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Save the Date for ENN's Open House!

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ENN Open House

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AND NEIGHBORS
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Recaps and Nov/Dec
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Photo by P. Becker

The Jeeps are loaded up and ready to go! See where the **4 x 4 group** was headed and be amazed by the fantastic pictures of their trip!

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President's Message

By Mike Ferrari



Hello fellow newcomers and neighbors!

I am writing this the day after a fantastic August Happy Hour. 39 attendees — including 6 new members — had a great time chatting, learning, making new friends, and sharing memories. I look forward to these Happy Hours which make me feel so connected to the Evergreen community. Thanks go to former ENN president Riley Hanback for organizing them.

Speaking of Happy Hours, we are making a few changes to the schedule. In the past we have selected a day (always a Tuesday) in the middle of the month, either the 2nd or 3rd Tuesday. To make things simpler going forward, we will consistently hold them on the 3rd Tuesday of the month from 4-6 pm. Go ahead right now and have Siri or Alexa put them in your calendar 😊. On September 17 join us at Revival Brews in downtown Evergreen; on October 15 we'll be at The Wild Game. Be ready to have a good time!

Our big event is our Open House on October 5th at Buchanan Park Rec Center from 10 am — 12 pm. This is a great way for you to see what other activity groups we offer and to tell us what you're not seeing. We will do all we can to make your ideas come true! Please bring a neighbor or friend, have some coffee and pastries on us, and explore all that we offer. Many thanks to the tireless John Sharp for pulling this event together, and to our publicity committee of Sandy Illich, Aliya Duffy, and Lee Anne Powers for deftly handling outreach.

What else are we doing now? We are busy planning our Winter Party. We are looking at a January date in order to avoid the busy schedules and family commitments people often have in December. More to come.

The other thing about winter here is that it can be cold. Carol Goss, our Community Outreach Chair, has worked hard to put together our annual firewood drive delivering some 11 cords of wood to EChO for distribution to those in need of winter fuel. See the write-up in this newsletter.

I guess that's a fair summary of our club. We make new friends, we do things together, we help others, and we have fun. Not a bad way to spend time.

Mike

ENN's mission is to provide opportunities for its members to meet others through social events and activity groups.

The ENN membership list is only for the personal use of ENN members and may not be used for commercial or non-ENN purposes.

ENN is open to all residents of the Evergreen area, regardless of length of residency.

ENN Open House

Come join the fun!

Join us at the 2024 ENN Open House, enjoy a cup of coffee, some treats, and browse our activity groups... maybe join another one, and bring a friend who might want to join!

Group leaders will be there to tell you about their groups and answer any questions. It's also a good time to renew your membership.



October 5, 2024
10 a.m. to Noon
Buchanan Park Recreation Center
32003 Ellingwood Trail

(Credit: Unsplash Graphics)

It's Renewal time! The membership year runs from September 1 – August 31st. We hope you will renew soon - and continue having fun experiences and meeting new friends in the year to come. If you can't make the Open House, here are some other renewal options:

To renew and pay online with a credit card, please follow this link:

<https://enn-renewal-for-2024-25.cheddarup.com>

To print out and mail the renewal form with a check, please follow this link:

https://www.evergreennewcomers.com/uploads/1/1/2/2/112226561/enn_renewal_2023.pdf

If you are a brand-new member or have already renewed, please disregard the renewal request!

Thank you so much and we'll see you soon!

Community Outreach – Carol Goss

ENN ANNUAL FIREWOOD DRIVE

The plans are coming together for our Annual Firewood Drive to benefit Evergreen Christian Outreach's clients who depend on wood for heat throughout the winter. Evergreen Christian Outreach (EChO) champions people on their unique path from survival to success. This year we are planning a **workday on Saturday morning, September 7th**, prior to the actual pickup and delivery day on **Saturday morning, September 14th**.

We are so very grateful for the wood donations, the trucks/trailers, chain saws and the members who are willing to lift and move the wood. **Thank you so much for your support! It looks like we could deliver between 9 and 11 cords of firewood this year.** Last year we delivered somewhere between 3 ½ and 4 cords of firewood. With the increase in wood donations, **we have a desperate need for more trucks and/or trailers** to pick up and deliver the cut wood, and of course we could also use **more volunteers** who can lift and move wood. (If you have an SUV that you don't mind using to haul wood, that would help too.)

Please let us know by email (communityoutreach@evergreennewcomers.com) or log onto Cheddar Up at [ENN Wood Drive](#) to volunteer your trucks and/or trailers or other resources. Thank you for your interest in helping those in need in our community.



Last year's firewood drive.



Photos by C. Goss

ENN FALL MEAL PREP AT THE ECHO SHELTER

We are planning to freeze meals at the EChO Shelter Program (ESP) again this year. Last year's ENN teamwork was not only productive, but it was also a lot of fun! With just one morning of cooking and freezing ENN members assembled about 70 meals and we expect to do even more this year. This year we will ask for donations of homecooked meals to be brought to the shelter where ENN Members will freeze them in the Shelter's containers. After freezing the meals, participants will heat and eat a meal of their choice. Keep your eyes open for an announcement about this ESP event to donate and/or freeze meals for use throughout the shelter season. We are looking at October or November for this project this year.



Photos by L. Powers

ENN's Happy Place!



Wow! Our last Happy Hour was amazing! 39 people had a fantastic time eating, drinking, laughing and enjoying the evening.

In September, we're trying out a new location so mark your calendars. You don't want to miss this!

Tuesday, Sept. 17 Revival Brews 4-6 pm

Tuesday, Oct. 15 Wild Game 4-6 pm

Bring a friend – everyone's welcome!



Activities

By Popular Demand!

Want to make new friendships and meet ENN Newcomers and Neighbors?

Why not join a Wine Group?

New Wine Groups are forming right now due to requests from both new members and current members.

Please email
activities@evergreennewcomers.com
if you would like more information or if you would like to join a group.

CHEERS!



Photo by J. Robinson

Welcome to our new members!

Jennifer and David Culbertson

Kathleen and Harry Evans

Kathleen Sheets and Michael Bergantzel

Sue and Glenn Monk

Mary Nelson

Tom Burke

Rob Wilson and Michelle Schroeter

Antonia Lineaweaver

Elizabeth and Mike Kelly

Introduce yourself whenever you see any new members at an upcoming ENN activity.

4 x 4s – Bob Ogden & Tony Oliver, Leaders

4 x 4 GROUP HITS THE TRAILS OURAY, COLORADO

The convoy of 4x4s departed from Conifer at precisely 8:00 a.m. on Friday, August 16th for a four-day weekend in Ouray, nicknamed “Little Switzerland of America” for its “natural beauty, striking features, and alpine environment.”

The group of 10 jeeps and 22 members explored 9 trails rated from easy to difficult. Boulders, rocky terrain, and loose shale abounded along the way. The scenery on the narrow one-way shelf roads was breathtaking but also “breath stopping” for newer members not used to the very extreme drop-offs. The peaks in the area are in the 13,000-foot range and, as we headed for one peak, we passed the 12,700-foot sign, but it did not stop our climb!

The Quality Inn in the center of town served as home base, with its front deck for the daily Happy Hour, which included great hors d’oeuvres provided by the members. Dinner at local restaurants was within walking distance and we sampled different restaurants each night.

The 4x4 Group Leaders, Bob and Tony, both with years of experience on the trails, organized the weekend to perfection with every detail sent out in advance. The members only had to follow the schedule - drive, eat, and enjoy the amazing scenery! The camaraderie was over the top! A truly amazing weekend!



Photos by R. Oliver

SWAG (Savvy Women and Gals) – Marilyn Innerfeld, Leader

Hello ENN!

SWAG is a fun group that focuses on learning about our community, local businesses, and non-profits as well as other interesting topics. We always begin our meetings with refreshments and socialization, followed by that month's educational topic.

Somehow, I inexplicably lost track of the last deadline, so here is a taste of all that we have been doing for the past 3 months!



Photo by M. Innerfeld

Our wonderful guest speaker in June was **Catherine Dockery, Director of the Center for Conscious Aging**. She spoke about Emotional Circuits and how they impact our daily lives. Thanks to Laraine M. for hosting this fascinating event!

In July, we had a fun time **creating our own jewelry!** Thanks so much, Sheri M., for hosting us in your beautiful home and sharing your craft with us!! Beautiful pieces were created that day!



Photo by J. Robinson



Photo by M. Innerfeld

Our recent August meeting was at the home of Susan H., where **Debbie Sandler, a specialist in sustainability and conservation**, was quite inspiring! Thanks, Susan, for hosting this event.

Our upcoming September meeting will be at **the Phoenix Gold Mine in Idaho Springs, where we will be touring and perhaps even take a train ride as added fun**. Details yet to come, but if you are interested, do consider joining our SWAG events!

SWAG meets the third Tuesday of each month from 1-3pm. We are always seeking new ideas, new members and new energy! If you want to join our group, please email Activities@EvergreenNewcomers.com. Come and make new friends!

Motorcycles - John Griggs, Leader

The **Motorcycle Group's** July riders enjoyed breakfast at the Blackbird Cafe in Kittredge, and then elevated to the cool realms of Guanella Pass and Squaw Pass.

Our August ride will be on **Saturday, August 17**; we'll meet at the Blackbird Cafe at 8:00 for breakfast and then launch from there about 9:00.

For our September ride, we'll also meet at the Blackbird Cafe in Kittredge for breakfast at 8:00 and launch from there about 9:00. Hope to see you among us!



Photo by J. Griggs

Evening Bridge – Pat and Ralph Haines, Leaders



Photo by S. Bruggeman

Evening Bridge continues to be a favorite monthly activity for our members. August was hosted by Sandy Bruggeman. September and October will be hosted by the Greenwells and the Hills, respectively.

We are a friendly group and encourage all levels of play. We generally meet on the third Friday of the month and the host determines the optimal number of tables for playing. We can have anywhere from two to six tables, depending on capacity and interest. Our August champs were Jim Hunsaker, Joanne Hill, and Linda Kirkpatrick.

Lastly, our 2025 ENN Evening Bridge group will be co-led by volunteers Jean Wells and Joanne Hill. What fun!

Activities

To join any activity, send an email to the group leader at: activities@evergreennewcomers.com

You will be contacted by the leader.

**Piecemakers Quilting –
Sandy Illich, Leader**



Lynn took the challenge to turn a song into a quilt.

Can you guess the song?
(Hint: "She wore an ittsy, bitsy....")

What a fun quilt!

A Hand-quilted work of art by Tricia.



You can almost feel the aspen leaves quivering in Cassie's quilt!



A People's Comforter design by Tricia.



Two more heart-felt beauties by Lynn.

A Book for Every Reader!

Nonfiction Book Club – Lora Mazza, Leader



At our latest meeting of the Non-Fiction Book Group, we discussed ***Lawrence in Arabia: War, Deceit, Imperial Folly and the Making of the Modern Middle East*** by Scott Anderson. We meet on the first Wednesday of the month at 7 pm. Join us!

Lend-A-Book – Lisa Everett, Leader

One of the great things about our Lend-a-Book gatherings is that you never know what kinds of books our members will share! At our last meeting, the choices included historical fiction, psychological thrillers, fantasy, memoir, mystery, romance and science fiction – wow! Thanks to Judy G. for hosting!



Credit: Canva Graphics

Book Club 2 – Jan Cryns, Leader

Our group met in July to discuss ***The Secret Book of Flora Lee*** by Patti Callahan Henry. It's about a secret world invented by Hazel to entertain and distract her sister Flora Lee from their separation from their mother during the London evacuations of WWII. Flora had disappeared and was presumed dead when a book is published with the details of Flora's secret world. Is Flora still alive? Can Hazel find her? Or had the story been told to another person now publishing her world?

Our meeting in August took place at the Evergreen Community Garden at Buchanan. In this lovely setting we discussed ***Running with Sherman*** by Christopher McDougall, a heartwarming nonfiction book about the rehabilitation and training of a neglected donkey to run in the World Championship pack burro races in Fairplay.

Our next books are ***The River of Gods*** by Candice Millard – a nonfiction book about finding the Nile River's headwaters in the 19th century - and ***The Women*** by Kristin Hannah which is about one woman's experience with the Viet Nam war and return to life after it, celebrating unsung women's courage and commitment to our country in those volatile times.

Gals' Golf - Katy Lynch, Leader

This year has been a big change for making tee times at Evergreen Golf Course.

Now, we have to make tee times via the Internet with Denver Golf and not with Evergreen Golf. Whoever has a Loyalty Pass (\$40) with Denver Golf may book for four people up to 2 weeks before or after the date we play on a Wednesday. Otherwise, if you do not have a Loyalty Pass, you can book a week or less ahead depending on if the time you want is available. So far, only fairly good.....seems to be smoothing out some. Hopefully Denver Golf will improve on this method of playing at their courses, including Evergreen. Check Denver Golf site for detailed information.

Otherwise, it's been great playing together this year. Now we look forward to seeing, and hearing the bugling of the elk, and seeing the fall colors until our final day, probably in October! Enjoy!

Gals' Breakfast – Louise Whiteside, Leader

For our July Gals' Breakfast, our group met on Friday, July 26, at the Cow Eatery, located in Morrison, CO. Five ladies were present for a delicious breakfast and much lively conversation. We look forward to its sister restaurant opening in downtown Evergreen!

Our August breakfast was held on Friday, August 30, at a new location for us – The Ranch on Colfax Avenue in Lakewood.

New members are invited to join us for our monthly breakfasts at varying locations. Come and enjoy fun and fellowship in a relaxed setting with old and new friends.

ENN ShutterBugs – Marko Ginsberg, Leader

The **ShutterBugs** activity group is all about digital photography in and around Evergreen. While we are having fun taking images, we are also improving our photographic skills. The group meets twice a month: on the first Friday for a photo shoot, and on the third Friday for sharing our images and discussing photography.

We are a diverse group in skill levels and backgrounds and approach our art from many different perspectives. Our diversity is one of the key factors in how we learn from each other. It's great to see different approaches to the same subject.

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ENN Shutterbugs (continued)

In August we introduced a new activity – performing a common task. Our first common task was “Post Processing”. We all started with the same image and used our photo editing software to make the image our own. Here are some of our results:

Modified Images

(all images by Shutterbugs members)



Original Image



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ENN ACTIVITY GROUPS

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Activity	Leaders	Schedule
4 X 4	Bob Ogden Tony Oliver	Various Saturdays & occasional mid-week day trips; long weekend trips (Seasonal)
Book Group #2	Jan Cryns	Third Thursday, 1 PM
Book Group #3 (non-fiction / co-ed)	Lora Mazza	1st Wednesday, 7 PM
Bowling	Lisa Morton	1st Tuesday, 6:30 PM
Bridge Daytime	Sue Greenwell	2nd & 4th Thursday, 12 Noon
Bridge Evening	Jean Wells & Joanne Hill	3rd Friday
Canasta	Donna Lomax	2nd & 4th Wednesday, 1-3:30 PM
Gals' Breakfast	Louise Whiteside	Last Friday, 10:00 AM
Guys' Breakfast	Kevin Kerr	2nd Tuesday, 8:30 AM
International ENN	Wes & Kate Brooks	Dates/Times vary
Ladies Golf	Katy Lynch	Wednesday (seasonal)
Lend-A-Book	Lisa Everett	3rd Monday, 9:30 AM
Mah Jongg (evening)	Simone Simpson	Mondays, 6:30 PM
Mah Jongg (daytime)	Mindy Nitkin	Fridays, 10 AM - Noon
Motorcycles	John Griggs	Various Saturdays (seasonal)
Needlework	Sheri Matz	1st Monday, 10 AM
Piecemakers Quilting	Sandy Illich	2nd & 4th Monday, 10 AM
Poker Night	Rose Warren	Dates/Times vary
Shutterbugs	Marko Ginsberg	1st & 3rd Friday Mornings
Ski Group (IKON)	Pam Talley	Tuesdays or Thursdays (Seasonal)
SWAG (Savvy Women and Gals)	Marilyn Innerfeld	3rd Tuesday, 1 PM - 3 PM
Sporting Clays	Alan Palestine	3rd or 4th Tuesday
Summer Hiking Group (SHG)	Debbie Atwood, Don Rosenthal	Thursday Mornings; May-October
SOLO Winers & Diners	Donna Lomax	Monthly - dates/times vary
Les Degustateurs	Carrie Garczynski	1st Saturday evening, Alternate Months
Wine Tasting	John Sharp	Multiple Social Groups - 3rd Saturday evening