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# NEWSLETTER

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ENN is open to all residents of the Evergreen area, regardless of length of residency. ENN's mission is to provide opportunities for its members to meet others through social events and activity groups.

All activity groups are listed on page 11 of this newsletter.



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

## WELCOME 😊 NEW 😊 MEMBERS

Our October Kickoff Coffee brought many new neighbors and here they are!

**Conn Barrow & Rebecca Rutherford   John & Barbara Fitzrandolph**  
**John Flocks   Theresa Fox (returning)   Fayanne Hooning**  
**Stephen & Dianne Prowse   William Smallshaw & Lisa Morton**  
**Louis (LG) and Kitty Scrogum   Beverly Vanderlugt   Christine Whelan**  
**Lisa Winn   Paul & Laura Santana**

### IMPORTANT DATES:

**Holiday Party RSVP date Friday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>**  
**Holiday Party Tuesday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>**

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

John Dunlop

Welcome To Winter!

If you weren't able to attend the **Kickoff Koffee on September 28<sup>th</sup>**, you missed a fun time! Many existing members stopped by and we had quite a few people come in to find out more about ENN and join. Big kudos to **Frank McVeigh and Laurie Limbert** for all the work they did to make the Kickoff Koffee a big success!



There are **two new activity groups** that will be starting up soon. One focused on **international travel and living abroad** and the other is a **Mahjong group that will meet during the day**. Frank McVeigh has included information on page 3.

November and December are busy months for celebrating holidays with family and friends. **ENN's annual Holiday Dinner Party will be Tuesday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Bistro at Marshdale.** (see page 13) Sylvia Stafford and Riley Hanback are coordinating this event. An email with all the reservation details was sent out in late October. If you did not receive it or have questions, please contact one of them. In the past, ENN has used money collected from all the members' dues to subsidize the cost of the Summer Party and the Holiday Dinner Party. This year the board decided to discontinue that policy. The board felt that money collected from all the members should not be used to subsidize events that all members cannot attend.

Last but not least, **we are looking for members to serve on the 2020 / 2021 ENN Board.** If you are interested, please contact Maureen Taillon at [nominating@evergreennewcomers.com](mailto:nominating@evergreennewcomers.com).

Enjoy the winter weather and Happy Holidays! John

## 2019 KICKOFF KOFFEE

Frank McVeigh

September 28<sup>th</sup> was a great day for ENN in many different ways. Our wonderful Activity Groups got the opportunity to showcase their groups and fun events, and to answer lots of questions from more than 50 current and new ENN members.

The Activity Group leaders got a grand total of **158 sign-ups** from interested members. Several signing up for more than one activity. FANTASTIC! Many members and Activity Leaders expressed approval of the change of date and venue from August to September in the front meeting space at Evergreen Fire & Rescue.



The ENN Board received some very valuable feedback from the surveys completed. And **CONGRATULATIONS to Donna Lomax, our door prize winner of a free one-year ENN membership.**

Some non-members came to learn about ENN and its Activities, and ending up joining the club. Several members took advantage of the opportunity to renew their memberships (save-a- stamp), while visiting socially with other members, saying hello to ENN friends, and inquiring about many activities. Most members came to learn more about the Activity Groups offered by ENN.

Next year, tell your friends and neighbors, and encourage them to come with you to the Kickoff! It's a fun morning, and worth your time!

# ACTIVITIES

## MAH JONGG: Daytime

Wednesdays 10am-12noon

**Leader:** Mindy Nitkin

[Activities@EvergreenNewcomers.com](mailto:Activities@EvergreenNewcomers.com)

**Mah Jongg** is a tile based game that was developed in China during the Qing Dynasty. Similar to the Western card game Gin Rummy, Mah Jongg is a game of skill, strategy, and calculation but also involves a degree of chance.

The game is played with a set of 144 tiles based on Chinese characters and symbols. In most variations, each player begins by receiving 13 tiles. In turn players draw and discard tiles until they complete a legal hand. In North America, legal hands are created annually by the National Mah Jongg League. Cards are available annually for \$9 for large print card, \$8 for smaller card.

**ALL ARE WELCOME!** The leader has been playing Mah Jongg for about 5 years and is happy to both teach the game to new players and coordinate a weekly game for veteran players. Please email if you have an interest in joining the group.



**2019 Standard Card**

## INTERNATIONAL ENN: Meetings TBD

**Leaders:** Wes & Kate Brooks  
[Activities@EvergreenNewcomers.com](mailto:Activities@EvergreenNewcomers.com)

In addition to sharing our Evergreen lives, a number of ENN members have spent significant time traveling or living overseas. Often such experience has made an impact on us that we enjoy sharing with others with similar exposure. Therefore, the purpose of “**International ENN**” is to create a vehicle within ENN to help those like us find each other, and learn from and enjoy each other through monthly or bi-monthly social gatherings.



Since regions are often best represented by their food and beverage, group members will rotate hosting an evening that will feature dishes from their travels to a specific region or country. To spread the fun and burden of preparation, hosts and guests will be asked to bring examples of food and/or drink from the subject region. If successful, discussion about the region will easily follow to help create rich exchanges.

It is the experience of ENN that such groups function well with up to about a dozen members or member couples. To establish International ENN, we are seeking interest from about a dozen of us, and if the numbers exceed this start-up quota, we can easily create a second or more chapters.

The initial organizers of International ENN are Wes & Kate Brooks who spent much of their professional lives in and around Asia and Australasia. They retired to Evergreen in 2017, with two of their three children making their own careers in Denver.

If interested, please email us and we will get in touch with you.



## MOTORCYCLES

John Griggs

The Motorcycle Group had a good ride on Oct 5th -- breakfast at Dandelions Cafe, then back roads to Georgetown, over Guanella Pass to do some early leaf peeping, and then, wouldn't you know it, down Hwy 126 to have lunch at Buck Snort. On Saturday, October 12th We met at Dandelions Cafe and had our last ride of the season.

**We are officially on vacation. Here is why.....Winter has arrived!**



## LADIES INTERMEDIATE GOLF

Katy Lynch

"Last hurrah for ladies' golf...sans snow!" Photos courtesy of Carrie Garczynski

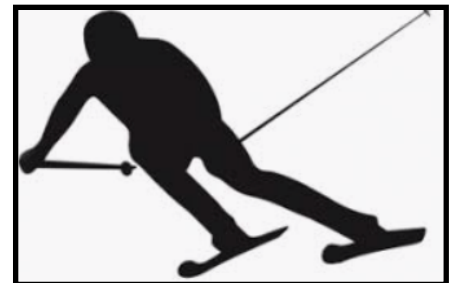


## BLACK DIAMOND SKIING

John Illich

Time to start thinking of going skiing. Hope to get out early and often to **either IKON or EPIC places for mid-week trips**. A Basin, Keystone and Loveland are open with others clicking in soon. This group makes ad hoc appointments by random emails between members to prompt an outing. You don't have to be an olympic athlete. Just have equipment and ambition to ski. I highly recommend early season outings to get your legs and equipment together so you are in shape for prime time.

Contact me for details - [Activities@EvergreenNewcomers.com](mailto:Activities@EvergreenNewcomers.com)



## HOW TO CONTACT ACTIVITY LEADERS

from the Board

Because of an earlier security breach resulting in several activity leaders receiving emails from inappropriate sources, the ENN Board decided not to publish in the newsletter any personal emails for activity leaders or board members for security reasons. You may contact any activity leader by using the ENN email [Activities@EvergreenNewcomers.com](mailto:Activities@EvergreenNewcomers.com). Activity leaders may continue to communicate with their group members internally using personal contacts. That is their choice. Should members wish to communicate by phone with activity leaders they can refer to the ENN directory.

## SUMMER HIKING GROUP (SHG)

Don Rosenthal and Craig Gardner

<https://sites.google.com/view/shg123/home>

9/6 Pavillion Point, Randy Labac  
9/13 Butler Gulch Trail, Kevin Callaghan  
9/20 Wheeler lakes, Don Rosenthal  
9/27 Kenosha Pass, Joe & Sandy Glasmire  
10/4 Squaretop Lakes, Don Rosenthal  
10/9 Kenosha Pass, Don Rosenthal  
10/18 Hicks Mountain, Gene & Sue Daley  
Last hike Nov 1



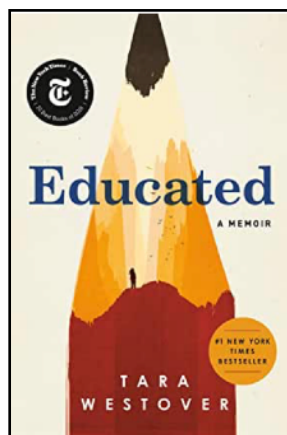
## NON-FICTION BOOK GROUP

Elaine Morse

**Nov 12**

**Educated: A Memoir by Tara Westover**

**Hostess Donald and Jeanne Rohner**



## LEND A BOOK

Marion Dries



We lend books that we recommend to the group with no date of return. After the member gives a brief synopsis of a book, anyone may "borrow" it and return when finished. All this give-and-take is recorded by your Lend-a-Book coordinator. If you would like to join us, we meet on the 3rd Monday of the month at 9:30 AM.



## BOOK GROUP 2

Jan Cryns

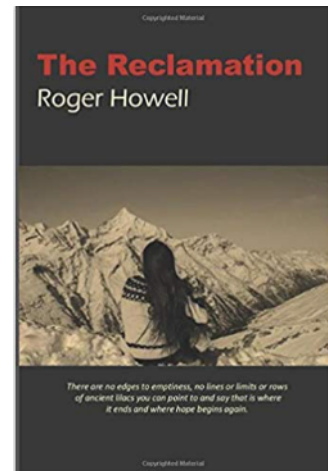
September 19th, Book Club #2 met at the home of Sandy Illich to discuss "**Cutting for Stone**" by Abraham Verghese.

At our October 17th meeting, hosted by Barbara FitzRandolph, we discussed "**Eleanor Oliphant is Completely Fine**" by Gail Honeyman, a humorous and uplifting story of a young woman navigating life and love.



In November we will discuss "**The Reclamation**" by Roger Howell. (Kit Brown-Hoekstra has arranged to have the author join us!)

In December, instead of reading and discussing a book we will have a holiday gathering and book exchange. Bring a wrapped book you loved for the occasion.



## EVENING BRIDGE

Pat Haines

ENN Evening Bridge for **October** was hosted by **Lana & Tim Sooter**. We had 3 tables and their trusty pooches Newton & Darwin added to the festivities. Top scorers were Tim Sooter and Pat Haines - lucky, lucky.....

Our 3rd Friday, **November 15** outing will be hosted by **JoAnn and Dick Hill**. Kathleen Traynor to help coordinate as the normal trusty administrator, Pat Haines, will be off to China that month!

Lastly, our save-the-date for **our annual Dinner & Bridge holiday buffet is Dec. 13, hosted by Pat & Ralph Haines**.

As usual, invites to these activities are emailed the first of each month and subsequent attendees are confirmed shortly thereafter.

Typical of this generous and warm-hearted group, we have 10 of the 12 hosts for 2020 *already scheduled* for yet another good year of "Friday Night" frivolity!



## SERENDIPITY 2.0

Carol Hanback

This enthusiastic group of “GO-ers & DO-ers” attends various performances/exhibits/activities in our Metro area via CARPOOLS, taking advantage of special DISCOUNTED TICKET RATES arranged for us. Dates & times of our monthly get-togethers vary according to venue schedules. Everyone enjoys themselves and have the experiences of new adventures. Come and see for yourself! All ENN MEMBERS are welcome to join our activities with a reservation. To RSVP or obtain further details about our November / December activities contact Carol Hanback at [Activities@EvergreenNewcomers.com](mailto:Activities@EvergreenNewcomers.com)

In October we enjoyed two events: First, attending the **Evergreen Chamber Orchestra's Season Opener** in a “packed house” on a Sunday afternoon featuring a clarinet solo performance by Evergreen resident & former Chamber Orchestra coach Gregory Dufford.

A week after opening at the **Denver Art Museum**, a large group attended the **Monet Exhibit** of 120 paintings. This exhibit is exclusive to Denver. It's been 20 years since the great Impressionist artist Monet was last exhibited in the Mile High city.



We celebrated the end of summer by taking a **trail ride through Bear Mountain Open Space** on an exquisitely beautiful day in September. After we got our “walking legs” back, we enjoyed a yummy lunch at Brooks Tavern, Conifer and are looking forward to future rides in the Spring!



On NOVEMBER 17<sup>th</sup> we will attend the 7:00PM evening performance of the **EVERGREEN CHAMBER ORCHESTRA'S FALL CONCERT** featuring keynote VIOLA solos by WANDA BECK, Principal Violist & long-time Evergreen resident. A post concert reception will be held on site, where we can meet the musicians & visit. 50% DISCOUNT TICKETS are available for our group. We thank them for their generosity as well as their talent!

**Being a holiday month, there are two incredible events to attend in DECEMBER! Mark your calendars now for:**



DECEMBER 6<sup>th</sup> - We'll attend **ST CATHERINE'S GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH 'TABLES EXTRAORDINAIRE'** event at 10:00AM. 40+ breathtaking tables dressed for luxurious holiday entertaining are exhibited in an elegant surrounding. Tickets are \$15.00 p/p. Admission available at the door. Refreshments of tea and Greek pastries available for a separate fee. Carpool available. Advance pastry orders & online ticket purchases coming soon at [tablesextraordinaire.com](http://tablesextraordinaire.com).

DECEMBER 12, - **BOETTCHER MANSION GOVERNOR'S RESIDENCE HOLIDAY TOUR** - FREE, 10:00 a.m.. Reservations NOT taken for this beautiful display created by various design studios in 6 rooms: The Grand Hall, Drawing Room, State Dining Room, Governor's Room/Bar, Palm Room breakfast area & Well Room indoor swimming. Carpool available. Photos coming soon at [coloradoshome.org](http://coloradoshome.org).



## LES DEGUSTATEURS - FINE WINE

Les Degustateurs fine wine group gathered for their September dinner at the home of Carrie Garczynski. Carrie served unique and extraordinary wines from Spain, including Txacoli, Godello, Rioja, Taganan Tinto, and Sherry. Carrie is pictured here pouring Txacoli (pronounced Chacoli), a slightly sparkling, very dry white [wine](#) with high acidity and low alcohol content produced in the [Spanish](#) provinces of the [Basque Country](#), [Cantabria](#) and northern [Burgos](#). Pouring wine from high above the glass creates wonderful effervescence and helps to release aromas in the wine.

The Spanish wines were served with delicious charcuterie, crab crostini, steamed fish and potatoes.

Les Degustateurs meet every other month to enjoy and become educated on fine wines from around the world. During 2019, the group has enjoyed wines from France, Portugal, and Italy, and done cross tastings of varietals like Pinot Noir and Bordeaux blends to compare and contrast the same wine from different winemaking regions.

Pat Williamson



## GAL'S BREAKFAST

Louise Whiteside

In September we enjoyed breakfast at LePeep Restaurant in Lakewood. The October get-together at the French Press in Belmar at Lakewood was postponed due to weather, and rescheduled for October 31<sup>st</sup>. We may enjoy our November and December breakfasts on a cold-weather schedule, meeting closer to Evergreen at such restaurants as D.W.'s 285 Diner or Wildflower Cafe. New (and older) members are invited to join us once a month for a great breakfast and a fun way to start the day!



## GUY'S BREAKFAST

John Dunlop



The ENN Guys Breakfast is the second Tuesday or Wednesday of each month. We gather at 8:30 AM at the designated location for a good meal and lots of "guy" talk. Usually, by 9:45 we are done and ready to take on the day.

September and October found the guys enjoying breakfast at The Country Road Café in Kittredge! This is always a popular spot with the guys and no one goes away hungry!

In November and December the guys will most likely be enjoying breakfast at DW's 285 Diner in Conifer.



## SWAG (Savvy Women and Gals)

Carol Goss & Harriet Sear

On September 23<sup>rd</sup> we met at the home of **Donna Lomax**. **Barb Conroy** presented her very interesting mini-bio. **Cindy Latham** facilitated a compelling screen presentation about the need for **fire mitigation in the Evergreen area**. She shared a video made by a woman as she drove her family through the fire in Paradise, CA to get them to safety.

There are frightening parallels between the Paradise community and our own.

We too, have very limited exits if there is a need to evacuate. We are not prepared to fight or prevent the spread of fires and, historically, we are long overdue for a major fire. Evergreen is at the top of the list for fire risk in Colorado and in the Nation. The presentation

revealed our need to make evacuation plans in case of fire and our urgent need to do what we can to prevent a fire. Thank you Donna, Barb and Cindy for making this meeting so meaningful.



Here is a link to **The Wildland Fire Action Guide** prepared by the Internat'l Assn of Fire Chiefs, the USDA Forest Service, US Dept of Interior and the US Fire Administration: [www.wildlandfireRSG.org](http://www.wildlandfireRSG.org). Sign up for **CodeRED warnings** at: <https://public.coderedweb.com/CNE/en-US/655AC5D55998>

Unfortunately our October 28<sup>th</sup> meeting was canceled due to unsafe snow driving conditions. Thank you to **Barb Conroy** for planning this meeting and to **Laraine Meyers** whose mini-bio was postponed. Barb plans to, again, arrange for the **Mindfulness-based Stress Reduction presentation** when she hosts her scheduled meeting later next year.



The November meeting of SWAG will take place at the home of **Simone Simpson**. **Kate McCollum** will present her mini-bio. **The Evergreen Shelter Program** will present information about their mission to provide shelter, a hot meal and compassionate interaction to individuals and families experiencing homelessness on cold weather nights when the temperature is below 32 degrees. Two of the ESP Site Coordinators from the Evergreen Shelter Program (ESP), **Michelle O'Laughlin**, from the Church of the Transfiguration and **Linda Kissel** from Christ the King Catholic Church will deliver the presentation.

Evergreen Christian Outreach (EChO) is able to coordinate ESP through partnerships with Evergreen-area faith organizations and

community volunteers. For more information, please go to the ESP Facebook page at [Evergreen Shelter Program](#). Our SWAG group has decided to support the Evergreen Shelter Program (ESP) by bringing needed items to the November 25<sup>th</sup> SWAG meeting to donate to our homeless population. Requested items include: WARM gloves, WARM socks, reusable water bottles, windshield wiper fluid, ice scrapers And XL Ziplock bags (10 Gallon Size).

There will be no December meeting of SWAG. We hope that many will enjoy the ENN Holiday Dinner!



## QUILTERS



Members of the ENN quilting group--**the Evergreen Piecemakers**--have been busy with group and individual projects, and would like to share photos of some of our quilts. First, we worked as a group to design and sew a quilt to donate to **CASA of Jefferson and Gilpin counties**. This benefits a worthy organization's mission of providing court-appointed special advocate (CASA) volunteers to support children who have experienced abuse or neglect. The goal of these volunteers is to help ensure that these children are safe, have permanent homes, and have the opportunity to thrive. Our quilt reflects this theme, showing children, adults, and brightly colored houses, and many of our members contributed blocks to make it. Group member Lynn Robbins did the quilting. The quilt was an auction item at the CASA fundraising gala on October 5.

Group members have also worked on a variety of individual projects. Here are a few more photos for inspiration:



Sue Daley



Rhonda Loeppke



Sandy Illich

If you are interested in joining our group or learning more about us? Please contact Tricia Rosenthal or Sue Daley. [Activities@EvergreenNewcomers.com](mailto:Activities@EvergreenNewcomers.com)

## SEEKING VOLUNTEERS TO JOIN OUR TEAM

ENN relies on the strong leadership that our Board provides to manage our organization and support our many activities. There will be a changing of the guard in June, when the following positions will become vacant.

**Vice President (currently Riley Hanback, moving to President)**

**Treasurer (Sue Dunlop, retiring)**

**Community Outreach (currently unfilled)**

**Hospitality (Laurie Limbert, retiring)**

**Membership (Bob Fudge, retiring)**

**Nominating (Maureen Taillon, retiring)**

**Programs and Socials (Sylvia Stafford, retiring)**

**Publicity (Carol Zimmerman, retiring)**

Please consider filling one of these vacancies. We encourage newer members to come forward and join the team. Individuals or pairs may contact the current chair of any position to confirm the parameters of that position and ask questions. Alternately, you may contact Maureen Taillon, current Nominating Chair, at [nominating@evergreennewcomers.com](mailto:nominating@evergreennewcomers.com).



The following list of ENN activities appears on our website. There you can click on the name of any activity on the list and you will be taken to a sub-page with an expanded description of that specific activity. We welcome your ideas for new activities and new leaders!

**ENN Activity Groups: Chairman Frank McVeigh, 303-670-1919,  
activities@evergreennewcomers.com**

Current ENN membership is required for participation in any activity.		
Activity	Leaders	Schedule
<a href="#">4 X 4</a>	Bob Ogden Collette Lambert	Various Saturdays (Seasonal)
<a href="#">Black Diamond Skiing</a>	John Illich	Tuesdays (seasonal)
Book Groups:		
<a href="#">#2</a>	Jan Cryns	Third Thursday, 1 PM
<a href="#">#3 (non-fiction) co-ed</a>	Elaine Morse	Dates Vary
<a href="#">Bowling</a>	Laurie & Tim Limbert	2nd Monday, 7 PM
Bridge:		
<a href="#">Daytime</a>	Sue Greenwell	2nd & 4th Thursday
<a href="#">Evening</a>	Pat Haines	3rd Friday
<a href="#">Canasta</a>	Jae Lucas Kelly Yousem	Wednesday 1-3:30 PM
<a href="#">Gals' Breakfast</a>	Louise Whiteside	Dates/Times vary
<a href="#">Guys' Breakfast</a>	John Dunlop	2nd Tuesday, 8:30 AM
<a href="#">International ENN</a>	Wes & Kate Brooks	Dates/Times vary
<a href="#">Ladies Golf</a>	Katy Lynch	Wednesday (seasonal)
<a href="#">Lend a Book</a>	Marion Dries	3rd Monday, 9:30 AM
<a href="#">Mah Jongg</a> (daytime)	Mindy Nitkin	Wednesdays, 10 AM
<a href="#">Mah Jongg</a> (evening)	Simone Simpson	Mondays, 6:30 PM
<a href="#">Motorcycles</a>	John Griggs	Various Saturdays (seasonal)
<a href="#">Needlework</a>	Sheri Matz	1st Monday, 10 AM
<a href="#">Poker Night</a>	Rose Warren	Dates/Times vary
<a href="#">Quilting</a>	Trish Rosenthal Sue Daley	2nd Monday, 10 AM
<a href="#">Serendipity 2.0</a>	Carol Hanback	Monthly - dates/times vary
<a href="#">SWAG (Savvy Women and Gals)</a>	Harriet Sear Carol Goss	4th Monday, 10 AM
<a href="#">Sporting Clays</a>	Alan Palestine	3rd or 4th Tuesday
<a href="#">Summer Hiking Group</a>	Craig Gardner Don Rosenthal	Every Friday, May 1 - Nov 1
<a href="#">The Wine Tasters</a>	Pat Williamson	1st Saturday evening, Alternate Months
<a href="#">Wine Tasting</a>	Frank McVeigh	Multiple Social Groups - 3rd Saturday evening

To contact any Activity Group, please send an email to [activities@EvergreenNewcomers.com](mailto:activities@EvergreenNewcomers.com). The desired group will receive your message and respond directly to you.

# PROGRAMS AND SOCIAL EVENTS

Sylvia Stafford & Riley Hanback [programsandsocials@evergreennewcomers.com](mailto:programsandsocials@evergreennewcomers.com)

## SCULPTURE EVERGREEN TOUR

About two dozen ENN members enjoyed an entertaining and informative tour of the sculptures in downtown Evergreen. **ENN member and Director at Sculpture Evergreen, Jane Stewart** (far left in blue) lent her expertise providing insight into the sculptures and the artists. **Georgia Dickey** (far left in white) made the arrangements for both the tour and lunch afterward.



## October Happy Hour at CO Jones Mountain Lodge Mexican Restaurant, Conifer



**Thanks to ENN members who thoughtfully brought donations for EChO to the October Happy Hour.**





*Join Us at ENN'S*  
**HOLIDAY  
DINNER  
PARTY**

*enjoy a festive evening of fun with your  
friends and neighbors*

Appetizers and Cash Bar 4:30

Dinner 6:15

Happy Hour Drink Prices All Evening!

**MUSIC BY DOUG AT THE PIANO**

***Tuesday Evening, December 3rd***

***The Bistro at Marshdale***

**27376 Spruce Lane, Evergreen**

All reservations with checks and completed reservation form must be mailed to ENN, PO Box 2197, Evergreen, CO 80437 and received by Friday, November 22nd.

**Reservations are Limited**

Questions? Sylvia (720-456-7895) or Riley (303-674-6405) or email

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