – Winter Solstice, shortest day of year

12/25 – Christmas

No Southglenn Reporter in January

1/1 – New Year's Day

1/23 – SGCA Board Meeting, St. Tim's 7 p.m.

Dorothy's Corner

Dorothy Mauro, Chairperson

A great big thank you to our board and all the wonderful volunteers who made our Civic Association in 2013 so successful. I also want to thank Linda Nixon and her committee for the delicious volunteer dinner on November 14. Those of us who attended had a lovely time.

Our fiscal year begins in January and we will again be calling upon you to pay your \$15.00 dues to make sure we can provide the activities like the Easter Egg Hunt, Dumpster Day, Fun Fest and Garage Sale. We cannot do these things without your support. We are always open to new ideas from you so join us at our meetings on the fourth Thursday evening at St. Timothy's Church 7:00 pm, corner of Dry Creek and Clarkson.

South Suburban Parks and Recreation has asked me to evaluate Clarkson Park for future improvements so if anyone has ideas please call or e-mail me at 303-798-2823 or damauro@comcast.net.

Wishing everyone a joyous holiday season.

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Next Southglenn Civic Association Board Meeting

January 23rd, 7 p.m.

at St. Tim's

Southglenn Holiday Lights and Decorations Contest

Linda Nixon, Vice Chairperson

The contest will start in December, so get busy hanging those lights! We also need your vote! Please take a leisurely walk or an evening drive through the neighborhood (and don't forget the houses on the north side of Arapahoe up to Noble, between Franklin and Vine) and vote for your favorite house decoration. First place winner in each category will receive a twenty-five dollar gift certificate. The Categories are: Most Lights; Most Nostalgic; Religious; Most Creative

WE NEED you to be the judge and call in your vote! 303-795-8083 or email your vote to LandSNixon@msn.com by 12/25/13.

Winners will be notified with their award by January 2nd.

Happy Holidays and please remember to vote for your favorite.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS

Neighborhood Watch

Dale Rottschafer, co-editor

Southglenn held its neighborhood watch kick-off meeting on November 13 at Twain Elementary. Deputy Scott Sickafoose from the Arapahoe County Sheriffs Office addressed the dozen who were in attendance. To have an official Neighborhood Watch program, there must be greater than 70% participation within the neighborhood. That said, a "neighborhood" for the Neighborhood Watch program could be simply your street. The community resource unit would like an opportunity to speak with your group in someone's home, at a block party, etc., and will then make the necessary arrangements for signage, etc. You can make arrangements by contacting the Deputy Sickafoose at 720-874-4040.

Several tips that Deputy Sickafoose shared with the group: Keep outside lights on at night. A well lit neighborhood is not an inviting one for criminals. If you are concerned about electricity costs or about disturbing your neighbors, put in some lower wattage bulbs. Should you ever need emergency assistance in the evening hours, a lit front porch will help emergency personnel locate your house that much quicker. In the back, either leave lights on, or install a motion sensor.

Don't make yourself a victim - most crimes are simply crimes of opportunity. Lock doors and windows, close garage doors, keep sheds, ladders and tools locked up, lock the door between your garage and house, even lock your car doors in your garage, don't leave running vehicles unattended in driveway - even for just a minute, and when shopping during the holidays, don't leave any packages, bags, purses or wallets visible through your windows. At the end of October someone broke into a car at Goodson Rec Center, stole a purse, and withdrew more than \$1200 from the victim's account.

Program the Arapahoe County Sheriff's Office non-emergency number into your phone. It is 303-795-4711. If you see something that doesn't look quite right - call it in. If you hear a bump in the night - call it in. It can be frustrating to notice something that is out of order, and feel like the sheriff's office isn't doing anything about it because you haven't seen increased patrols. Resources are dedicated to the areas

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SOUTHGLENN CIVIC ASSOCIATION, INC.

\$15 ANNUAL DUES FOR JANUARY 1, 2014-DECEMBER 31, 2014

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Here is the information (please check all that apply):

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Make checks payable to Southglenn Civic Association (*your cancelled check will be your receipt*). Send this form and your check to: **Southglenn Civic Association, PO Box 2024, Centennial, CO 80161**. Please attach your ideas, comments and questions on a separate sheet. **Thank you for your involvement and support!**

Neighborhood Watch, continued from front page

where there is data to support them. If they receive no calls from our neighborhood, that is great if there is truly no crime happening. But if there are things happening and everyone assumes someone else has called it in, chances are good nothing got called in. Even if it is the middle of the night - don't hesitate to pick up the phone. The officers working the night shift would rather have something to do than not. Better to call in a strange car parked in an unusual spot (color, make, model, license number, state of plates are also helpful) so they can see if there have been similar reports in areas where crimes have occurred. Calling it in two days later does them no good.

And finally, join the Southglenn.nextdoor.com site. This site is a terrific resource for us to communicate with each other in a timely manner. It isn't a "social network," per se. People are not providing status updates on what they are fixing for dinner. Instead, people are offering free items, selling things, looking for lost pets, seeking recommendations for service providers, and reporting about break-ins in the area (one happened in the neighborhood to our south, Falcon Ridge, in mid-November.) People can create smaller groups on the site as well. So, if you are going out of town, you may not want to broadcast that to the entire Southglenn network. But if you have a smaller group of the 10 people who live on your street, you may want to let just them know you will be out of town and what comings and goings they can expect at your residence during your absence. The site is a terrific resource for our neighborhood. Please come check it out.

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News Articles

The deadline for news articles is the 20th of the month before the next month's issue. Please email news articles to **SGCivicAssoc@gmail.com**. No endorsement of any product or service is implied or stated by its inclusion in the newsletter.

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Happy Holidays to Everyone!

Linda Nixon

I would like to thank my wonderful husband for helping me fix dinner for the Volunteer dinner in November. I would also like to thank Dora and James Cash, Merry Snyder and Dale Rottschafner for helping set up and clean up. We had delicious baked chicken quarters, mashed potatoes (not from a box!), vegetable medley, broccoli and salad with croissants. Desert was off the chart. Dora Cash made her famous homemade chocolate caramel brownies and cheesecake bites, fruit bars, cupcakes and cookies galore! Thanks also to the Arapahoe Road Baptist Church for letting us use their fabulous kitchen and dining facilities, as well as the ARBC group of Ladies for providing the drinks. Riley Rottschafner entertained us by playing the piano during dinner and that was simply delightful, what a charmer! The kids who were there had fun picking the numbers out of the box for the gift drawing we had. Every table had a winner or two of gift certificates. We had a great visit with the volunteers and appreciated them sharing their opinions on how to make things better. We missed all of you that were unable to attend! Thanks again to all our volunteers! I hope everyone has a wonderful Holiday!

Happy Holiday's from Southglenn CC

Rick Chapman, President

The annual meeting of Southglenn CC was held November 12th at the club house. The elections of a new board as well as a number of 2014 accomplishments were covered with the membership at the meeting. Here are a few of the items covered:

- Member of the Year and Pioneer Award Winners Announced:
 - Mike Elliott was introduced as the member of the year for his work around the club throughout 2013. Mike tirelessly assisted our board and GM on our flood restoration project, general maintenance, and workday organization. Additionally, Mike helped out with the men's club. Congratulations Mike.
 - Cheryl Ostlie was awarded the Pioneer of the Year Award given for contributions over many years at the club. Cheryl has served as a board member, raised funds, volunteered for virtually all the clubs at Southglenn and is a positive influence with whoever she comes in contact with. Thanks Cheryl for all you've done for SGCC over the years and congratulations.
- Successful Fall Membership Concludes: The fall campaign ended on November 30th. While we still don't have final tabulation as of this writing, the club has funding to support operations through the winter months and into the spring membership campaign.
- New Web Site Now On Line – <http://southglenncc.com>
- Pool Management Review: We will be conducting a review of our pool operations from the past season within the framework of our contracts review and will institute additional safety and compliance measures for the 2014 season.

- Rental Opportunities: The club continues to be available for rental throughout the year. If you're interested in booking the facility, contact Mike DiBlasi at the club at 303-798-1656.
- Changing of the guard: Three board members ended their two year terms from last year's board. The club thanked Barb Grogan, Sandy Schell and Mike Slomski for their service. Three members (two new and one returning) were elected to serve 2 year terms at the November meeting. They are Mary Buchannan, Bill Canterbury, and Sandy Schell who will join returning board members John Blakney, Mike Camilio, Rick Chapman, and Eric Stromberg.

What Happened to my Southglenn Reporter?

Dale Rottschafer

The Southglenn Reporter will not be published in January – too many of our deliverers are out of town for it to be feasible. If we had smaller routes and more hands, we could make it happen for 2015. We are still in need of volunteers to help get the Reporter to neighborhood doorsteps in a timely manner. We can provide you with a route for nearly as many or as few (to a degree) homes as you prefer. Some of our deliverers have as few as 20 homes (takes about 10 minutes per month) and some have well over 100 (for those who don't wish this large of a route, we need to split up these routes to provide them relief.) It is great exercise, you get to meet some of your neighbors, you are doing something good for your neighborhood, there is truly no downside. Will you please consider taking on a route in 2014? If so, please contact our volunteer coordinator, Linda Nixon, and let her know. 303-795-8083 or LandSNixon@msn.com.

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UPCOMING EVENTS IN & AROUND DENVER

Denver

Denver Christkindl Market

Friday, November 22 - Saturday, December 21
www.denverchristkindlmarket.com

A Christmas Carol

Friday, November 29 - Sunday, December 29
www.denvercenter.org

Lodo Aglow

Friday, November 29 - Wednesday, January 1
www.lodo.org

Blossoms of Light

Friday, November 29 - Wednesday, January 1
www.botanicgardens.org

Grand Illumination of Downtown

Friday, November 29
www.downtowndenver.com

Nutcracker

Saturday, November 30 - Saturday, December 28
www.coloradoballet.org

9NEWS Parade of Lights

Friday, December 6 at 8:00pm
 Saturday, December 7 at 6:00pm
www.denverparadeoflights.com

Denver Zoo Lights

Saturday, December 7 - Sunday, January 5
www.denverzoo.org/events

Denver Holly Days

Saturday, December 7 - Sunday, December 8
www.coloradoevents.net

Denver (cont'd)

Cirque Dreams Holiday

Tuesday, December 10 - Sunday, December 22
www.denvercenter.org

Annual New Year's Eve Fireworks

Tuesday, December 31
www.downtowndenver.com

Georgetown

Georgetown Christmas Market

Saturday, December 7 - Sunday, December 8
 Saturday, December 14 - Sunday, December 15
www.historicgeorgetown.org

Golden

Olde Golden Christmas

Friday, November 1 - Saturday, December 21
www.cityofgolden.net

Littleton

Trail of Lights

Friday, November 29 - Wednesday, January 1
www.botanicgardens.org

Parker

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www.parkersymphony.org

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What a Difference a Year Makes!

By Jill Burbach, Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage

The housing market has changed dramatically both nationally and locally from a year ago and our neighborhood is no exception. In November 2012, the average list price of homes in Southglenn was near \$270,000 and only 3 properties that were actively listed. By August, 2013 there were 15 active listings and today there are 8 active listings.

The big news is that the average list price has increased to \$340,413! Many people that were considering a move a year ago held off because the value of their homes had decreased so much that it did not make sense, at the time, to make a move. Now that prices have increased so drastically, many people are reconsidering their decision. Current listings are averaging \$166/ sq ft, and are selling in only 4 days on market (average), compared to 26 days just a year ago. What is driving this shift? With the completion of The Streets at Southglenn, the continued excellence of our schools, and the amazing sense of community that we have in Southglenn, our neighborhood is highly sought after.

Of course, the quality of the listings matter. There are many different factors that can affect these averages including style of home, if the home has been updated and maintained, and if the home is priced appropriately from the beginning of the listing. Other considerations for potential buyers are interest rates. In November 2012, interest rates were averaging around 3.3% for a 30 year fixed rate and 2.6% for 15 year fixed rate compared to current rates of 4.7% for a 30 year fixed and 3.7% for a 15 year fixed rate. As mortgage lending institutions continue to increase requirements to obtain a loan, we can expect even stricter lending restrictions in 2014. It is important to understand that when you are purchasing a home, you are also purchasing a loan to finance that home. It is wise to talk to several lenders to ensure you find the loan program that will best fit your needs.

Arapahoe County Seeks Citizens To Serve on Advisory Boards & Committees

The Arapahoe County Board of County Commissioners is seeking applications from residents who are interested in helping their community by serving on an advisory board or committee. Applications are being accepted for the following advisory boards and committees for positions to be filled in February 2014:

- Arapahoe County Foundation, Inc. Board of Directors
- Board of Adjustment; Board of Review
- Citizen Budget Committee; Citizen's Review Panel
- Community Corrections Board
- CSU Extension Advisory Committee
- East Arapahoe County Advisory Planning Commission
- Ethics Committee
- Fair Planning Committee
- Fairgrounds and Regional Park Steering Committee
- Liquor Authority
- Planning Commission
- Retirement Board; Water and Wastewater Authority
- Weed Advisory Board

To find out about qualifications or to fill out an online application, visit the County's website at www.arapahoe.gov. com and go to Departments > Board of County Commissioners > Citizen Boards and Committees > View Vacancies > Apply Online. Applications also are available at the Commissioners' Office in the Arapahoe County Administration Building, 5334 S. Prince Street, Littleton, Fourth Floor. For more information or to have an application mailed or faxed to you, call Carol Dosmann at 303-795-4531. Applications must be postmarked by Dec. 13, 2013 to be considered.

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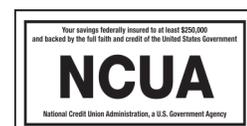
- * Pay for a college education
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- * Buy an automobile
- * Start your own business
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Are You Looking For Some External Exercise Motivation?

Dale Rottschafer

I had the idea in early November to have my family participate in a Turkey Trot somewhere around town. But as I looked into it, the expense for the five of us was significant, the time commitment of getting somewhere and parking and finding the starting line (and then working our way back out - all while I'm preoccupied thinking about Thanksgiving meal preparations) was untenable, and the logistics of coordinating the varying speeds at which my family of five (age 7 up to age, *cough* 50) would run/walk was daunting. The idea of participating in a Turkey Trot lost its luster. But then I thought, "Why not just do it here in the neighborhood?" It would be free, no driving necessary, the kids could run or walk or ride something with wheels and if they got tired they could shortcut it home, and it would only take 30-60 minutes to complete a 5k which means we are back to Thanksgiving dinner preparations that much quicker. And the last thing we need is another t-shirt. This was an idea I could get behind.

So I posted it on the Southglenn.Nextdoor.com site, inviting anyone in the neighborhood to join in. This is not a formal endeavor, just neighbors getting around the neighborhood. As such, no restrictions on strollers, bikes, scooters, or pets. No excuses. While my family planned to start at Twain at 9 am, I provided the route and asked people to simply join in as the group made its way through the neighborhood (similar to the runners that joined behind Forrest Gump), and drop off as they reach their ending point. The newsletter will be at the publishers for printing before this grand Turkey Trot experiment takes off. Prior to publication, there were 15 people who RSVP'd (not counting dogs). I'm going to predict that:

- We have far more than 15 participants. (yes, dogs will be included in the count if necessary)
- All who participate have a fabulous time.
- We agree to do it again following the Winter Solstice to celebrate days lengthening again, or on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day.
- And on New Year's Day (albeit with a slightly later start time).
- And we agree group exercise and fresh air is a great way to spend time with our families and our neighbors and to get to know our neighborhood better.

If you didn't join in on Thanksgiving, I hope we will see you for some Chilly Cheeks in December, or for an invigorating start to 2014. Please log in to Southglenn.Nextdoor.com for specifics on these upcoming group runs/walks/rides.

The Streets at Southglenn Holiday Schedule

- Visit Santa in Guest Services: Fridays 4-8; Saturdays 11-7; Sundays 12-6. December 13-23 11-8 daily.
- Santa Photos with your Pet: Sunday, 12/15 2-6
- Ice Skating at The Cube: Wed & Thurs 3-8; Fri 3-10; Sat 12-10; Sun 12-6. Extended hours during the school break and for holidays.
- Clydesdale Carriage Rides: Saturdays 4-8
- The Original Dickens Carolers: Saturdays 4-8
- Community Chanukah Celebration: Tuesday, 12/3 5:30pm
- KDVR Salvation Army Hope for the Holidays Toy Drive: Sat. 12/7, 11-6
- Denver Figure Skating Club Holiday Show: Sat., 12/14 5pm
- Jingle Bell DJ: Saturday 12/21 5-7pm
- Holiday Gift Wrapping (donation to Southglenn Sertoma Club): Saturdays and Sundays 12-6pm



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2. Remove all free standing furniture from affected areas or place a barrier between any metal or wood furniture, using pine blocks or styrofoam, to prevent furniture stain on carpet.
3. Extract excess moisture and pull carpet corners back.
4. Set funnel fan between carpet and pad so it floats. (**Air movement.**) Stagnant air produces bacteria. Molds only grow if they have a moisture source. **Drying and air movement are key steps.**
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SOUTHGLENN 2013 MARKET STATISTICS

Homes *FOR SALE* in Southglenn October 15 - November 15, 2013

Style	Lowest	Highest	SqFt	How Many?
Ranch				0
2 Story	\$299,950	\$309,900	2464-3253	2
Bi-Level	\$349,950	\$349,500	3428	1
Tri-Level	\$300,00	\$369,000	2132-2458	2

Homes *UNDER CONTRACT* in Southglenn October 15 - November 15, 2013

Style	Lowest	Highest	SqFt	How Many?
Ranch	\$239,900	\$265,000	1256-2876	3
2 Story	\$347,000	\$399,900	3227-3500	2
Bi-Level				0
Tri-Level	\$269,900	\$269,900	1951	1

Homes *SOLD* in Southglenn October 15 - November 15, 2013

Style	Lowest	Highest	SqFt	How Many?
Ranch	\$250,000	\$257,650	2236-2836	2
2 Story				0
Bi-Level				0
Tri-Level				0
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McKenna A.	16	B/P/S
Tyler A.	13	B/S
Blake B.		P/L/S
Celeste B.	14	B*
Marianne B.	13	B*/P
Kyle B.	14	B*
Ellie B.	12	B*
Meagan D.	18	B*
Lauren E.	13	B*
Dustin F.	19	P/L/S
Maggie G.	13	P
Ginny H.		B*
Nash H		L/S
Taylor J.	13	B*/P
Brice K.	19	P/L/S
Devin M.		B*
Aaron N.	13	B/P
Seth N.	17	B*/P/L
Blake P.	14	P/L/S
Caleb P.	19	B/L
Nick P.	16	B/L
Erica P.	14	B
Elizabeth P.	13	B/P
Kylla R.		B*
Nick S.	15	L/S
Connor S.	14	P/L/S
Gabriella S.	17	B/P
Alex T.	13	P
Lydia V.	14	P
Juliana V.	12	P

It's Never too Soon for Planning for Next Year's Food

Dale Rottschafer

Saturday, December 21 is Winter Solstice, the first day of winter. It is the shortest day of the year – or longest night, if you are looking for an excuse to have a party. This means the days will gradually start getting longer. And that generally means... garden planning. There are many in the neighborhood who have a passion for gardening, or sustainability, or eating locally and in season, or all three. If you are new to growing your own food, please attend meetings arranged by the Southglenn Garden Club (meetings will be noted in the newsletters) or join the Garden Club group on Southglenn.Nextdoor.com and let the Garden Club members and their experience be a resource for you

If you like the idea of sustainability and eating locally and in season, but do not have the wherewithal to plant and tend to your own garden, have you considered joining a CSA? CSA stands for Community Supported Agriculture. As you may know, American agriculture has always been dependent on banks and borrowed money. The now common phrase “seed money” actually originated a century ago when farmers would beg bankers for seed money to plant their crops. Members of a CSA replace the role of the bank. Members buy “shares” of the farm output. This gives the farmer the capital needed early in the season to plant those crops and helps to sustain him/her until revenues from excess crops can be realized. An early sign up eliminates this dependency on loans, subsidies, and allows the farmer and the community to mutually support one another and stand more independently of large corporations, creating an economically sustainable food system. Becoming a CSA member creates a responsible relationship between people and the food they eat, the land on which it is grown and those who grow it.

Grant Farms, out of Wellington, offers CSA memberships throughout the front range. They coordinate with several different vendors so in addition to their vegetables, they offer pastured eggs, fruit, mushrooms, cheese, canned goods, and their “All In Kitchen” share that includes all of the above as well as pastured meat. Everything offered is organic and/or from pasture raised, hormone- and antibiotic-free animals. Every week beginning in about mid-June until well into fall they deliver to hosts sites along the front range where members pick up their share.

There are different options for CSAs in the metro area. It just so happens we will have a host site for Grant Farms within Southglenn. New residents Steph Maxey and Charlie Christensen on Easter Ct (just off of Clarkson St) have offered to host a site for Grant Farms to drop off all of the shares where members will pick them up.

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Blessings!

Dr. Matthew Perry, Pastor @ Arapahoe Road Baptist Church

When this time of year comes around, I think back to the days of watching A Charlie Brown Christmas and listening to the Peanuts gang sing, "Christmas time is here, happiness and cheer! Fun for all that children call their favorite time of year." Why is Christmas still such a huge event in our culture? One could say it's the decorations (which are incredible at the Streets of Southglenn)! Others could say it's the presents (yet, seeing signs about "XX days until Christmas" brings more and more stress because our Christmas shopping list is still unbelievably long!) Others say it's family coming in - yet, that same cherished family that comes in will soon have to head back.

Others struggle with this time of year. At our church, we had three members pass away around Christmastime, leaving all future Christmases clouded with those memories. Christmastime does not always bring 'happiness and cheer.' At Arapahoe Road Baptist Church, Christmas is a huge time of year for us, but not due to decorations or presents or family (although that is a nice benefit). We have a Christmas musical, Christmas offerings for International Missions, are involved with Operation Christmas Child to send presents and hygienic items to children in Mexico and the Philippines, and we gear our services around the them of Christmas - why? Please come to one of our services to learn why we celebrate Christmas. And why our celebration lasts well past the decorations, presents, and family.

Should you wish, please come to our Christmas Eve service on Tues, December 24 at 6:30 p.m. if you're not already going elsewhere. What a great way to pull away from the chaos and into the calm of what this season is truly about. I pray you have a Merry Christmas.

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