

# Southglenn REPORTER

Southglenn Civic Association—Serving the Southglenn Community Since 1963

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## Calendar of Events

Election Day – Tuesday, November 5th  
Last Chance to RSVP for SGCA Volunteer  
Dinner – Tuesday, November 12th  
Southglenn Country Club Annual Meeting  
– 7pm Tuesday, November 12th  
Neighborhood Watch Kickoff Meeting  
(Twain Elementary) – 7pm Wednesday,  
November 13th  
SGCA Meeting & Volunteer Dinner  
(Arapahoe Baptist Church) – 6pm  
Thursday, November 14th  
Thanksgiving – Thursday, November 28th  
Christmas – December 25th

## Calling All Volunteers

**Linda Nixon - Vice Chairperson, SGCA**

Without the support and dedication of all our wonderful volunteers none of the sponsored events or newsletter would be possible. To show our appreciation the SGCA board invites all of you that have volunteered and given your time throughout the year to a wonderful dinner on Thursday, November 14th at 6:00PM at Arapahoe Baptist Church on 780 E. Arapahoe Rd. Please RSVP no later than Tuesday, November 12th to Linda Nixon at 303-618-8592 or E-mail to landsnixon@msn.com.

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## Next Southglenn Civic Association Board Meeting

October 17th, 7 p.m.

at South Metro Chamber of Commerce

## Dorothy's Corner

**Dorothy Mauro - Chairperson, SGCA**

Due to an injury I was unable to attend the October Forum but did hear from some who attended that Tamara Gregory, our Code Enforcer with the city, answered most of the concerns presented. Look for more info on the city ordinances in future newsletters.

Since this is the month of Thanksgiving it will a good time to do something nice for a friend or neighbor. I know that my neighbors came together when I fell and I will be ever so grateful for their help.

I wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving and happiness for the holiday season.

## Neighborhood Watch Kick-off Meeting

**Dale Rottschaefer – Co-editor, Southglenn Reporter**

Hey neighbors – let's work together to make sure Southglenn stays a safe, crime free neighborhood. Please join us for a Neighborhood Watch meeting - see what is entailed and how we can make it a successful program that benefits all of our residents. Deputy Sickafoose with Arapahoe County Sheriff's Office Community Resource Unit will host this informative meeting scheduled for Wednesday, November 13 at 7 p.m. at Twain Elementary. I hope to see you all there.



## Southglenn Holiday Lights and Decorations Contest

**Linda Nixon - Vice Chairperson, SGCA**

The Southglenn Holiday Lights and Decorations Contest starts in December. We need your vote! Please vote for your favorite house decoration and have a fun time driving or walking around to see all the lights.

1st place winners in each category will receive a twenty five dollar gift certificate. WE NEED you to be the judge and call in your vote! 303-618-8592 or email your vote to LANDSNixon@msn.com by December 25th.

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

### Southglenn Holiday Lights and Decorations Contest Categories

- Most lights Theme
- Religious Theme
- Most Nostalgic Theme
- Most Creative

Happy Holidays and please remember to vote for your favorite!

## Streets at Southglenn Ice Rink

**Chris Haller – Co-editor, Southglenn Reporter**

As the temperatures begin to drop and the holiday spirit spreads, all of the winter activities we've missed over the last eight months start coming back into our lives. While visions of powder days and tree runs dance in our heads, remember not to overlook the little piece of winter fun that opens up in our neighborhood around this time each winter. That's right, known as The Cube, the outdoor ice rink at the Streets of Southglenn opens in late November and stays active until Valentine's Day, weather permitting. Last year's pricing went from \$4 for children 4-12 to \$7 for adults. More information can be found on the Streets of Southglenn website, [www.shopsouthglenn.com](http://www.shopsouthglenn.com).

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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!**

## Election Day is November 5th

*Chris Haller – Co-editor, Southglenn Reporter*

While many Southglenn residents have already received their mail-in ballots several neighbors will be taking time out of their Tuesday to go vote on November 5th. Several issues impacting Southglenn residents will be on the ballot and careful consideration should be taken regarding each issue. For those not registered to vote, unfortunately, the deadline to register was October 28th, however, unregistered voters who may have missed the opportunity to take part in this year's Election Day should still take time to register for the next election while it's still fresh in the mind.

Below is a list of Voter Service & Polling Centers where residents can do everything from registering to vote, to updating registration information to voting & dropping off ballots.

- Aurora Motor Vehicle Branch, 490 S. Chambers Road, Aurora
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- Centennial Motor Vehicle Branch Office,  
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Those mailing in their vote need to have their properly filled out mail-in ballots in the mail or dropped off at a Voter Service and Polling Center no later than 7pm on November, 5th.

Additional election info, including a list and description of all events on this year's ballot is available at [www.arapahoevotes.com](http://www.arapahoevotes.com).

## Southglenn Civic Association

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## South Suburban Parks and Recreation

**November is Great Skate Month, South Suburban Ice Arena, 6580 S Vine St, Centennial and Family Sports Center, 6901 S Peoria St, Centennial.** Special offers on Learn to Skate & Play Hockey classes. For more information, contact Gerry Lane at [gerryl@sspr.org](mailto:gerryl@sspr.org) or 303-798-7881, ext 33304.

**Thanksgiving Break Camp, November 25-27, Goodson Recreation Center, 6315 S. University Blvd., Centennial.** Ages 5-10 (at Goodson) and 5-12 (at Lone Tree) have fun swimming, group activities, crafts, field trips and more. Pre-registration by Nov 11 and completion of state required documents (emergency info form and immunization records) prior to participation is a must. Please contact Mary Kaminski for required documents at 303-708-3518 or 303-435-8242.

**South Suburban Pottery Guild Sale, November 18-20, 8 am – 8 pm, Goodson Recreation Center, 6315 S. University, Centennial.** Holiday gift ideas. Free Admission and parking.

## Southglenn Garden Club News

Shelly M. Haynes - Southglenn Garden Club

CONGRATULATIONS to our 2nd Annual Southglenn Garden Club Pumpkin Contest Winners. Take a look at these awesome pumpkins!

The winner of the "adult" category was Scott Brue, who won a \$100 Albertson's gift card, and the winner of the "child" category was Matthew Elledge, who won \$100 cash sponsored by Edward Jones/ Doug Applegate. Joan Elledge came in second in the "adult" category, and Cody Brue and Lauren Elledge tied for second in the "child" category.

In addition to the contest, we had an incredible bounty of veggies and plants that fellow gardeners shared – beautiful tomatoes, onions, snake gourds, grapes. It was a great time on a beautiful day.

Thank you to all contestants who participated in our contest, to everyone who stopped by to introduce themselves, the sponsors who donated the prizes, and the gardeners who shared their bounty.

The Southglenn Garden Club will be resting up over the winter months and we'll see everyone in the Spring. Be watching for details and we hope to see you in 2014!

Enjoy your Autumn and rest!



## Southglenn Country Club Annual Meeting

Dale Rottschafer – Co-editor, Southglenn Reporter

The annual meeting of the members (dues paying and voting, i.e. Southglenn homeowners) will be held on Tuesday, November 12 7pm at the Southglenn Country Club. Come learn more about the club's operations, how the new management fared through the season, what is upcoming for the club, etc. This is also the meeting where new directors are elected to the board for a two-year term. Look for your ballots in the mail in early November and be sure to return your ballot (if you are a member AND a homeowner, you will receive two and both are valid ballots to be returned) prior to the meeting or bring it to the meeting. We need the community to take a greater interest in this valuable community asset if we wish for it to remain.

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# HAPPY HARVEST SOUTHGLENN

Dear Residents,

The leaves are changing, the temperatures dropping & there is a slight uncertainty on how the last three months of 2013 will progress. One thing that is certain is that the housing market in Colorado is still very strong & record numbers continue to be the trend each month.

### Residential highlights ending of 3rd quarter:

- 18% increase in the number of closed sales year-over-year
- 20.2% increase in the number of closed sales year to date
- 39.1% decrease in average days on market (39 days in September)
- .7% decrease in # of active listings
- 11.4% increase in # of new listings (4097 new listings in September)
- 8.1% increase in average price-sold (\$331,382 in September)



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## Auto Maintenance Corner

Chris Haller – Co-editor, Southglenn Reporter

Along with turning leaves and trick-or-treaters, there are other, more frustrating signs of the season's change, including frosted windshields, chilly morning commutes, and slick spots on the road. Take advantage of the waning warm days to pop the get under the hood and prep your car for the colder months. With each season's change, it's a good idea to schedule your vehicle for its routine maintenance like an oil and filter change.

The first significant snowfall of the year always catches us by surprise, but be ready for it by swapping out lighter spring wipers for heavier, insulated wipers. Make sure that your anti-freeze is fairly fresh. If you've used water in the radiator over the summer, it's a good idea to swap out your coolant for fresh. Also, take your vehicle to a local auto parts store and have them check your battery. This service is typically free and will let you know what kind of life you have left in your battery instead of coming out of a movie theater on a frigid night to find a dead car.

Consider purchasing winter tires or swapping out summer performance tires for something better equipped to deal with ice & snow, like a good all-weather tire. Be sure to match your vehicles speed rating to the appropriate tire.

Scraping the windshield can be a pain, so give yourself a shortcut using household items. Save and rinse out your next two plastic milk jugs. When clean, fill with water and place in the garage. The next time the windshield and windows are frosted, pour the water over the glass then quickly run the wipers to clear away the excess. It's important to keep the filled jugs in the garage or a cool place over night. DO NOT use hot water as it can cause

the glass to crack. This is a quick and easy way to clear your glass of frost. It beats cycling through gallon after gallon of windshield washer fluid. Speaking of which, keep your washer fluid topped off with fluid that stays liquid down to at least -20 degrees. This will prevent your washer and fluid lines from freezing and becoming inoperable at high speeds on cold days.

Colorado is a state where year-round motorcycle riding is popular. Just because you might not want to be out in the cold, doesn't mean that other motorcyclists won't be, so please keep an eye out for our two-wheeled friends. If you do brave the winter to stay on two, monitor the weather conditions before your rides. Be aware that melting snow quickly turns to dangerous black ice on cold streets. Opt for anti-fog protection for helmet visors as some helmets are known to fog up at low temperatures.

For those putting away everything from motorcycles to cars, to lawn mowers over the winter, be sure to drain the gasoline from tanks and carburetors prior to storing. Replace gasoline with an inactive agent such as Stabil to keep water from building up in the tank and causing rust. Place batteries on trickle chargers to extend their life and move your vehicle every few weeks, if possible, to avoid creating flat spots in the tires.

As always consult your mechanic regarding any automotive questions or concerns. It's always better off to find out about a potential problem while you can still fix it instead of when it's too late and you're stranded.



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1. Know where your main shut off is, usually a yellow or red lever where main **water source** comes in to home. (Know the source of water problem: Ground seepage not covered by insurance. Washer hose or broken pipe covered by insurance, read your policy.)
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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## Homes FOR SALE in Southglenn September 16 - October 15, 2013

Style	Lowest	Highest	SqFt	How Many?
Ranch	\$255,000		1256	1
2 Story	\$299,950	\$347,000	2464-3253	3
Bi-Level	\$330,000	\$349,500	2440-3428	2
Tri-Level	\$269,900	\$369,000	1951-2458	3

## Homes UNDER CONTRACT in Southglenn September 16 - October 15, 2013

Style	Lowest	Highest	SqFt	How Many?
Ranch				0
Bi-Level				0
Tri-Level				0

## Homes SOLD in Southglenn January 1 - October 15, 2013

Style	Lowest	Highest	SqFt	How Many?
Ranch	\$195,000	\$360,000	1256-3102	11
2 Story	\$233,000	\$395,000	2185-3774	16
Bi-Level	\$249,000	\$340,501	1942-3260	7
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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

### Holiday Safety Tips

#### Arapahoe County Sheriff

Below are some helpful safety tips for this holiday season.

#### Before You Shop:

- Avoid carrying a purse if possible. Wear clothing with deep pockets to carry only what you need.
- Avoid carrying large amounts of cash. Pay for purchases with a credit card or debit card when possible. Remember though, that it is easier to dispute a charge on a credit card than a debit card.
- Be extremely careful using ATM machines. Only use them in populated places, and pay attention to what's going on around you. If an ATM or similar device appears to be tampered with, DO NOT attempt to use it.
- Teach children to go to a store clerk or security guard and ask for help if they become separated from you. They should never go into the parking lot alone.

#### While Shopping

- If you have to carry a purse, carry it close to your body and always keep it zipped. Do not put it in a shopping cart.
- Park your vehicle as close to the mall as possible. Attempt to park in well-lit areas.
- Know exactly where you park your car. Make a mental note or write it down, so you will know exactly where to go when you leave the mall.
- Leave the mall well before closing time. This way, you are sure to walk out with other people. Remember there is safety in numbers.
- Avoid shopping when you are exhausted. You are more alert when you are less tired.
- When in a hurry, make sure you get all forms of identification and credit cards returned to you before leaving.
- Mall security can escort you to your car upon request if you have a lot of packages or if you are leaving the mall after closing.
- When leaving, be aware of your surroundings. When approaching your car, look around, underneath and inside your car for anything suspicious. Hiding in the parking lot is a common practice for criminals, and they will take you by surprise.
- When leaving, have your keys in your hand and ready to use.
- Keep your packages stored out of sight in the trunk of your car.
- Periodically, take packages out to your car but be aware that criminals watch for people who place packages in vehicles and return to the mall. To combat this, move your vehicle to another area of the mall to give the appearance that you are leaving.

#### At Home

- Keep gifts hidden from view through outside windows.
- After opening gifts, break down cardboard boxes of expensive electronics and fancy stores and put them in plastic bags to hide the fact you have valuable items in your home.
- Be extra cautious about locking doors and windows when you leave your house or apartment, even for a few minutes.
- Be wary of solicitations for charitable donations. Criminals may attempt to take advantage of people's generosity during the holidays. Always ask for identification, how donated funds are used and if contributions are tax deductible. If you are suspicious about someone's behavior, contact the Arapahoe County Sheriff's Office, or your local law enforcement agency.

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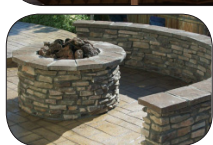
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## Winter Preparedness Tips

### From the City of Centennial

With winter just around the corner, it is important time to plan for the hazards and dangers of the winter season. Below are some safety tips to help you prepare for the coming winter:

#### BEFORE the storm

- Service snow removal equipment, have rock salt on hand to melt ice on walkways, and kitty litter to generate temporary traction.
- Be familiar with winter storm warning messages.
- Make sure you have sufficient heating fuel available in case regular fuel sources are cut off.

#### Winterize your home

- Insulate walls and attics.
- Caulk and weather-strip doors and windows.
- Install storm windows or cover windows w/ plastic from the inside.

#### Have safe emergency heating equipment available

- If you have a fireplace, ensure there is an ample supply of wood.
- A small, well-vented, wood, coal, or camp stove with fuel.
- Portable space heaters. (Kerosene Heaters: Check with your local fire department on the legality of using kerosene heaters in your community. Use only the correct fuel for your unit and follow the manufacturer's instructions. Refuel outdoors only, and only when cool. Keep your kerosene heater at least three feet away from furniture and other flammable objects.)

#### Keep pipes from freezing

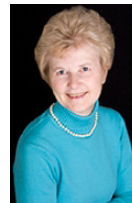
- Wrap pipes in insulation, or layers of old newspapers.
- Cover the newspapers with plastic to keep out moisture.
- Let faucets drip a little to avoid freezing.
- Know how to shut off water valves.

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