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LINDA'S TIDBITS:

Welcome to a New Year! And Happy Valentine's Day!

It is our annual membership drive time! Pay your dues of \$20.00 by the end of February and be put in a pot to have a chance at winning a \$25.00 gift certificate for King Soopers. Names will be drawn at the end of each month.

CONGRATULATIONS to THE **SOUTHGLENN** LIGHTS AND **DECORATION CONTEST WINNERS!** Thank you for giving our neighborhood such enjoyment! WINNERS are: 1st place for Most Lights The wild Chevy Chase light house by The Farmers at 7331 S. Wellington St, then the 1st Most Nostalgic, The Morgans at 7487 S. Marion St. They just keep adding cool looking stuff. 1st Most Creative, we have a tie! We have 2 winners! The Feists at 7152 S. Franklin St. with the won-



derful Dancing Lights and The Conklin's at 7453 S. Wellington St. Wild Hawaiian Christmas. 1st Most Religious the Nixon's at 1153 E. Fremont Cir N. Gorgeous manager scene with the new moving stars back drop and crazy yard! We had over 200 people that put some decorations up in Southglenn. It was so great!

*DON'T FORGET THE ANNUAL MEETING February 15th at St Tims Church (lower level west doors only) at 7pm! Some of us will be retiring when our fiscal year begins, and OUR ANNUAL MEETING is when that happens! It is a busy time with collecting dues and making a budget and plans for the SGCA year plus inviting NEW PEOPLE. We need to have at least 4 or more to be a working board. Or we go down to 2 people (Maintenance Mode) and we won't be able to be a functional board like normal. You can be trained on so many of these positions fast! Lots of main positions on the board that won't have someone to do that job! If people don't step up and help by joining the board we will not be able

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SGCA UPCOMING EVENTS

• Easter Egg Hunt:

March 26th or April 2nd

• Movie Night: May/June

• **Dumpster Day:** June 24th

• Bicycle Parade and

Dog Costume Contest: 4th of July

• Stellar Neighborhood Yard Sale: July

• Fun Fest: August

• Dennen's Dreams Splash Dash: August

• Election Day: November 7th

• December: Cookies with Santa

• December/January:

Holiday Lights & Decoration Contest

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ANNUAL MEETING (RESCHEDULED)

February 15th at 7:00 PM.

St. Timothy's Church Check on Facebook and Substack for link to view meeting at home.

SOUTHGLENN CIVIC ASSOCIATION

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to fill those positions and make normal things happen. We need our neighborhood to take this serious! We want some people that care what happens in our neighborhood and what is going on in it. Keeping it special takes everyone! We need some worker Bees!

Thank you, for being the best neighborhood folks ever!

— Linda Nixon Chairperson

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A REPUBLIC IF YOU CAN KEEP IT...

This column is the regular place where once a month you can get a little bit of very focused micropolitics. We do not examine normal partisan politics, but instead focus on the issues facing the local community.

I want to take a moment to discuss the name of this column.

The quote comes from what may be an apocryphal story about when Benjamin Franklin was leaving the Constitutional Convention in 1787 and a local woman asked him what type of government was being created. He is said to have replied "a republic, if you can keep it."

It was a witty and ominous response.

What do I mean when I say "A Republic"? I personally despise how Orwellian our language has become. We have perfectly good words, with precise, sesquipedalian meanings, and they get their meanings morphed into unrecognizable slop. Here is one example, the world "literally" used to actually mean "literally". However, people started using the word to mean figuratively, which is literally its antonym. So now, people use the word "literally" to mean either something literal, or something not literal. Effectively making the word meaningless. That poor word lost its meaning in just the last 20 years.

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When people talk about the United States, they describe it as a "democracy." Now I was trained to think in the Socratic method. The first thing we must do is agree to a definition. If you can't agree on definitions, then you won't even be able to have a discussion. When the average person uses the word "democracy", they have no working definition. They could be describing a variety of different things, from a parliamentary system with first past the post districts to presidential republics all the way to one party dictatorships.

When I use the word "democracy" I have a very specific definition that is grounded in the definitions of regimes given by Plato in The Republic.

To make a long story short, Plato lays out five types of regimes, monarchy and aristocracy, timocracy, oligarchy, democracy and tyranny. Each has a specific definition with examples given. Plato ends this discussion by stating that tyrannies must be avoided and that each regime, in its pure form, will eventually evolve into a tyranny. To prevent that an ideal regime would be a republic, which would mix different regimes to avoid tyranny.

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The founders had read Plato. They knew exactly what type of regime they were building. Your can read the Federalist Papers and see how the Federal Government was being designed as a republic. The presidency is a monarch, a unitary executive. The Congress is a mixed democratic representative assembly with the House representing the people and the Senate representing the states. The Judiciary is an aristocracy. The United States is clearly, using Plato's definitions, a republic.

Now even the founders were not precise in their language. Historians can go back and find lots of examples of them using the word "republic" and "democracy" interchangeably. Shame on the founders, they should have known better.

The hard thing about a republic is that it needs citizens, and I use that word with the old, Hobbesian, definition, for it to continue to exist. Citizens have rights and duties to their regime. Citizens are expected to participate in government and to take up arms in defense of the polity if under attack. Those expectations are not given

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for residents, and in some cases, such as government participation, non-citizens are expressly forbidden from participating in those acts.

I highly recommend if I have been referencing things that you don't remember from civics class to brush up these ideas. YouTube, for all the terrible things about it, is a great place to learn. Look up the "Crash Course" series and learn about Socrates, Plato, and Aristotle. I highly suggest a pitstop in the enlightenment and a quick overview of Hobbes while you are there. Hobbes is so important.

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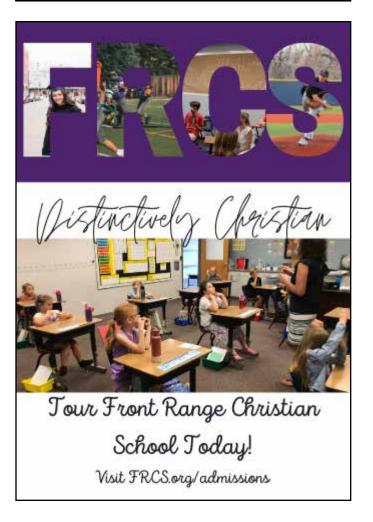




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Homes FOR SALE in Southglenn November 15, 2022 – January 16, 2023

Style	Lowest	Highest	SqFt	How Many?
Ranch	\$662,000	\$662,000	1144	1
2 Story	\$699,500	\$754,900	1926-2762	3
Bi-level				0
Tri-Level/Multi Leve	el			0

Homes UNDER CONTRACT in Southglenn November 15, 2022 – January 16, 2023

Style	Lowest	Highest	SqFt	How Many?
Ranch	\$700,000	\$700,000	1550	1
2 Story				0
Bi-Level				0
Tri-Level/Multi Level	\$625,000	\$750,000	1868-2174	2

Homes SOLD in Southglenn November 15, 2022 – January 16, 2023

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Style	Lowest	Highest	SqFt	How Many?
Ranch	\$490,000	\$545,000	1144-1483	2
2 Story	\$600,000	\$747,000	2076-2459	3
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So, if you have read this far, you might be asking, what and the dickens does this have to do with local politics? Good point let's bring everything together. You see, we have been being bad citizens here in Centennial. I went and pulled freedom of information requests and looked at all the e-mails to and from a few members of City Council during a few weeks last summer. These weren't any

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random weeks; they were the weeks before the Council voted to change the zoning of a local open space to open it up for development. The story made the local paper and got CENCON involved. Out of the hundreds of e-mails to the mayor and our reps in District 1, literally none were about this issue, or any other issues. Nearly all the e-mails were from city staff or career development organizations the elected officials belong to. Simply put, our elected officials at the closest level of government get hardly any contact from their constituents.

While this is disheartening, it also opens opportunities. Since the mayor and district representatives hardly ever hear from constituents, just a few e-mails or phone calls can have a huge impact. So go out there and be a citizen, Franklin was right, its our republic to keep.







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Southglenn Civic Association is an all-volunteer non-profit organization that was formed when the first homes were built in 1964. Our mission is to protect the quality of life and improve our community, participate in civic activities affecting Southglenn and encourage participation in government. While our annual dues are voluntary, we strongly encourage you to pay this small \$20 contribution each year, so that we may continue to provide these services. And yes, we mean you, whether you own or rent your property! To pay your dues, you may either mail them using the form below or bring them to a monthly SGCA meeting, every 3rd Wednesday at 7 pm, or online at www.southglenncivicassociation.org

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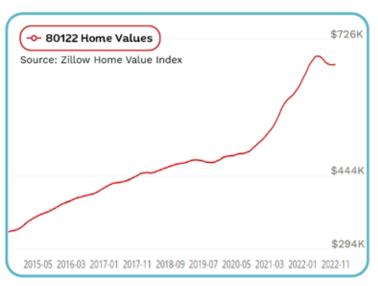
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