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Upcoming Events

Happy Hour

May 20 4-6 p.m.
Genessee Pub & BBQ

Happy Hour

June 17 4-6 p.m.
Evermore Wine Bar & Café

Summer Picnic and Leader Appreciation Event

June 22 4-7 p.m.
Marshdale Park
(complete details on page 3!)



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AND NEIGHBORS

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Next Newsletter Deadline:
June 20th for Group Recaps
and June/July
Newsletter information.

A big shout out to our partners in the hugely successful ENN Food Drive! Read all about it on page 4.



President's Message

From Mike Ferrari



Hello fellow newcomers and neighbors!

On April 12, ENN held its annual food drive. In the last newsletter we set as a goal to deliver 500 pounds of food to the EChO Food Pantry. Guess what? We nearly quadrupled that number delivering 1907 pounds, plus over \$900 in cash. Evidently, we are not just a welcoming group but a generous one.

I thank you, EChO thanks you, and the community will thank you, too. No one expected this turnout, and I am proud to live in a place like Evergreen.

Come one, come all to the **ENN Summer Picnic and Group Leader Appreciation** on Sunday, June 22 from 4-7pm at Marshdale Park! The price is only \$25 which is not bad for all-you-can-eat-and-drink. Group Leaders and children under 12 are FREE! We have games planned plus a special dessert treat 😊

More important, please come and help thank our hard-working Group Leaders who keep our club functioning. They are truly “where the rubber meets the road,” and we cannot thank them enough. It will also be a great opportunity to meet the incoming Board, not to mention that we will have a ton of fun!

See you on June 22!

Mike

ENN's mission is to provide opportunities for its members to meet others through social events, activities, and nonprofit community involvement..

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.

**Programs & Socials –
Donna Lomax**

*How about some Fun in the Sun?
Hope to see you there!*



Summer Picnic and Group Leader Appreciation

Sunday, June 22, 2025, 4 to 7 PM

Venue:

- ❖ Marshdale Park, 6979 S Ocelot Trail, Evergreen, CO
- ❖ Behind Marshdale Elementary school, and has plenty of parking
- ❖ BYOC – Bring Your Own Chair, seating is limited

Come Join the Fun:

- ❖ Pickleball (four courts reserved for our event) and other yard games for your enjoyment, or you can just enjoy the company of friends
- ❖ Come and thank your hard-working Activity Leaders!

Menu:

- ❖ Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Chicken Tenders and Black Bean Burgers (vegetarian)
- ❖ Cole Slaw, Pasta Salad, Baked Beans, Chips
- ❖ Beer, Wine, Soft Drinks, and Water will be provided
- ❖ Dessert

Cost:

- ❖ \$25 per person for members and each of their guests
- ❖ ONLY kids 12 and under and Activity Group Leaders are free; however, EVERYONE needs to register in advance so we have a headcount for food
- ❖ All food and drink will be provided, so leave your wallet at home
- ❖ All reservations must be made in Cheddar Up and the DEADLINE is Wednesday, June 18

See Link Below to Register

Contact Donna Lomax at
programsandsocials@evergreennewcomers.com if you have any
questions or special requests

To register, go to [ENN PICNIC REGISTRATION](#).

Community Outreach – Bob Lally



Photos by R. Lally

ENN Gives Back!

Our ENN Food Drive on Saturday, April 12th was a huge success!

ENN delivered over 1,907 lbs. of much-needed food and over \$900 in cash! In addition, I counted over 100 volunteer hours to pull off this food drive.

I want to say thank you to our team leads at the 3 locations: Rebecca Balentine, Katie Lally and Lisa Thoennes.

And a big shout out to our great ENN Volunteers: Carol Goss, Tricia Wilson, Mike Ferrari, Paul and Laura Santana (with their 1950s vintage truck), Katie Lally, Rebecca Balentine, Lisa Thoennes, Jo Robinson, Jaime Dirr and her 10-year-old son - Maddox, Gary Sloan, Michael Foley, Ray Trevisan, Royce Kerr, and Chris Schmenk.

In addition, thank you to Sandy Illich, Jo Robinson, and Lisa Thoennes for their collective efforts on designing flyers and posters, and reaching out to ENN members and our Evergreen community.

Again, great job and thanks to all!



**Community Outreach –
continued**

In honor of Evergreen's 150th Anniversary, the Chamber of Commerce has put together some great events. Check them out and learn about our community's fascinating history!

<div> <div> Sacred Spaces <i>in Evergreen, CO</i> </div> <div>  </div> </div> <p>a series of community events celebrating sacred histories in Evergreen. For more information about individual events, please visit EvergreenChamber.org</p>		
DATE	TOPIC	MEETING LOCATION
March 1	North Evergreen / Evergreen Fire Rescue / Tribal History of Evergreen	Evergreen Fire Rescue Admin Building on Bergen Parkway
April 5	Downtown Evergreen	Walking tour from The Evergreen Gallery to Highland Haven
May 3	Dedisse Park / Evergreen Lake	Evergreen Lake Warming Hut
June 7	Bear Creek Cemetery	Bear Creek Cemetery
July 5	Congregation Beth Evergreen and the Open Sky Amphitheater	Congregation Beth Evergreen
August 2	Hiwan Homestead Museum and The Grove, Ice Cream Social	Hiwan Homestead Museum
September 6	Church of the Transfiguration / Labrynth / Center Stage / Lariat Lodge	Walking tour starting at Church of the Transfiguration
October 4	Buffalo Park School / Wilmot House / Native Plants	Wilmot Elementary School

New Members

Carl Abramson

Sally Richards

William Nickey

Belinda Aber

Shelley Chandhok

Denice Duffy

Virginia Usher

Mark & Sue Ellis

Carrie Oltsmanns

Take a minute and introduce yourself whenever you see any new members at an upcoming ENN activity.

ACTIVITIES – John Sharp and Chris Schmenk, Co-Chairs

READY TO TRY A NEW ACTIVITY???

MEMBERS WANTED

Two Mellow Hikers Groups: Saturday AM or Thursday PM

FINALLY, a weekend and evening activity!

Love to get outside, enjoy nature, and get some exercise? We're starting **two Mellow Hikers groups**, on the 2nd Saturday of each month at 9 am and the 4th Thursday at 5:30 pm!

- The leader of the Saturday morning hike will be Jen Delacruz and the leaders of the Thursday evening hike will be Mary and Phil Hudson;
- Hikes will be geared toward those with moderate fitness levels looking for a good but not overly-strenuous workout and
- Hikes will range from 2-4 miles in length and elevation changes will typically be 250-500 feet. Hikes mainly will be in the Evergreen/Conifer areas and will be suitable for most members.

If you are ready to join one or both new groups, please let us know at:

Activities@Evergreennewcomers.com

BIKING

Let's bring back **"BIKE WITH US"** - a former ENN Activity. Requests have been received for a road biking Group. The Members and the Group Leader will select the routes and distance. Suggested - 10-mile rides.

BOARD GAMES & CRIBBAGE

Board games and cribbage activity increased about 20% during Covid. The interest continues. Multiple opportunities for fun evenings with a variety of games.

New Activity Groups Continued:

MEN'S GOLF: LEADER AND MEMBERS WANTED!

Are you interested in men's daytime golf and willing to either lead or join this group? If so, let us know! This new group can decide how it operates, but like the Ladies Golf, it could play weekly on a set day and time at a local public course.

RESTAURANT WINE GROUP

ENN has a history of dining Groups. Some Members have suggested a Restaurant Wine Group as opposed to the current Wine Groups hosted in Members' homes. In addition to Evergreen, the Group would include Denver area restaurants. Probably a smaller Group meeting in alternate months. Currently 121 ENN Members participate in 8 hosted Wine Groups.

JAZZ APPRECIATION

Any Jazz fans out there? Are you interested in participating in a Jazz Appreciation group with monthly evening meetings to listen to, and appreciate, some great jazz? The suggested format is a small group of 10 to 15 members meeting at host homes. Let us know and we will make it happen. Small groups would be ideal.

Chris and John are waiting to hear from YOU!

Activities

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

You will be contacted by the leader.

IKON Ski Group –
Pam Talley, Leader

ACTIVITY GROUPS



The Ikon group had a fun season with some new folks joining our regular crew. The last official outing was 4/15 though some folks got out for warm blue bird days a little later. See you next year!



Photos by P. Talley

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

Hello ENN!

Wonderful news! As the SWAG group continues to grow, we now have co-leaders to help plan for the monthly events. Welcome Barb Conroy, a long-time ENN and SWAG member, who will be joining me (Marilyn Innerfeld) as we move through 2025/2026 and continue making interesting, informative, and fun meetings for our members. Thanks, Barb, for helping ensure that SWAG continues to thrive!

March's meeting offered us an opportunity to create our own **Vision Boards**! Lori Chaiken, a SWAG member and a clinical art therapist, offered her guidance and hospitality, and thanks as well to Chris Lenick who helped provide refreshments. Unfortunately, I was so involved in this project and looking at the others, I forgot to take photos! But trust me, it was a great event.



*Barb introduces Jess Moore
of the EFPD.*



Do you know what to do??



We had lots of questions and got good answers!

Our topic for April couldn't have been timelier and more important! We met at the **Evergreen Fire Protection District**. Our speaker was Jess Moore, the Wildland Fire Coordinator for Evergreen Fire and Rescue. We got the latest updates on fire prevention and mitigation activities in our area as well as the community plan. Thanks to Barb Conroy for hosting the meeting, and to Lori Mann and Jo Robinson for assisting with refreshments.

SWAG meets the third Tuesday of each month from 1-3 pm. 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!

Blue Sky Quilters – Sandy Illich, Leader

In April, the Blue Sky Quilters got together for a three-day Quilt-a-thon at Linda Bolinger's house. We had lots of laughs and good times with friends, all while getting a lot of sewing done. Thanks so much, Linda!



Lend-A-Book - Lisa Everett, Leader



Wow! We had a plethora of books to pick from at our April meeting! Thanks for hosting, Lisa.

Our meeting days in March and April coincided with St Patrick's Day and Easter Monday. Not one leprechaun or rabbit book plot made the cut, but lots of great titles were shared and borrowed!

Lend-a-Book meets the third Monday of the month at 10:00 a.m. We're an easy-going, "nontraditional" book club that exchanges books from many different genres, and enjoys time spent with friends.

Photo by L. Everett

Literally Amazing Book Club - Jan Cryns, Leader



As our group keeps growing, we've had to move our meetings out of member's homes!

In March, we met at the Evergreen Lutheran Church to discuss ***The Invisible Life of Addie La Rue*** by V.R. Schwab. It's the story of a woman who makes a deal with the devil and spends centuries resisting giving up her soul.

In April, we met at the Evergreen Library and discussed ***Beartown*** by Fredrik Backman. It is a story of a declining town placing its hopes for revival on their junior hockey team, which could make it all the way to nationals.

Our next book to be discussed will be ***The Sweetness of Water*** by Nathan Harris.

Photo by J. Cryns



Non-fiction Book Club – Lora Mazza, Leader

The Non-Fiction Book Group is always interested in learning about history, current events, science, etc. Join us the first Wednesday of each month at 7:00 pm for lively discussion. At our next meeting, May 7, we will talk about ***Nature, Culture, and Inequality*** by Thomas Piketty.

Our discussions are always lively and draw from a wide breadth of experience. If you would like to join us, please contact Activities@EvergreenNewcomers.com.

Photo by L. Mazza

Guys' Breakfast – Kevin Kerr, Leader

The Guys' Breakfast Group meets on the second Tuesday each month, rotating to several area restaurants. We have added several new members and would love to have more. We meet for breakfast and conversation, no programs – just a good time. If you're interested, please sign up.

Motorcycle Group - John Griggs, Leader

Shake that snow off! The Motorcycle Group is finally beginning to stir. Our first ride of the year will be Saturday, May 17. We'll meet at the Blackbird Cafe in Kittredge at 9:00 for breakfast and then launch from there for a ride.



Photo by J. Griggs

Gals' Breakfast – Lousie Whiteside, Leader

Our Gals' Breakfast group met in March at the Evergreen Bread Lounge. Thirteen ladies were present for a delicious breakfast and an all-around fun gathering.

We went to the Aspen Perk Café in Conifer for our April meet up.



New members are invited to join us for breakfast on the last Friday of each month at varying restaurants in Evergreen and the Denver metropolitan area.

Photo by J. Robinson

WINE GROUPS

ENN members appreciate a good bottle of wine and enjoy the good company of fellow members! Here is a listing of the current ENN Wine Groups:

Corkscrews	Donn & Cassie Fishbein	3rd Saturday
Guzzlers	Roger & Sheri Matz	3rd Saturday
In Vino Veritas	Bob Fudge	3rd Saturday
Les Dégustateurs	Carrie Garczynski	1st Saturday (alt. mos.)
The Screwtops	Jen Delacruz	2nd Saturday
SOLO Winers & Diners	Donna Lomax	1st Saturday
Uncorked	Ray Trevisan	2nd Saturday
Winos	Colette Lambert	3rd Saturday

If you are interested in joining a wine group, contact

Activities@EvergreenNewcomers.com

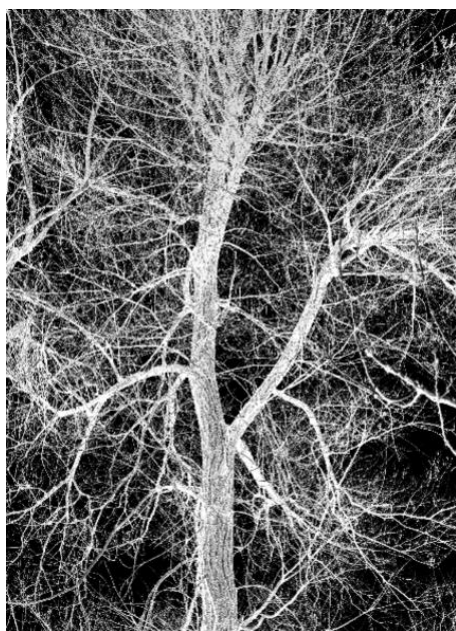
ShutterBugs – Marko Ginsberg, Leader

The ShutterBugs activity group has three main activities each month: “The Shoot” where we all go out together and take pictures at the same location; “The Monthly Challenge” is an individual activity in which we all take the same kind of pictures or do the same kind of post processing; and “The Sharing Meeting” at which we bring and share our images from the month’s activities.

The Shoot this month took place along Clear Creek in the town of Golden and the Monthly Challenge was to reprocess/restore an old image. Here are some of the images that members brought to the Sharing Meeting.



ShutterBugs, continued





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ENN ACTIVITY GROUPS		
Activity	Leaders	Schedule
4 X 4	Bob Ogden & Tony Oliver	Various Saturdays & occasional mid-week day trips; long weekend trips (Seasonal)
Blue Sky Quilters	Sandy Illich	2nd & 4th Monday, 10 AM
Bowling	Lisa Morton	1st Tuesday, 6:30 PM
Bridge Daytime		
Bridge Evening	Jean Wells & Joanne Hill	3rd Friday Evening
Canasta	Donna Lomax	2nd & 4th Wednesday, 1-3:30 PM
Easy Walkers	Annie Ginsberg	2nd Wednesday, 9 AM
Euchre	Chris Schmenk	
Gals' Breakfast	Louise Whiteside	Last Friday, 10 AM
Guys' Breakfast	Kevin Kerr	2nd Tuesday, 8:30 AM
Happy Hour	Riley Hanback	3rd Tuesday, 4 – 6 PM
International ENN	Wes & Kate Brooks	3rd Thursday, 5:30 PM
Ladies Golf	Katy Lynch	Wednesday (seasonal)
Lend-A-Book	Lisa Everett	3rd Monday, 10 AM
Literally Amazing Book Club	Jan Cryns	3rd Thursday, 1 PM
Mah Jongg (daytime)	Mindy Nitkin	Fridays, 10 AM - Noon
Mah Jongg (evening)	Simone Simpson	Mondays, 6:30 PM
Motorcycles	John Griggs	Various Saturdays (seasonal)
Needlework	Sheri Matz	1st Monday, 10 AM
Nonfiction Book Club	Lora Mazza	1st Wednesday, 7 PM
Poker Night	Rose and John Warren	Fridays, Monthly
Shutterbugs	Marko Ginsberg	1st & 3rd Friday Mornings
Ski Group (EPIC)	Rob Wilson	Thursdays (Seasonal)
Ski Group (IKON)	Pam Talley	Tuesdays (Seasonal)
Ski Group (Loveland)	Hap Bruce	Monday (Seasonal)
Sporting Clays	Alan Palestine	3rd or 4th Tuesday
Summer Hiking Group (SHG)	Debbie Atwood, Don Rosenthal	Thursday Mornings; May-October
SWAG (Savvy Women and Gals)	Marilyn Innerfeld	3rd Tuesday, 1 PM - 3 PM
Wine Groups (8)	See listing on page 12	1st, 2nd, & 3rd Saturdays

Current ENN Membership is required for participation in any activity.