

# Auxiliary: New Chairs and Outreach/Education Events for 2025

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## CHAIRS

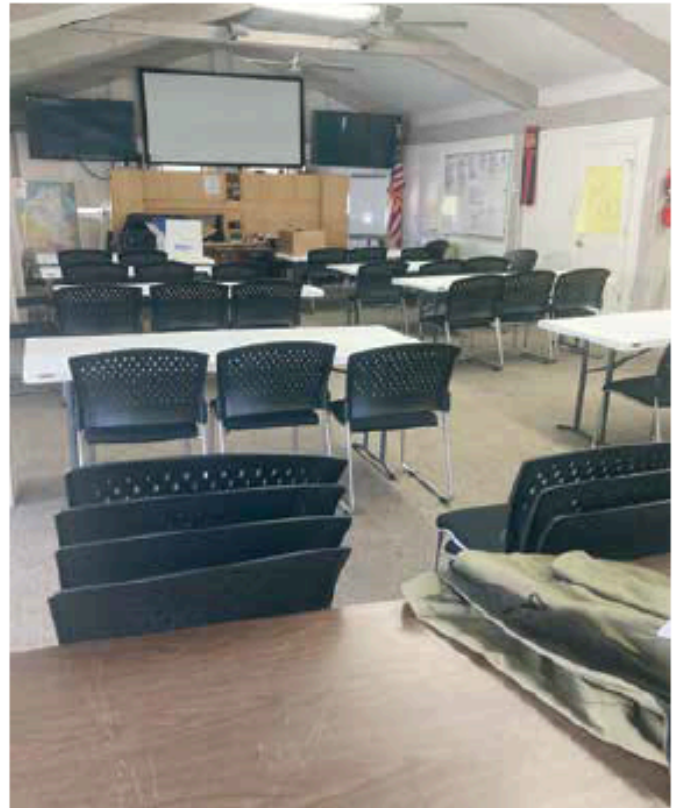
The Community Room at the fire station on Linden has all new tables and chairs! The furnishings are largely courtesy of BMFPD Auxiliary's Nancy Callis Memorial Fund, which honored the long-time Auxiliary member who passed away last spring. The PBH HOA chipped in for some chairs, and long-time residents Gail and Bob Loveman helped the Auxiliary meet its goal of 35 chairs.

## OUTREACH/EDUCATION

At its first meeting of 2025, on January 19th, Auxiliary members met via Zoom to review its 2024 programs and finances and to discuss some of the outreach and education programs planned for this year.

## BOULDER MOUNTAIN HANDMADE MARKET

We were delighted that attendance and revenue were about 75% of those of the normal two-day market event, despite having to reduce the event to one day due to winter weather. Funds raised from the market enable Auxiliary to pursue goals in its other three mission areas: Volunteer Recognition, Incident Provisioning, and Outreach and Education.



Boulder Mountain Handmade Market, Nov. 2024

## SESSIONS AT THE UPCOMING ANNUAL COMMUNITY SAFETY FAIR – SATURDAY MAY 3

Perennial topics of interest to residents are scheduled for the next Community Safety Fair. The multi-faceted event to be held at BMFPD Station 1 will include:

- **Safe Mountain Living** (formerly New Resident Welcome Briefing). This talk by Chief John Benson covers topics including winter driving, calling 911, wildlife encounters, power outages, how to evacuate, reflective address signs, and so much more. Designed to bring newcomers up to speed, the session has been a helpful refresher for longer-term residents, too. PBH newer-comer Lisa Lujan said, “The education seminar for new residents was extremely helpful. I attended a year after we moved in and found it even more beneficial because I knew what was being talked about.”
- **Mitigation Update.** Members of BMFPD’s Wildland crew will show scary slides about fire spread and discuss home hardening, the latest research on mitigation, lessons learned from fires elsewhere, and financial incentives to mitigate.
- **Living with Wildlife.** Volunteers from Greenwood Wildlife Rehabilitation Center and Boulder County Parks and Open Space will bring furry specimens and share knowledge about wildlife habits and human-wildlife encounters.

## WILDFLOWER HIKE – MAY 31

Our fire district is home to good hiking trails. Knowing more about wildflowers helps us appreciate our special environment. This free wildflower hike for district families will be hosted by the Auxiliary at Chautauqua.

## NEW TOPICS FOR 2025

Two new topics are under development for 2025:

- **Aging -in-Place.** It’s harder to age in place in the foothills, with disparate access to support services and challenging weather conditions. The Auxiliary and members of the Pine Brook Hills Aging-In-Place group will present a discussion of resources, preparing for our own prospective needs, the role of first responders, and how to fill the resource gap.
- **Before the Power Goes Out.** Back-up power is a regular topic of interest on the community forums. The Auxiliary will assemble a panel of resident experts to discuss generators, power walls, solar systems, and novel ways for residents to keep the lights on. Staying safe during scheduled or emergency power outages will also be covered.

If you have knowledge to share about aging in place or back-up power, please contact Sue Brundege, Outreach and Education Coordinator at [gsd@bouldermountainfireauxiliary.org](mailto:gsd@bouldermountainfireauxiliary.org)

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