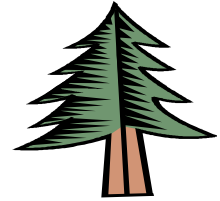




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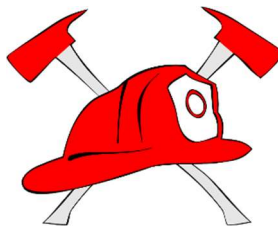
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THE SAMPSON COMMUNITY CLUB'S NEWSLETTER

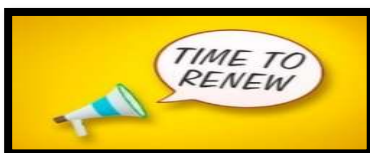
ABOUT AND FOR OUR MOUNTAIN COMMUNITY, PRODUCED BY KIM VANTREASE

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## TIME TO CELEBRATE !!!



Due to the Quarry Fire, we had to postpone the Sampson Community Club Annual Pig Roast Fundraiser to **September 7th**. The fun begins at noon. Again, we'll have door prizes along with more games and more prizes! Please join us in celebrating the outstanding work of ALL the Firefighters who worked so hard protecting everything. Let's gather together and share in our community spirit of gratefulness for this wonderful place we call home! We have so much to celebrate so, LET'S PARTY! We'll provide the roasted pig, and we ask for folks to bring a favorite side dish to share. Don't forget to bring your own favorite beverage to enjoy. All donations made to the Annual Pig Roast this year will go directly to the I.C.F.P.D. across the road at the firehouse! The big blue banner on Deer Creek Road that expresses the community's genuine support and appreciation for the Firefighters will be at the Pig Roast for all to sign their names on or write a special message. When all have signed the banner, we will then give it to the Firehouse. Also, on hand, Katrina Stevens will be at the Pig Roast to answer any questions you may have regarding wildfire preparedness. She is a great resource and one of our resident fire Community Ambassadors. See ya all there! And, remember, ALL ARE WELCOME! *Fun Fact: Precision Sign Company in Golden surprised us by donating the banner for the Firefighters!*



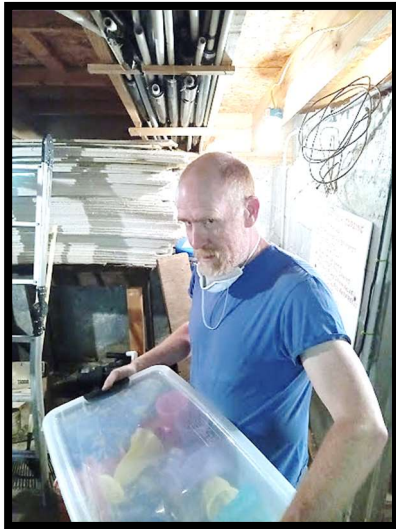
Annual Memberships are just \$20.00. If you are new to the area and want to become a member of the Sampson Community Club, or if you haven't renewed your membership yet, you can mail \$20.00 dues to 16150 Sampson Road, Littleton, CO 80127. There are Membership Forms in this issue of the Squeaky Squirrel and in a red folder on the front porch of the Sampson School, or you can print one out at the [www.sampsonschool.org](http://www.sampsonschool.org) website. *Thank you all for your support! We just couldn't do it without you all!*

## SCHOOL HOUSE CLEAN-UP DAY

*Contributed by Kim Vantrease*

Back in June, several people came out and showed off their organizational skills, painting talent, detail-oriented patience, muscle and so much more! We had an incredible day of working together and really getting a lot accomplished, more than we even hoped for! Like a finely oiled machine, everyone came together and gave their best. Thank you so much! The school house is looking amazing and ready for more events and rental needs. Many times this year, the school house has been rented; people are realizing we have a golden nugget right here in the community. Remember, this *hub* is for you!

We got things painted, organized storage upstairs, cleaned much of the basement, weeded out tons of stuff, hauled lots off to the dump, washed windows, swept, the kitchen got cleaned and organized! It was amazing! Again, thank you, all who came and shared your talents! You really do make a difference in the community! Here's a few pics of folks in action! You can find more pics online at [sampsonclub.org](http://sampsonclub.org)



These hungry critters are roaming constantly in search of food as they prepare for winter sleep. Remember to be mindful of the bears for your safety and to keep all trash and other attractants secured so that we don't get these beautiful creatures in trouble or euthanized. ❤️



## **ICE CREAM SOCIAL**

*Contributed by Kim Vantrease*

Oh my! We held our famous Ice Cream Social this past June and so many people came, we actually lost count. For the kids we had some fun rock painting going on, but soon we discovered the adults were getting into it as well! We all really enjoyed catching up with folks and I met so many people who are long-timers, here...Fun! You just can't beat Don Coenen's live music; it's the perfect score to a wonderful day spent with friends and neighbors. Thank you, all, for coming and thank you, Don! ❤️



Lots more pictures online at [sampsonclub.org](http://sampsonclub.org) Enjoy!

**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](http://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](http://www.deercreekcanyonbiblechurch.org).



**SEPTEMBER 7<sup>TH</sup> PIG ROAST DO-OVER & CELEBRATE FIREFIGHTERS FUNDRAISER @ 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! Also, bring your favorite beverage to enjoy. Games, prizes and more fun! All Welcome!!!



**CHILI COOK-OFF – OCTOBER 5<sup>TH</sup> @ 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 for the School House are 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 2<sup>ND</sup> @ 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!



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**NOTARY PUBLIC SERVICES AVAILABLE**

Amanda Dougherty and Kim Vantrease offer Notary services. Contact info listed under Quick Contact References.

**QUICK CONTACT REFERENCE - SAMPSON COMMUNITY CLUB BOARD MEMBERS**

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## FOR NEWBIES---DID YOU KNOW?

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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 as they would be happy to get you on the schedule.

## WE APPRECIATE YOU ALL

*Contributed by Kim Vantrease*

The Sampson Community Club appreciates your time and energy spent volunteering. **You** all really do make a difference and our community is **better because of you**, so **thank you!** Many times, throughout the year, **community members volunteer** their time in helping with maintenance tasks etc., **thank you!** It's amazing when people come together; there are just so many benefits associated. We extend a huge thanks for **all** of your **volunteered time, monetary donations, donated items, firewood, muscle, shoveling/plowing, hosting, planning, etc!** 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, thank you **Bryn, Joe and Hannah Shepeck** for hosting the big Pig Roast Fundraiser all these years. The School House definitely benefits from the donations raised! Thank you, **Noemi Bartlett**, for your social media support and member relations skills! And, thank you, **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 2024 so far! Can't wait to see what the rest of this year brings! Remember, events will also be displayed on the website at [www.sampsonclub.org](http://www.sampsonclub.org) and [Facebook.com/SampsonCommunityClub](https://Facebook.com/SampsonCommunityClub). Check for updates often and new events that may be added!

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## Sampson Community Club Membership Form 2024

### **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 rent the building for your own personal events for \$30 per day. Nonmembers pay \$50.00 per day.

### **Annual Membership Dues**

Each August 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 already 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 information or indicate changes to your current information.

Renewal     New member     Change request

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone# \_\_\_\_\_ Cell#(Optional) \_\_\_\_\_ email \_\_\_\_\_

Names & Ages of Children living at home or unrelated household members (optional)

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### **Volunteer Information**

The Sampson Community Club sincerely appreciates any help with events, landscaping, building maintenance or repairs. If you would like to volunteer a little or a lot of your time, please let us know. It's a wonderful opportunity to make new friends, have some fun and provide some help to the center. A full listing of our events can be found on our website or by calling any of the Board Members listed in the Squeaky Squirrel or facebook.com/sampsoncommunityclub or sampsonclub.org or email us at sampsoncommunityclub@gmail.com

**Yes, I want to help with events!**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Event**    \_\_\_\_\_ **Other**     I don't know which, but call me!

#### **Event Questionnaire**

We would like to add some new events to our agenda. What activities would you like to attend?

Dance lessons     Chili Cook-Off     Bingo Night     Poker Night     Karaoke Night

Children's Game Night     Craft or Scrap Booking    \_\_\_\_\_ Lecture: Local Area History

\_\_\_\_\_ Lecture Topic    \_\_\_\_\_ Other

*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!*



## **THE QUARRY FIRE**

*Contributed by Kim Vantrease*

We all have a story relating to the Quarry Fire; it's left an imprint on all our minds as we all watched our beautiful canyon ablaze. It was hard to fathom that our homes could actually be gone along with nature's roaming splendor we've all come to admire.

As we monitored the fire from our hotel room, my many drives through "the prayer canyon," as I have come to call it, kept running through my mind. I wondered if I appreciated it enough. Did I memorize every beautiful detail of the canyon? Will it still be there for us when it was all over? Will the animals be okay and return to their homes? Will our home and beautiful surroundings survive? Will Sampson School survive?

Earlier in the day of July 31, I was driving home on Valley Road when a beautiful mama bear and her two tiny cubs suddenly appeared at the side of the road. Red and I stopped and watched in awe for several minutes as the small family made their way back up the big hill. I was on such a high...never before have I seen such young cubs in the wild. They were so cute and precious!!! One was not minding mama very well and took his time in the middle of the road, but she eventually persuaded him to follow. Then, in mere hours, all was threatened...and that's when a large group of amazing people showed up and answered the call. Their heroic efforts of endurance and strategy saved lives, our homes, our beautiful forest and canyon. With fierce determination and knowledge, they used their talents and strength to battle what looked to be complete devastation. But they won. Truly, these are special people and we hold them all deeply in our hearts. Thank you seems so small for what they did for us, but *Thank You* to all who joined in the huge effort that saved so much! Additionally, thanks to The Red Cross, Saucy's Pizza, Moose Hill Cantina, and other donators for bringing in great food for the evacuees!

It's encouraging to see so many people come together in the midst of trouble. Thank you all for being great neighbors and for looking out for each other and helping with animals. I've heard great stories of strangers helping strangers, neighbor helping neighbor. Personally, a lady named Bridgette, came to the shelter and offered her back yard for my big dogs to run. The kindness that pours from strangers grips me. I'll always remember the great support and generosity given to us and I'll pay it forward in any way I can.

And while we're on this subject, be sure to establish a phone tree in your neighborhood. It's helpful to have those numbers ready on a predetermined contact list in case of any emergency. After this past evacuation process, this handy idea came to mind, and an evac plan is a good thing to practice and polish, as well!

So after all this, we know we live in a wonderful community and some really great people had our backs! See ya at the Pig Roast!



*Photo by Jack Keating*



The Sampson Community Club  
16150 Sampson Road  
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**IMPORTANT NOTE:** Events may be cancelled or added that are not listed on the current Calendar of Events so check often for *NEW* and *UPDATED INFO* @ [Facebook.com/SampsonCommunityClub](https://www.facebook.com/SampsonCommunityClub) or at [sampsonclub.org](http://sampsonclub.org)

**A GLANCE AT SAMPSON COMMUNITY CLUB EVENTS**

**BIBLE STUDY** EVERY WEDNESDAY NIGHT 6:30 PM

**SEPTEMBER 7<sup>TH</sup>** DO-OVER PIG ROAST BEGINS AT NOON – SPECIAL EVENT!

**OCTOBER 5<sup>TH</sup>** CHILI COOK-OFF 5 PM

**NOVEMBER 2<sup>ND</sup>** ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DINNER 3 PM

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