







# THE SQUEAKY SQUIRREL

THE SAMPSON COMMUNITY CLUB'S NEWSLETTER
ABOUT AND FOR OUR MOUNTAIN COMMUNITY, PRODUCED BY KIM VANTREASE

 $Sampson\ Community\ Club\ 16150\ Sampson\ Road, Littleton, CO\ 80127\ \ Facebook.com/SampsonCommunity\ Club\ \ OR\ \ WWW.SAMPSONCLUB.ORG$ 



On December 20<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 PM, we will be showing A Charlie Brown Christmas at Sampson Community Club. Wear your pajamas! Hot chocolate will be served! See ya there!



# WELCOME...

If you are new to the area and curious about the happenings at The Sampson Community Club, or want to join in the action, just reach out to one of the Board Members and they would be happy to answer any of your questions. Membership is just \$20.00 per year and renews every December 1st. Just an FYI, the Sampson Community Club uses Sampson School for its events, so if a neighbor invites you to the Sampson Community Club for an event, they are talking about Sampson School, which is located at 16150 Sampson Road. Internet is available for members to use at the Sampson Community Club. With your new/renewed membership, you will get the internet password for your personal use.

The Club is tax exempt as a 501(c)(4) organization. 501(c)(3) organizations are the only ones that your donations are tax deductible on your personal income tax. According to the IRS, all donations to the Club are <u>not</u> tax deductible by the donor. As always, all are welcome to attend the Club functions! We look forward to meeting you! C'mon and join the fun!

# 2023 PROPOSED CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR SAMPSON COMMUNITY CLUB

EVERY WEDNESDAY at 6:30 PM – BIBLE STUDY AT THE SAMPSON COMMUNITY CLUB

All welcome to come anytime! Just drop-in when you feel the nudge. Please feel free to email Pastor Bob at deercreekcanyonbiblechurch.org if you have any questions. We fellowship from 6:30 to 7:00, which includes a table of snacks, coffee/hot chocolate and then the teaching begins at 7. So, if you can't get there by 6:30, you can still make the lesson. Deer Creek Canyon Bible Church only rents space from Sampson Community Club and is not a part of the Sampson Community Club.

SUPERBOWL PARTY – FEBRUARY 12, 2023 @ 4:00 PM Bring your favorite snack and join in the party watching the big game on the large screen at Sampson Community Club. IMPORTANT: Watch for any changes or updates at the FACEBOOK.COM/SAMPSONCOMMUNITYCLUB OR WWW.SAMPSONCLUB.ORG pages. You can also call any of the Board Members to inquire about this event.

HISTORY NIGHT – APRIL 22, 2023 @ 6:00 PM Refreshments will be provided by the Sampson Community Club. Because last year's History Night was such a success, many people have asked for another gathering to learn more about Deer Creek Canyon History. You are invited to speak and share your knowledge of this area's history or just come to learn and fellowship with your friends and neighbors. Reach out to any of the Board Members or Virginia at 303-697-7272 to set yourself up as a speaker, or for inquiries related to this event.

JULY 15, 2023 – ICE CREAM SOCIAL @ 2:00 PM That perfect time of year for ice cream! Grab the gang, neighbors, or Uncle Louie and come on down for the annual ice cream social! This long-cherished event wouldn't be complete without home-made ice cream and all the fixins! Show off your ice cream-making skills and impress your neighbors. Bring your home-made ice cream (or store bought) to the Sampson Community Club and gather round your friends and neighbors. Let's dig in together!

AUGUST 5, 2023 - ANNUAL PIG ROAST @ NOON The festivities kick off at noon! Bring your favorite side dish to share and enjoy a feast with your friends and neighbors. This is another treasured event that has continued for many years. Bring yourselves down and meet others in your community. We always have a great time hanging out and meeting new people. If you have any questions about the Pig Roast, please contact any of the Board Members. This favorite fundraiser is only \$10.00 per family or \$5.00 per person; extra donations are always welcomed. Donations received are put toward the betterment of the Sampson Community Club Building and events.

MOVIE NIGHTS WILL RESUME THIS SUMMER! More information regarding these events will be listed in the March issue of the Squeaky Squirrel.

#### CALENDAR OF EVENTS CONTINUED





# OCTOBER 7, 2023 - CHILI COOKOFF @ 5:30 PM!

Bring your favorite homemade chili and share among the hungry tasters. Let's pick a winner to hold the Chili Cookoff title for 2023! Bring yourself or your peeps and a pot of chili to this annual event. Don't have time to make chili? No problem, come on down anyway and enjoy a bowl of chili and you can help decide who wins!



OCTOBER 20-31, 2023 – HAUNTED HOUSE (Details in March Squeaky Squirrel)



<u>VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES THIS SPRING AND SUMMER –</u> We will resume the painting of the exterior portion of the Sampson Community Club Building this spring and summer. Drinks and Lunch provided by the Sampson Community Club for painting volunteers! The Sampson Community Club always appreciates your generosity with your time, even it is a small amount of time.

Let's git 'r done together!



# NOVEMBER 11, 2023 - THANKSGIVING MEMBERSHIP DINNER @ 5:00 PM

The Sampson Community Club provides the turkey, and everyone is invited to bring a side dish. This is a good time to experiment with new holiday recipes on your friends and neighbors. Office of Vice President and Treasurer are up for election/re-election this year. Have ideas about events at the Sampson Community Club? Bring them! Let's discuss opportunities and new events as we fellowship among neighbors. We invite you all to join in the fun again this year!

#### THANKSGIVING MEMBERSHIP DINNER

Contributed by Kim Vantrease

It was a very productive meeting this past November. First, congratulations to Amanda Dougherty for being elected Secretary. Thank you for your service in 2022 and we look forward to this new term with you. At the meeting, we also discussed ideas up for serious consideration. Winter Movies in the schoolhouse, Game nights, Thursday Night Football, Poker Tournaments, Mystery Dinners for Adults and Teens, Craft Days, and Silent Auction Fundraisers. If you have an interest in these or other events that you would like to host or enjoy at the Sampson Community Club, please feel free to reach out to any Board Member with your valued input or questions! The Sampson Community Club exists for you! So, share your ideas!

*IMPORTANT:* Throughout the year, events may be cancelled, or events may be added that are not listed on the current Calendar of Events, so please be sure to check often for important updates at Facebook.com/SampsonCommunityClub and www.Sampsonclub.org.



#### Sampson Community Club Membership Form 2023

#### **Club Information**

It is time to renew your Sampson Community Club Membership. If you have not done so, just mail your annual dues to Sampson Community Club at 16150 Sampson Road, Littleton, CO 80127.

The purpose of the Sampson Community Club is to bring the canyon community together in friendship, the betterment of our mountain area, and for the preservation of our history as well as maintaining the Sampson and Lamb school properties.

## **Membership Benefits**

Becoming a member in the Sampson Community Club allows you to become an active member in your own community, a place that we have all chosen to enjoy the beauty of the mountain environment. This is a wonderful opportunity to demonstrate community support, involvement and ourselves. The purpose of the club is to get together on a regular basis for fun, games, food, information and a chance to get to know one another. Members also enjoy the opportunity to vote on upcoming events, changes, improvements and for officer elections. You also have the ability to use the club facilities for your own personal needs for \$25/day.

### **Annual Membership Dues**

Each December we collect membership dues. The fee is \$20 per household. These dues are needed for event planning, repair and maintenance of community properties and printing. If you haven't paid your dues for the year, please complete this short form and mail it back to the Sampson Community Club, 16150 Sampson Rd., Littleton, CO 80127. Upon membership renewal, the new Wi-Fi password will be provided to you.

Member Information Please provide us with the following informa Renewal	ntion or indicate ch New member			t information.
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Square DancingChili Cook-OffChildren's Game Night Craft or ScLecture Topic	Bingo Night _ crap Booking	Poker N	Night	_ Karaoke Night

As a Member of the Sampson Community Club, you're never obligated to volunteer for events or fundraisers. It's just up to anyone who would like to volunteer their time. Members or nonmembers always welcome to participate!



## YOUR SAMPSON COMMUNITY CLUB BOARD

President, Kim Vantrease, <u>valleyhawk7@msn.com</u> 303-681-2104 Vice President, Holley Frederick <u>holleyhuggins@gmail.com</u> 720-233-4869 Treasurer, Kari Vernon, <u>karikvernon@gmail.com</u> 303-697-6700 Secretary, Amanda Dougherty, imactingup21@hotmail.com 303-903-1918



If you would you prefer to receive the Squeaky Squirrel electronically, please contact Mitch Tanenbaum at mitch@mtanenbaum.us. Color version through email! Also, view on www.sampsonclub.org.

#### WITH CONTINUED APPRECIATION

Contributed by Kim Vantrease

I'd like to begin by thanking Wil Gerding for generously donating his large projection equipment to the Sampson Community Club, upon his departure, to another state. Wil always lent the Club this equipment so that we could enjoy movies under the stars in the parking lot. Because of Wil, we get to continue this new and special tradition. Thank you, Wil! We will put it to good use this summer!

The Sampson Community Club genuinely appreciates our neighbors in this great community who donate their precious time, energy, and monetary donations to the Club. Thank you all for your support throughout 2022! We are grateful to our event hosts, coordinators, volunteers, those who attend events and the Board for bringing this community together. Thank you, Virginia, for all you have put into this community. Also, thanks to Mitch Tanenbaum for printing the "Squeaky Squirrel" as well as the event fliers and e-mail blasting the Sampson Community Club's announcements. You all really do make a difference and our community is better because of you!

#### **CHECK OUT SOME LOCAL BUSINESSES!**











#### A WORD FROM KIM

I sincerely thank the entire Sampson Community Club Board and Members for electing me President of the Sampson Community Club this past November. Virginia Temmer has volunteered a large portion of her life to this community, and we greatly appreciate all her efforts and dedication. Thank you, Virginia, for everything!

The Sampson Community Club has been a valued hub here for many years. It is a place where people gather, engage, learn about the area, and sprout new friendships. This hub has been a solid staple in the community and a place to meet for important information. The Sampson Community Club is here for *you*, for many reasons and that is why we strive to preserve this building and all that it offers us, now and in the future. I invite you to become a member today. Great things happen when we join in together. Your support, by means of membership dues, contribution of time, or monetary donations, greatly helps in the preservation and maintenance of the Sampson School building.

I look forward to this new position as I consider it a great opportunity to serve this community. We are fortunate to live in an area of endless beauty, precious wildlife and wonderful people who treasure the territory in which we live. This is a unique place in Colorado, and I know I speak for most of us when I say we are truly blessed to live here.

Notably, we have the best residents who seem to always have each other's backs. Red and I have discovered many times that people look out for each other by quickly offering help, tips in living in mountainous terrain, a friendly smile, a tow up a very snowy hill in our two-wheel drive truck, and many more examples of kindness and old-fashioned neighborly conduct.

I love living here and truly cherish it. When we moved here 12 years ago, we were greeted by countless outpourings of generosity from strangers who quickly became our life-long friends Never had we encountered such friendly, warm, durable, and willing-to-help people. This, indeed, is a rare and special place.

I want to give back, so I plan on serving this community with my heart and continue to preserve this local icon we call the Sampson Community Club. I am here, and I am listening. Please feel free to reach out to me with your ideas! I look forward to meeting you all at the Sampson Community Club events! CKim







# SAMPSON COMMUNITY CLUB RECEIVED A SPECIAL GIFT

Contributed by Kim Vantrease

Recently, the Sampson Community Club received an old photo of Sampson School students with their teacher, Della Marcum. This very old picture is an exquisite gift to the Sampson Community Club as we honor and cherish Sampson School and its memory. Along with this special photo, Della's daughter, Teddy Marcum, provided a generous donation to the Sampson Community Club. Teddy, the picture you sent will be honored at the Sampson Community Club as it means very much to the community. Also, thank you for your monetary gift that will go toward preserving and maintaining the Sampson School building.



Sampson School Class with Della Marcum

#### AN OLD FRIEND OF THE COMMUNITY

Contributed by Virginia Temmer

Jan Clawson is a former Maxwell Hill resident and Sampson Community Club officer. She now lives in Marietta, Ohio near her children. After moving to Ohio, she had a stroke and is living in a care facility. She walks with the aid of a walker, going everywhere within the facility, working puzzles, reading the newspaper and cares about everything that she cared about when she lived here on the mountain. Still sharp as a tack, Jan is up to date on all the current events. It was really good seeing Jan when I visited her this past summer. If you would like to write to her, she'd love to hear from the people in the neighborhood. Her address is: Jan Clawson at Waterview Pointe, 117 Bartlett Street, Room 509 Marietta, Ohio 45750.



# LOCAL HAPPENINGS

Contributed by Amanda Dougherty

Calling Homeschool Families! The Venue Theatre in Conifer now has a class just for homeschool children ages 6-18! Our goal is to provide an opportunity, for performance theatre, to the vast and eager homeschooling community in Deer Creek Canyon, Conifer, Pine, Evergreen, Morrison, and Bailey areas. We are here to provide a theatre education experience to homeschooling families in a safe and encouraging space for children of all abilities to discover their talents, hone their skills, and pursue their passions. The program started at the end of October with students working on a short performance for the Holiday Cabaret at The Venue on Dec 16th. We're happily welcoming new students at the beginning of January for our spring production! Classes are led by Amanda Dougherty, Tuesdays 12:30pm-2:30pm. Cost is \$45\month per student. Visit thevenuetheatre.com for registration and more info! Amanda Dougherty 303-903-1918 imactingup21@hotmail.com.

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# Happy Hanukkah!





MAY THE TRUE MEANING OF CHRIS†MAS BLESS YOU NOW AND ALWAYS MERRY CHRIS†MAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR!