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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

Thinking about becoming a member? Annual Membership is just \$20.00. As a member, you are under no obligation to commit to volunteering. Some folks shy away from community membership as they think they may be obligated to certain commitments, but that's not the case here. Of course, we'd never turn down offers of volunteerism or cash donations as they do contribute to the care and maintenance of the Sampson School Building. We just want to provide the best community center for you; this hub is here for you and offers many benefits to the community.

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.sampsonclub.org website. Always something going on at the Sampson Community Club, so be sure to check out all the happenings in the community at www.sampsonclub.org and Facebook.com/sampsoncommunityclub.

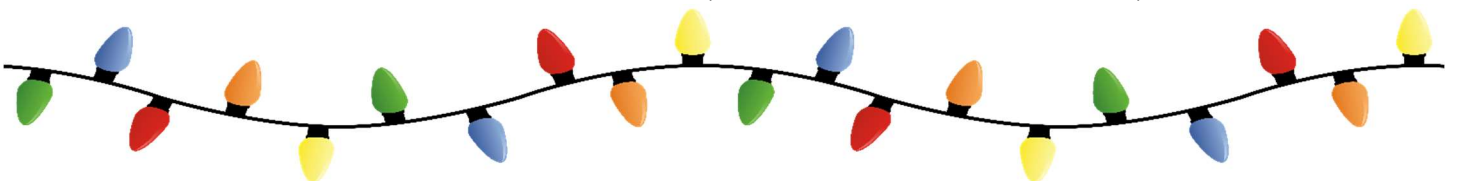


EVERY WEDNESDAY at 6:30 PM – BIBLE STUDY AT THE SAMPSON COMMUNITY CLUB

All welcome to come anytime! Come as you are! If you have questions, feel free to contact Pastor Bob at deercreekcanyonbiblechurch.org and click the **Contact Us** tab. Fellowship is 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. *Soon, they will go live on YouTube for those who can't make the lesson in person.* Deer Creek Canyon Bible Church only rents space from Sampson Community Club and does not operate under Sampson Community Club. www.deercreekcanyonbiblechurch.org.



BINGO IS COMING in JANUARY! WATCH SAMPSONCLUB.ORG AND FACEBOOK PAGE FOR INFORMATION! ALSO, POKER IS IN THE WORKS, TOO!





WE REGRET THE UPCOMING CHANGES FOR THE SQUEAKY SQUIRREL NEWSLETTER...

Beginning March 2025, in lieu of mailing the Squeaky Squirrel Newsletter through the Post Office, we will start distributing the Squeaky Squirrel Newsletter via email and keeping it available online at www.sampsonclub.org. With the continuing increases of postage by the USPS, it has become very costly to maintain this treasured tradition. For folks who *do not use the internet*, we will still send you a paper copy at your request. If you want a paper copy because you don't have access the internet, please text or call Kim at **303-570-9028** and advise her of your desire to receive the Squirrel via postal delivery and provide your address.

TIMELY ACTION REQUIRED: We are compiling a master email list for the Squeaky Squirrel distribution. If you would like to receive the Squeaky Squirrel, please **email us at sampsoncommunityclub@gmail.com** and in the subject line type EMAIL SQUIRREL and in the body of your email to us, enter your name and email address and we will promptly place you on the email distribution list. Remember, you can always see the full Squeaky Squirrel online at www.sampsonclub.org. We really don't want to change our long-time tradition of mailing you all a copy, but postage has become quite a significant matter these days. Thank you for your understanding and interest in our local Newsletter. Feel free to let us know if you do not receive your emailed copy in March; we want to make sure you all get your copy! 😊

CHILI COOK-OFF RESULTS

Contributed by Kim Vantrease

Had a big crowd of chili tasters and chefs at the Annual Chili Cook-off this past October. Lots of fun, food, and serious competition! After careful deliberation, we are proud to announce the winners of the 2024 Chili Cook-Off! First place winner was Noemi Bartlett, Second Place was Kim Swanson, and our Third Place went to John Banks. Congratulations! Thank you, all, for participating! Over this next year, I'll be upping my game, so beware!



Noemi Bartlett 1st



2nd Kim Swanson, 3rd John Banks & Noemi



You can see more photos of this event at www.sampsonclub.org!

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DINNER

Contributed by Kim Vantrease

It's been a busy year; lots of items were discussed at this year's Annual Membership Dinner. Some new projects are in the works and some are on the table for further discussion. We are raising money for a new stovepipe and are always happy to accept donations from the community. If you'd like to donate anything, just drop a check in the mail to 16150 Sampson Road, Littleton, CO 80127. Or, please feel free to contact me and I'd be happy to provide you more information on the stove pipe project. Remember, no donation is too small, we are always happy to accept whatever is offered.

Kim Vantrease will retain the office of president and Amanda Dougherty will retain the office of secretary. We had a lot of fun at this year's Annual Membership Dinner. There was so much *good* food! People were rolly-pollying out the door...okay, a slight exaggeration, they walked out the door, but they were really stuffed! It was a fun day full of merriment and hope for the new year's projects.

Bingo is coming in January! Watch for details coming soon on the sampsonclub.org website and the facebook.com/sampsoncommunityclub.

And one more thing, I would like to thank the Members for allowing me to serve this community another two years. I look forward to more adventures together at the Sampson Community Club!



OUR COMMUNITY-WIDE APPRECIATION FOR FIREFIGHTERS

Contributed by Kim Vantrease

Recently, Sampson Community Club guests and members signed a large banner and raised money for our firefighters in great appreciation for their selfless actions in preserving this beautiful canyon, our homes, and lives. Bryn Shepeck, Amanda Dougherty, and Noemi Bartlett presented our token of appreciation to the firehouse. The Quarry Fire showed us that we are all in good hands. Again, thanks to all firefighters, their families, all first responders, support staff, and those who distribute vital information. Great teamwork! Our homes and surviving canyon are testaments to the hard work and efficiency provided by all who commit to firefighting!



FOR NEWBIES---DID YOU KNOW?

Contributed by Kim Vantrease

Lots of people don't realize that the Sampson Community Club is for everyone. It's a community center and 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; just too many perks to list! 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 bonus is, you can borrow tables and chairs to use at your home for events. Sampson Community Club Members will pay \$30.00 per day to rent the schoolhouse and nonmembers will pay \$50.00 per day. We offer special weekly rates, as well. If you would like to rent the Sampson School House Building, contact any of the Board members as they would be happy to get you on the schedule. The Club is tax exempt as a 501(c)(4) organization. According to the IRS, all donations to the Club are not 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!



WITH SINCERE GRATITUDE

Contributed by Kim Vantrease

Your time and energy spent helping out the Sampson Community Club is highly appreciated. You all really do make a difference and our community is better because of you, so thank you! Throughout the year, community members volunteer their time in helping with maintenance tasks etc., thank you! Also, Ken Bartlett, thank you for weed-whacking the property in time for the summer events! We sure appreciate it. Also, thank you, Sampson Road Association for providing a new mailbox after the old mailbox was clobbered by snow last year. Thanks Virginia and Ted Nowak for setting it up and, Don Baker, for fixing the new mailbox so that it can be locked! Lance and Justin Ferrin, thank you for plowing the Sampson Club parking lot, we really appreciate that! Damon Robertson, thank you for creating that terrific donation-collection Firefighter's boot! That was so cool! Thank you, Deer Creek Canyon Bible Church, for cleaning the Sampson School on a weekly basis and always pitching in for the care and maintenance of the building. 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. And, thank you, Mitch Tanenbaum for printing the "Squeaky Squirrel" for so many years as well as the event fliers and e-mail blasting the Sampson Community Club's announcements. Thanks to all for your support in 2024! Can't wait to see what the rest of this year brings and Next Year!!!

Remember, events will also be displayed on the website at www.sampsonclub.org and Facebook.com/SampsonCommunityClub. *Check for updates & new events that may be added or cancelled!*



QUICK CONTACT REFERENCE - SAMPSON COMMUNITY CLUB BOARD MEMBERS

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COMMUNITY INPUT IS ALWAYS WELCOME!

If you have an interesting story to share, or photos or something else regarding the area, submit it to me, Kim, at valleyhawk7@msn.com and we can place it in the Squeaky Squirrel Newsletter. We are always interested in history about the area as well!



Wishing you all a *Merry Christmas*, *Happy Hanukkah* and *Happiest New Year!*

May the True meaning of *Christmas* bless you now and always!

Sampson Community Club Membership Form

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 - 2024

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. 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. 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 not 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!

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)

_____ / _____ / _____ / _____

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 Sampson Community Club
16150 Sampson Road
Littleton, CO 80127



**IMPORTANT
NOTICE**

CHANGES COMING SOON FOR THE SQUEAKY SQUIRREL: IMMEDIATE ACTION REQUIRED!