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Linda's Tidbits

Summer is over, fall is here and winter will be coming so soon. It all seems to be moving so quickly. Don't forget to be safe this Halloween and help watch out for our neighborhood together!

We have a Great Open Forum coming up October 15th at 7 p.m. at St Timothy's Church. Our Speakers will be South Suburban Parks and Rec and City of Centennial, and Speakers from Dept of Signs and Easements, Zoning. Hope to see all of you there!

THANKS TO ALL SOUTHGLENN CIVIC ASSOCIATION VOLUNTEERS for your help and participation!

Don't forget to R.S.V.P for the Volunteers Dinner November 12th 6:30 p.m. (We need to have accurate numbers for Food Preparation). We hope all our volunteers know how much we appreciate them.

We need YOUR HELP keeping the trash and weeds cleaned up along Dry Creek from Franklin – Washington. This is all Southglenn! We are talking with centennial about this at the forum.

Check out the SGCA Calendar of Events going on in Southglenn!

Congratulations! To Susie Ohle Elmer one of our Board members on her New Little Boy!

— Sincerely, Linda Nixon Chairperson - SGCA

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Next Southglenn Civic Association Board Meeting

Wed., Oct. 15th, 7 p.m. at St. Timothy's Church

Littleton Village Update (Formerly Marathon Property at Broadway & Dry Creek)

Dorothy and Ken Mauro

The Southwind Civic Association and Watt Development Partners held a meeting on July 14th to discuss development progress for the Marathon property. At the meeting there were the residents living on Geddes in Southwind and residents on Washington Street in Southglenn.

Design plans for the mixed development have been approved by the City of Littleton and grading and drainage work has begun.

The project engineers and landscape designers explained the development's plan. Dry Creek on the south boundary will be four lanes from Broadway to Pennsylvania (new street off Dry Creek). Fremont will be extended east to Pennsylvania forming an outer access perimeter for the residential area with north and south crossing streets at Logan, Sherman and Pennsylvania connecting to Dry Creek. Retail and



apartment access on the development's west end will be off Broadway and provided by a village entrance. This street will go east through the commercial area to a three acre park where it splits into two east/west streets for the residential units. These two streets cross Logan and Sherman and connect to Pennsylvania at the development's east end.

The meeting continued with a discussion on various development features and concerns as follows:

- Some slopes on the northeast corner of the development appear too steep and high.
- Tree spacing will appear excessive until growth takes place.
- Intersection design at Dry Creek and Mineral is problematic and is a work in progress.
- Dust from the project might be a problem at times but the contractor is obligated to keep it under control.
- Concern was expressed about car head lights on Fremont shining into their home on Geddes. This effect will be mitigated by landscaping placement and growth.
- Most of the drainage will be connected to Lee Gulch which will be mitigated by retention ponds and hydraulic improvements for Lee Gulch.

SGCA Calendar of Events

SGCA Meeting & Open Forum: October 15th, 7 p.m. St. Timothy's Church **Halloween:** October 31st

Election Day: Tuesday, November 4th

SGCA Meeting & Volunteer Dinner: 6:30 p.m., Wednesday, November 12th

Thanksgiving: Thursday, November 27th **Christmas:** December 25th

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Susannah Stewart - Schulz

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With your help, the money raised from this book fair will provide our school with classroom literacy efforts and support our wonderful library!

All neighbors, friends and family of Mark Twain Elementary are welcome. See you at our Book Fair!

Fall Events at Streets at Southglenn

Spooky Streets - Friday, October 24th 4:30-7:30pm

The Streets at Southglenn is putting on a Halloween celebration on Friday, October 24th. Come for safe trick or treating, face painting, magic, balloon artists, and music & dancing. Even Fido is welcome to come and participate in the pet costume contest. Your favorite characters from The Nightmare Before Christmas will be there too!

Holiday Tree Lighting – Friday, November 21st 5:30-8:30 pm

Kick the holiday season into full swing with the tree lighting and a visit from everyone's favorite Claus!

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Southglenn Country Club Celebrates 50 Years in 2015

Southglenn Country Club

This year has been a turning point in the long history of Southglenn Country Club. The Club has had many successes this season. We have had an influx of new members, the Gator Swim Team won the league championship, Jr. Golf had a terrific season, and Men's, Women's and Couples golf continued to grow & bring more excitement to the club. We've seen more guest usage, with many of them ultimately joining the Club and participating in this exciting phase of new growth.

As Southglenn Country Club nears 2015 and its 50th anniversary, the Club is moving into a new phase for membership with renewed interest from this and surrounding communities. An exclusive "Foundation Membership" was launched in August for long-term members who wanted to make a commitment to their club and be able to enjoy substantial savings over the long run. This \$7500 lifetime membership category is being offered to the first twenty members who wish to transfer to this status. There was strong interest in this option, with seven memberships sold immediately.

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The Foundation Membership is transferrable to anyone within the first ten years of the life of the membership, allowing renewal through the 2025 season. This provides tangible value to the membership if there is a death, a change in employment or other life event that limits the use of the initial membership owner. It is a great way to provide continued access to the club for younger family members or immediate relatives as well.

In keeping with the surge of renewed Club interest, two new membership campaigns will be launched for Fall, including a Holiday gift giving offer. The gift of a private club membership is very special because it can be life-changing; for those needing to get into better shape, relieve stress or just have a place that they can belong to, feel special and enjoy life. The most recent Casino night for members and their guests was a huge success, raising \$2,800 and providing great food and fun for friends and neighbors.

If you haven't visited the club, the golf course is among the finest in the South Metro area with emerald green fairways thanks to the summer rains. The club has terrific Clubhouse facilities for business meetings (wi-fi available), parties or events (craft fairs) for members, as well as the public. Be sure and check it out for your next event. Contact the Southglenn Country Club staff for booking information at 303-798-1656! There are two Laykold tennis courts and a beautiful outdoor, heated swimming pool with grassy covered cabana areas and comfortable lounge chairs. Lesson programs are available for juniors and adults for all sports.

Our annual Fall Membership Renewal Campaign started on September 2nd. In order to lock in current membership rates, members can renew by October 15, 2014, and lock in 2014 rates for the 2015 season. Also, this is a great time to encourage new memberships as they can enjoy the club for the remainder of our 2014 season. Ask us how you can join now and essentially get several months free with no initiation fee.

We would like to sincerely thank members of this community for their support over the past 50 years and we look forward to many, many more at Southglenn Country Club. The club is a valuable asset to the Southglenn neighborhood and we welcome this new phase of growth and interest.

Visit us at the club at 1489 E Easter Ave., call at 303-798-1656 or check us out at www.southglenncc.com.

Calling All Volunteers

Linda Nixon - 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 November 12th 6:30 pm. **Please RSVP to Linda Nixon at 303-618-8592 or E-mail to lands-nixon@msn.com.** (We need to have accurate numbers for food preparation)



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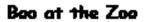
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Auto Maintenance Corner

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 hood and prep your car for the colder months. With each season's change, it's a good idea to schedule your vehicle for 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 antifreeze 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

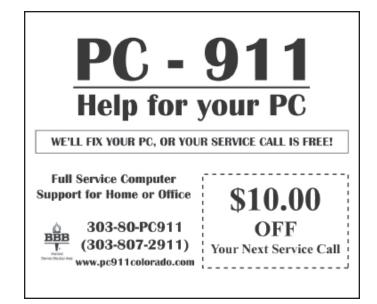


beats cycling through gallon after gallon of windshield washer fluid. Speaking of which, keep your washer fluid topped off with fluid that stays liquid down to at least -20 degrees. This will prevent your washer and fluid lines from freezing and becoming inoperable at high speeds on cold days.

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.



Autumn House Maintenance

Chris Haller - Co-editor, Southglenn Reporter

Summer has been great to our lawns and has filled our days with fun. As the days get shorter, homework gets longer, and we start picking up our coats, keep an eye on the temperatures each evening and make sure your house is ready for the fall and winter. Our first frost is right around the corner and paying attention to the evening low temperatures is a must. Watch for temperatures headed into the 30's and make sure to rescue any plants and outdoor pets from the frost.

Swamp coolers are easily forgotten too. Don't let them be out of sight, out of mind! If servicing a swamp cooler on your own, be extremely careful when using a ladder or gaining access to your roof. Be sure to first turn the power off to the swamp cooler, both at your breaker box and at the unit itself. Drain the cooler and the line to it, making sure no water is left to become a rust or freeze hazard. This is a good time to check for and repair damage or wear to the unit. Because the unit is outside, it is likely to collect water either from rain/snow or simply from condensation. To prevent this, invest in a sturdy, weatherproof cover and cover the entire unit, making sure to firmly attach the cover.

If you have access to an air compressor, blowing out your sprinklers is a must for the colder months. Sprinklers can continue to operate even after the first few frosts come in, but the colder the ground gets, the more at risk your irrigation system becomes.

If blowing the sprinklers out yourself, first make sure that you've got the correct fittings to attach your compressor to your backflow valve. Then, locate the water cutoff from your house to your sprinklers (most likely in a basement) and shut off the water. Outside, locate your backflow valve and turn off the supply line from the house. Now turn off the line from the valve out to the sprinkler lines. Carefully open one of the





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drain valves (typically two spouts on the side of the backflow) to drain the backflow. Once drained close the drain valve and hook up your air compressor to the same valve using the proper connector. Make sure that pressure from the compressor is not too high (typically 70 PSI is ok). Once connected, carefully reopen the drain valve to allow the air into the backflow, then carefully reopen the supply line to the yard. Once this is done, the system is now pressurized. Go to your sprinkler control box and operate each zone as you would if you were watering the lawn. Once the water is blown out of the line and nothing but air is coming through the sprinkler heads, turn off the zone and proceed to the next zone. Once all zones are done, set the control box to "off" and disconnect the air compressor from the backflow. Go back inside to the water shutoff to outside sprinkler system. There, you should see a small cap or nipple for draining the line. Get a bucket, place it under the drain and open it by removing the cap. A little water should trickle out. You can leave this drain open through the winter, but be sure not to lose the cap. Finally, return to the backflow valve outside and open all of the valves halfway. This keeps water from building up and causing damage. If you like, you may even wrap the backflow in a blanket or towel for the winter.

Blowing out your sprinkler system and winterizing your swamp cooler can easily be done by a handy homeowner with the right tools. However, if you're nervous or concerned about performing these tasks, local plumbing, landscaping, and HVAC specialists offer seasonal servicing packages to help you out. Just remember, don't wait until it's too late!

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Hoofin' It Through the Hollows Run, Saturday, October 25, 5:45 pm, deKoevend Park Shelter C, 6301 S. University Blvd.

Take a spooky sprint at dusk along the Highline Canal. Enjoy music, goodies and prizes for best costume! All ages and abilities are welcome. Costume contest at 5:30 pm before start of race. For information, call 303-798-7515. Part of the South Suburban 2014 Race Series. Register early for discount online at www. RunningGuru.com/Event/HoofinIt.

Election Day is November 4th

Chris Haller - Co-editor, Southglenn Reporter

While many Southglenn residents are starting to receive their mail-in ballots several neighbors will be taking time out of their Tuesday to go vote on November 4th. 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, October 27th is the last day to register.

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,
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- Byers Motor Vehicle Branch Office, 538 N. Highway 36., Byers
- Centennial Motor Vehicle Branch Office, 6954 S. Lima St., Centennial
- Arapahoe County Administration Building, 5334 S. Prince St. Littleton

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, 4th.

Additional election info, including a list and description of all events on this year's ballot is available at www.arapahoevotes.

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Ellie B.	13	B*/P
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Ella C.	12	B/P
Larry C.	12	L
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Chanda E	15	В
Maddie E.		B*/P
Nash H.	14	L
Aaron N.	15	B/L/S
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Connor S.	15	P/L/S
Gabriella S.	17	B/P
Nicholas S.	15	P/L/S
Jack T.	13	P/S



SOUTHGLENN 2014 MARKET STATISTICS

Homes FOR SALE in Southgleon August 16, 2014 - September 16, 2014

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Ranch	\$284,900	\$284,900	1144	1
2 Story	\$330,000	\$364,900	1813-2076	2
Ri-Level	\$285,000	\$725,000	1868	1
Tri-Level/Maki Level	\$325,000	\$387,000	1868-2130	4

Houses UNDER CONTRACT in Southglenn August 16, 2014 - September 16, 2014

Style	Lovert	Highest	SaPt	How Marre?
Ranch	\$285,000	\$345,000	1120-1965	4
2 Story	\$390,000	\$309,900	2514-2528	2
Ri-Level	•			0
Tri-Level/Multi Level	\$285,000	\$397 500	1868-2130	4

Homes SOLD in Southglean August 16, 2014 - September 16, 2014

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Ranch				D
2 Story	\$300,000	\$393,000	1862-2488	3
Ri-Level	\$328,000	\$328,000	1104	1
Tri-Level/Maki	Level \$318,000	\$385,000	1867-2431	3

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When it comes to nature, dangers are out there, but not always the way you might think. Dangers can be in animals or weather, but most dangers and fears are in us. They lurk in our decision making and perceptions but rarely are dangers sneaking around behind bushes waiting to pounce on us. Hypothermia, heat exhaustion, dehydration, falls, sunburns, insect bites and skin injuries from plants are very common and often preventable. Being prepared for emergencies and having basic outdoor gear can help avoid deadly or harmful conditions, and allows us to relax in nature.

Animal encounters resulting in human harm are relatively rare considering the sheer numbers of animals and humans that pass into their realms. Even animals with teeth and claws, such as bears and mountain lions, often get a bad reputation when the reality is that fewer than 25 people have been killed by mountain lions since the late 1800's. Despite having nearly a million black bears in North America, there's less than one fatality per year. The most dangerous animal in the world is the mosquito and it's responsible for more human fatalities and harm than all other animals - hardly a creature with teeth and claws or scales and venom. Aside from the low probability of attacks in general, some ani-

mals use a warning system, and those systems are very obvious if we look or hear for them. It is important to remember that animals that invoke fear in us would really rather not encounter us. Animals are everywhere, and they see us far more often than we see them. To them we present a threat, we are gigantic in many cases, and we're predators. Unless they truly feel threatened and without choice, most would rather simply walk, fly, slither or run away than harm us. True fear is often driving them when attacks happen, but it doesn't have to drive us.

To learn some new nature skills to set you at ease in nature, such as wildlife identification, wilderness survival and more, contact South Platte Park naturalists at 303-730-1022.

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