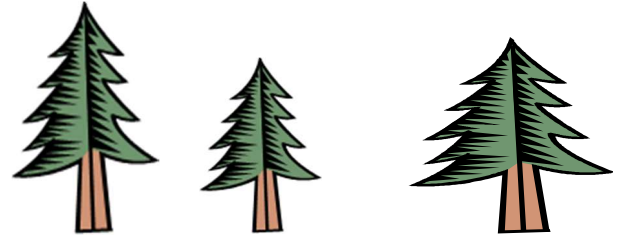




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THE SQUEAKY SQUIRREL

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/SAMPSONCOMMUNITYCLUB OR WWW.SAMPSONCLUB.ORG



Annual Memberships are just \$20.00. If you are new to the area and want to become a member of the Sampson Community Club, or if you haven't renewed your membership yet, you can mail \$20.00 dues to 16150 Sampson Road, Littleton, CO 80127. There are Membership Forms on the front porch of the Sampson School if you'd like to pick one up, or you can print one out at the www.sampsonschool.org website...or you can simply mail a check with all your contact information so that we can properly update your membership. *Thank you all for your support! We just couldn't do it without you all!*

WHAT IS A COMMUNITY AMBASSADOR?

In 2020, Inter-Canyon and Elk Creek Fire Protection Districts started a Community Ambassador Program (CAP) to increase awareness of wildfire risk and forest health issues in our area. As volunteer liaisons with the fire districts, ambassadors link residents to trusted information, resources and community mitigation projects designed to reduce wildfire risk around homes and in neighborhoods.

If you live on or above Sampson Road, on or above Maxwell Hill Road, or on South Deer Creek Road from the corner of Deer Creek Canyon to the top of the High Grade Road switchbacks, you are part of what the fire districts call the Sampson/Maxwell community. You have two Community Ambassadors, Jennifer rich and Katrina Stevens. We can help you:

- ✓ Discover what actions you can take to protect your home and family from a wildfire.
- ✓ Learn what your neighbors are doing to protect the larger community and how to join them.
- ✓ Get insight into the Fire Protection District and the services they provide to protect our community.
- ✓ Provide input to the wildfire community and the Fire District about issues important to you.

If you are not yet in touch with your ambassadors, we would love to connect with you. Please email either of us at: jmr@etrippers.com (Jennifer) or kt4kt@aol.com (Katrina)

Keep an eye out for information about *National Wildfire Community Preparedness Day* on Saturday, May 4th. We're planning something fun!

A WINTER OBSERVATION

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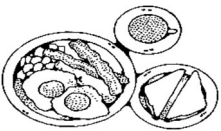
I just wanted to say thank you to all the people, throughout this entire community, who helped their fellow neighbors out this winter with their snow machines and shovels. Your kindness for one another is noticed and appreciated! Way to go, Deer Creek Canyon peeps! *Thank you!*

CALENDAR OF EVENTS **AT SAMPSON COMMUNITY CLUB**



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

All welcome to come anytime! Come as you are! If you have questions, feel free to email Pastor Bob at deercreekcanyonbiblechurch.org and click the **Contact Us** tab. 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. www.deercreekcanyonbiblechurch.org.



MAY 4TH MOUNTAIN MAMA BREAKFAST RETURNS! @ 9 AM TO 11 AM



Calling all Moms! Come to Sampson Community Club to celebrate YOUR day with a scrumptious breakfast cooked and served by a cadre of chefs. Enjoy a morning of relaxation with your family and friends. We look forward to celebrating with you! Because this has always been such a popular event, we are bringing it back! Moms need a break! Come on down with your family and enjoy what we have prepared just for you! Feel free to contact any Board Member if you would like more information about this event. See ya there!



JUNE 7TH AND JULY 19TH MOVIE NIGHTS ON THE HUGE SCREEN @ 8 PM

Movie titles will be displayed on the website and Facebook page the week before event! Bring your comfy camping chair, snacks, drinks and be ready for some fun movies under the stars this summer!



JUNE 22ND ICE CREAM SOCIAL @ 2 PM

What a perfect time of year for ice cream and Don Coenen's music!!! Warm sunshine, good neighbors, great music and ice cream! Grab the gang, neighbors, and Cousin Fred 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 this June 22nd and allow yourself some fun.



JULY 19TH MOVIE NIGHT @ 8 PM



AUGUST 3RD PIG ROAST @ NOON

Last year's Pig Roast was a huge success! Be sure not to miss it this year as we have even more planned for this year! The festivities begin 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. This year we will have **even more games and door prizes!** And we are adding a PLINKO Game to the mix! *Oink... See ya there!*

CALENDAR OF EVENTS CONTINUED



HISTORY NIGHT – SEPTEMBER 7TH @ 4PM

History night is in the works! This has also become a community favorite. The Sampson Community Club will provide refreshments for this event. Come on down and learn something about your community! If you, or someone you know, would like to contribute to History Night, please contact any Board Member!



CHILI COOK-OFF – OCTOBER 5TH @ 5 PM

Bring a pot of your homemade chili and share among the group and let's pick another winner to hold the Chili Cook-off title for 2024! Join in the good fun this fall! We really had a blast last year and many have said they're already revving up for this year. 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! Donations always welcome! Last year's competition was fierce! All the chili brought to this event was delicious...it was tough to decide....But it was sure fun deliberating!!!



ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DINNER – NOVEMBER 2ND @ 3 PM

The Sampson Community Club provides the turkey, and everyone is invited to bring a side dish. This is fun night of fellowship among your neighbors and an opportunity for members to vote for the offices of President and Secretary, which are up for election or re-election this year. This is a great time to hear about the plans of the Sampson Community Club and opportunities to share your thoughts as well. Let's discuss ideas and potential new events as we enjoy a feast together. We invite you all to join in the fun again this year!



These local treasures will be awake soon, if they're not already! Remember to be mindful of the bears for your safety and to keep all trash secured so that we don't get these beautiful creatures in trouble or euthanized. ❤️

DID YOU KNOW?

Contributed by Kim Vantrease

Many people don't realize that the Sampson Community Club is for everyone. It isn't exclusive to Sampson Road residents like many have thought. It's for you and serves as a main hub where folks can gather for fun events, make new friends, learn about the area, volunteer, exchange important information, carpool opportunities, etc. The perks just go on and on. 😊 Remember, this community hub is here for you! And, don't forget, you can rent the building for your own personal use. Lots of people have been renting the building this past year realizing just how handy it is! Another perk is, you can borrow tables and chairs to use at your home for events. Beginning January 2024, Sampson Community Club Members will pay \$30.00 per day to rent the schoolhouse and nonmembers will pay \$50.00 per day. If you would like to rent the Sampson School Building, contact any of the Board members and they would be happy to get you on the schedule. And if you would like to become a member, any Board member can assist in that or you can print a Membership Form off of the www.sampsonclub.org website and mail it in with your \$20.00 dues. There are also Membership Forms on the porch in a red folder of the Sampson Community Club.

QUICK CONTACT REFERENCE

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

WITH CONTINUED APPRECIATION

Contributed by Kim Vantrease

The Sampson Community Club values your time and energy spent volunteering. You all really do make a difference and our community is better because of you, so thank you! Also, thank you for your donated items, firewood, muscle, shoveling/plowing, and monetary contributions. Working together and helping others in the community makes us grow and thrive. It’s definitely a rewarding experience for all involved. We are always so grateful to our event hosts, coordinators, volunteers, those who attend the events, and the Board for bringing this community together. 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. Thanks to all for your support in 2023! Can’t wait to see what 2024 brings! Events will also be displayed on the website www.sampsonclub.org page and Facebook.com/SampsonCommunityClub.

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NOTARY SERVICES AVAILABLE

Recently Amanda Dougherty and Kim Vantrease have completed courses to become Notaries Public. If you find yourself in need of such, reach out to either of us. Our contact info is above.

A NOTE FROM KIM

Contributed by Kim Vantrease

As I write this, I reflect on the last six weeks of my life. My mother went through radiation treatment this past fall to help her beat lung cancer. All involved in her treatment were feeling pretty positive about the results, but we had to wait a few months to see if the treatment worked. Before the tests were even performed to confirm our hoped-for results, my mother began experiencing terrible pain in her back. So, we took her to the ER. Soon, we learned the cancer had spread throughout her body and my mom would be gone in mere weeks. None of us are prepared for such a bomb, even when we think we are. On March 8th, my mother went home to our Lord Jesus. My buddy is gone, and our loss is enormous, but I know I will see her again. For those who love the Lord, we have that eternal hope.

From my whirlwind experience these past six weeks, I wanted to share with you what I learned through it all. At my mother's apartment, by Clement Park, is a beautiful community. When my mom first shared her unexpected news with her neighbors, we witnessed a sudden storm of love and support. The expressions of sincere love for my mom and her family still astounds us! Genuine, loving people all around us. Friends and strangers alike were suddenly loving on us and feeding us, offering to run errands for us, and to do whatever they could to soothe my poor mom's thoughts, pains and worries. It occurred to me, during all this, that *love always wins, even in sorrow*. This special community is of *the older generation*, by the way, and they get it! They come from a time where people looked out for each other and were sturdy and willing. Sadly, this generation is often overlooked in the store, or within our own families, and in neighboring homes. We should pay more attention to these folks and learn from them. They are full of wisdom, love, and decency. I just had to share with you their impact on us and their profound value. Next time you encounter an elderly person...engage; the rewards are enriching and they could use a friendly smile as well.

REMEMBERING AN OLD FRIEND IN THE COMMUNITY

Contributed by Bryn Shepeck

I had a recent conversation with Cindy Hansen; she's doing well and had just finished chemo. Will, Cindy's husband, and a good friend of the community, died on November 20th peacefully at home. His services will be in Montana. Will was 71....no way....he always seemed younger to me! If you knew Will, you knew he liked working on cars, loved his Model A, and greatly enjoyed driving around with Dave George to celebrate the Ice Cream Social...they would show off their cars. He was an artist...I believe Cindy said he studied to be a "Mechanical Artist," but don't quote me on that. He did create some fun and amazing pieces. Again...he liked working with cars and if you stopped by, he would often be in his garage or under his canopy working on something. He loved the Pig Roast and was part of "the crew" up at Lamb School, and later when it moved to Sampson. He would take his motorhome/camper up to Lamb, and he and the crew (Glick, Jack, Bob, and sometimes others) would ensure the pig cooker was going strong. Back in those days, the cooker was charcoal fired and needed constant attention....it was inefficient, not to mention a potential fire danger. After a period of renting propane cookers, Will modified the charcoal cooker (an old pressure tank my Dad had decided to turn into a roaster) into a propane cooker with his own personal touch. It's pretty cool, be sure to come by the cooker at the next pig roast and check it out!

For those who never got the opportunity to meet Will, he was a wonderful man and I have so many fond memories of him as I am sure many in the community do! *RIP, Will!*

REMEMEMBERING ANOTHER FRIEND IN THE COMMUNITY

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We were saddened to learn of the death of Teddy, Della Marcum's daughter, this past fall. Teddy was a beautiful gardener; she had quite an understanding with nature. Teddy was a gentle soul, quiet, and kind. We will miss such a friend in this community. *RIP, Teddy!*



If you'd like to receive the Squeaky Squirrel electronically, contact Mitch Tanenbaum at mitch@mtanenbaum.us. Color version through email! Also, check out the online color version of the Squeaky Squirrel at www.sampsonclub.org. Just a note, due to a terrible technological glitch, the original subscriber email list was lost and unrecoverable. Contact Mitch at his email address to be re-added to a new list.

The Sampson Community Club
16150 Sampson Road
Littleton, CO 80127



A GLANCE AT SAMPSON COMMUNITY CLUB EVENTS

BIBLE STUDY EVERY WEDNESDAY NIGHT 6:30 PM

MAY 4TH MOUNTAIN MAMA BREAKFAST 9 AM

JUNE 7TH MOVIE NIGHT 8 PM

JUNE 22ND ICE CREAM SOCIAL 2 PM

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NOVEMBER 2ND ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DINNER 3 PM



Remember hummingbirds sugar water $\frac{1}{4}$ cup sugar to 1 cup water. Wash feeders frequently so as not to poison them from mold. And no colored water! They arrive around April 15th ish