

# ECHO

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(Please place upcoming announcements in the Main Office "ECHO" Box by TUESDAY at 5 p.m. OR use the Echo email.)

**DEFIBRILLATORS:** The defibrillators are currently located in white cabinets in shower area in East Laundry Room and Laundry Room next to Pool Hall. (Both laundry rooms have 24-hr. Access.) Also, defibrillator located in North section of the Rec Hall in white cabinet on wall (Rec Hall closes at 10 p.m.)

## FROM THE MAIN OFFICE

Dear Alamo Rec-Veh Residents,

We sincerely hope that all of you are enjoying your "winter" time at Alamo Rec-Veh Park. Since the calendar flipped to 2017, the months have flown by. But there's still much more for everyone to enjoy here before the end-of-season trek north.

After an extremely well-attended and delicious Pool Hall Fish Dinner last week, we can't help but look forward to several of the upcoming resident-organized activities for March.

To lead everything off is the Woodshop's first meeting to introduce residents to the latest park activity.

A patio party on March 8 will celebrate the new Bocce Ball court. A group of residents have been chanting: "Let the [Bocce Ball] games begin." This will be an instructional/play day.

Nothing could be better on a quiet Saturday Night in March (the 11th) than enjoying the Activity Board's delicious chicken dinner.

A long-favorite St. Patty's Day tradition is Gordy and Aggie's marvelous food. This year it's a noontime meal. At 3, there's an afternoon parade. (Several residents have been discussing cart decorations.) New this year ..... a Post-parade Patio Social complete with music. Prepare yourself for a month filled with fun!

Sincerely, Barb Hamel, General Manager

## Message from ECHO Editors

Our Echo publication will continue through the last Friday of March. Please forward ALL announcements, event notices, and thank-you notes to the Echo staff through either the Echo email (listed at the top of every Echo) or by delivering it in writing to the Main Office staff. Because of communication glitches, please do not rely on the Activity Office to forward your information. As in the past, we will do our very best to serve all park residents. If you have questions or concerns, please contact our staff. We'll be happy to help you in any way we can. We look forward to a fun-filled finish to our season.

## WEDNESDAY MEETING TIME

8:30 a.m. FREE Donuts & Coffee (Self-Serve)

9:00 a.m. MEETING (Please be seated by 9 a.m.)

Everyone is encouraged to be there.

**RESIDENTS:** Please be careful. Keep your doors locked. Be assured that we have surveillance in the park. If you hear strange noises, including knocks on your doors, don't hesitate to call 911.



**RANDY PARKS to host JAM & DANCE**  
MON., MARCH 13 – 12:30 p.m.

**3/6 MONDAY LUNCH (No Jam)**  
11 a.m. LUNCH MENU: Goulash, French Bread, Dessert, Iced Tea or Coffee. \$5

**TUES., MARCH 7 – 7 P.M. (DANCE)**

## SWEETWATER

**THURS., MARCH 9 – 6:30 P.M. (COST: \$6)**

## PAN-OF-STEEL HIGH SCHOOL GROUP

**SAT., MARCH 11 – 4:30 P.M. (COST: \$6)**

## CHICKEN DINNER

**TICKETS IN ACTIVITY OFFICE**

**NOTICE: Due to several unintentional inaccuracies in March calendar, new ones will be printed.**

## Upcoming Events

**FRI., MARCH 3 – MEETING AT THE NEW WOODSHOP**  
9 a.m. Anyone interested in woodworking, carving and intarsia is welcome to attend. We need 10 people with knowledge of woodworking equipment. Please attend to find out more.

**SAT., MARCH 4 – OFF-ROAD BREAKFAST** 7:30-9 a.m., in Rec Hall. Menu: Biscuits and gravy, sausage, hash browns, orange juice and coffee.

**SAT., MARCH 4 – SECOND STREET BLOCK PARTY BREAKFAST** 8:30 a.m. at El Dorado restaurant in Alamo.

**WED., MARCH 8 – LEARN-TO-PLAY-BOCCE-BALL HAPPY HOUR.** 4-6 p.m. on the Patio between Rec Hall and Lake. Bring your own drinks and finger foods. Iced Tea will be available. Music will be provided.

**THURS., MARCH 9 – LAST CRAFT SHOW OF SEASON** 8 a.m.-Noon in Rec Hall. Table rental for craft sales is available in Activity Office.

**THURS., MARCH 9 – RED HATTERS RAZZLE DAZZLE**

## Upcoming Events . . . (Continued)

**TEA** 1:30 p.m. in Annex. Bring your tea cup and have fun! Sign-up sheet on the Red Hatters bulletin board.

### **SAT., MARCH 11 (NEW DATE!)**

– **CHICKEN DINNER (Eat-in or Take-out)** 4:30 p.m. (Cost: \$6) in Rec Hall. Menu: Chicken, potato salad, baked beans and dessert. *Sponsored by Alamo Rec-Veh Activity Board.* Tickets available in Activity Office.

**MON., MARCH 13 – JAM hosted by RANDY PARKS** 12:30 p.m. in Rec Hall. (Lunch at 11 a.m.)

**MON., MARCH 13 – 5TH STREET POTLUCK** 4 p.m. in Annex. Bring table service and drink of choice. Coffee will be provided. Come dressed in Texas attire.

**WED., MARCH 15 – SPAGHETTI DINNER** 5 p.m. (Cost: \$6) in Rec Hall. Menu: Spaghetti, French Bread, Salad, Dessert and Drink. Tickets available in Activity Office. Sit-Down Dinner. Tablessetting provided. *Volunteers needed.*

**FRI., MARCH 17 – ST. PATTY'S DAY CORNED BEEF AND CABBAGE EUROPEAN (Early) DINNER.** 12

Noon. (Cost: \$8.50) in Rec Hall. Menu: Corned Beef and Cabbage (with potatoes and carrots), Biscuit, Dessert, and Drink. Tickets available at Activity Office. Sit-Down Dinner. Tablessetting provided.

**PARADE:** 3 p.m. (start time). Meet at The Range at 2:30 p.m.. Everyone invited to participate. Decorate your golf carts, pets, or one another. Have fun!

**PATIO PARTY:** Following parade meet at the Patio (between Rec Hall and Lake). Bring your own beverage and finger food to pass. Everyone invited.

Please be sure to sign any notice or request you submit to the ECHO. Also, add your phone number, if possible. Don't forget the date and time of the event, as well as cost if there is one. Thanks so much!



### **Red Hatters RAZZLE DAZZLE TEA**

**THURS., MARCH 9 at 1:30 p.m.**  
in Annex

*Bring your teacup. Sign up on bulletin board.*

**POOL CLOSED for CLEANING 7-8 a.m.**

## Thank You!

At 10:05 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 13 our shed burned to the ground and the flames invaded our house, making it uninhabitable. Our neighbors called 911, fought the fire, moved our vehicle, provided emotional support and kept us safe. There were multiple offers of a place to stay. Colleen and Mike Benoit gave us the use of one of their mobile homes indefinitely. We were provided with everything from toothpaste to meals, baked goods and fishing poles. Helping Hands generously gave us a lovely quilt. Barbara Hamel gave us new salt and pepper shakers, dishes and a Bass Pro Shop gift card. We appreciate all the gifts, prayers, love and concern. People helped with clean-up, offered building supplies and labor to rebuild and moved our car port. The generous cash donations from our Park Family, Church, and Bob McArthur's Benefit Band Concert will help us make a good down payment on our new home, located at Lot #307. You all have cemented our plans to continue to winter at Alamo Rec-Veh Park well into the future. We cannot name everyone individually who came to our aid because it was everyone! Coffee is usually on. Come visit us. Our sincerest thanks to all of you.

*Martha and Gary Morin*



**JOIN US under the PATIO  
on**

**WED., MARCH 8 from 4-6 p.m.**

**Learn to play  
BOCCE BALL**

**Bring your own drink, along with  
finger food to pass.**



**New Date!** (EAT-IN OR TAKE-OUT)

**SATURDAY, MARCH 11 – 4:30 p.m.**

**\$6 per Meal Ticket**  
*Tickets available in Activity Office*

**MENU:** Chicken, potato salad, baked beans and dessert.

• TABLESETTING PROVIDED •

CHICKEN DINNER SPONSORED BY ALAMO REC-VEH PARK ACTIVITY BOARD

### **Los Amigos de Los Ninos de Mexico**

We meet every Monday at 1 p.m. in the Annex to make **PLASTIC CANVAS CRAYON BOXES** to take to children in Nuevo Progreso on Christmas Day. We'd love to have you join us. All materials provided. We'll show you how these boxes are made. If you have questions, call Carole (269) 718-8536.

### **RESIDENT INFO FORMS DUE**

Please turn these forms in AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. This important info helps us update our office records.

### **MAIL FORWARDING LABELS**

Please check with the office to see if you have correct mail forwarding labels. These labels will help us forward your mail back home when it's time for you to leave Alamo Rec-Veh Park.

## GROUP NEWS

### BUSY BEE QUILTERS

Busy Bee Quilters meet on Friday at 1 p.m. in Annex.

### BIKE RIDING GROUP

**FRI., MARCH 10 – BIKE TOUR (RESACA DE LA PALMA STATE PARK):** See Pg. 4 for info under "Tour" heading.

**MON., MARCH 13 – BENTZEN PARK RIDE** thru ritzy district. Meet at Alamo Rec-Veh Park's East Gate at 8:45, then leave park at 9 a.m. (Contact Gary at (515) 370-4289 for more information. *(Bike Olympic results won't be available until March 8. Those results will be posted on bulletin board.)*

### LIBRARY NEWS

Please do not reposition books on the shelves. Just a reminder to place incoming books into baskets and we will shelve them. Donated books must be in good condition and puzzles complete. Thank you for your cooperation.  
*Dean and Karen Starks*

### HELPING HANDS

From 8-11:30 a.m. on Tuesdays in Annex. We're still accepting donations for the 2017-18 season. Please feel free to donate any of the following items before you go home this season or when you come back next season. "Old, clean sheets and/or bed ruffles for quilt backs, thread to sew quilts together, yarn for tying quilt tops, small shampoo and soaps from hotels, toothbrushes and toothpaste samples from dentist offices, toys, dolls. Contact Vera Welty at (641) 648-2502 or talk to any Helping Hands member for more information.

### RECYCLING

All proceeds from aluminum can recycling will be used for park activities. Orange-covered collection containers are located in NE corner near kitchen in Rec Hall, in the Annex by water fountain, and on north side of all laundry rooms. Cans may be deposited on north side of *The Range* in Can Shack (through direct access door).

### POOL HALL

Only two weeks left for Pool League. Let's make it two more wins to close out the year of ups and downs. Wednesday Night Fun League will continue if enough players sign up.

### ATTENTION QUILTERS:

**The Quilt & Hobby Show Challenge for 2018 is "HIT THE TRAIL".** You are invited to participate in the Quilt & Hobby Show Challenge for 2018 by using any one of the following: Conestoga Wagons traveling to Oregon, cowboys pushing cattle along a path established by Jesse Chisholm, being on the road to ball parks around the United States, places you have seen from your RV or travel trailer, memories of Route 66, or any other "TRAIL" your creative mind cares to wander down. Make plans now to show off your creative abilities next year whether or not the project relates to the theme. We look forward to showcasing the creative talents of Alamo Rec-Veh residents.

(Non-Denominational)

### ALAMO REC-VEH PARK COMMUNITY CHURCH

Pastor Randy and Susan Parks



#### Contact Information:

Lot #117 (on 5th Street)

Phone: 620-222-7624

E-mail: crandyparks@gmail.com

"Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven."  
Matthew 5:16

- Church Services on Sundays at 9 am

- Choir Practice: Fridays at 9 am

#### Bible Studies:

- Wednesday at 10 am (after Park Meeting) for men and women
- Fridays at 10 am for women

Please check church bulletin board for information about future events.

**GOSPEL SINGSPIRATION**  
MARCH 12th, 2017  
6:30-7:30 p.m.

### CHRISTIAN BOOKS

Christian books have been relocated to cases outside the library. They need to be organized and kept straight. Any help will be appreciated. Thanks a lot. Please contact Kathy Moore at Lot #130.

*Thank You!*

I want to thank everyone for all the wonderful cards for Floyd and me during our illness. Floyd passed away on Feb. 21, 2017. Thank you for all the visits and food. Most of all, thank you for your continued prayers.

*Shirley Baker*

We would like to thank everyone who helped at the Pool Hall Fish Fry last Friday. So many people volunteered to prepare, serve and clean up (*an especially difficult job for this event*), to donate door prizes, to perform that marvelous music, and to contribute by purchasing a ticket. We hope you enjoyed the music, the meal and spending the evening with friends and neighbors as much as we enjoyed planning this event. Thanks again!

*Tripp Wright, Sue Bentz and the Fish Dinner Committee*

MANY THANKS for the card and well wishes. It means a lot to this old girl.

*Judi Swanda*

Thank you to the guys and gals that help clean pool tables, wash the balls, help in any way (including providing treats and scorekeeping), and for those who worked to make the Fish Fry a huge success. There are too many to acknowledge, but we are grateful for everyone's kindness and generosity when we needed help. Last, but not least, we want to thank management for all the support.

*Pool Hall*



## RC Racing & Range

• **FRI., MARCH 3 -- HORSESHOE OVAL TRACK NIGHT RACE** (Practice 4:30 p.m.. with Lunch; Racing 6 p.m.\*) Menu: Fish Stick Sandwich, Dessert, Chips, Pop/Soda and Water. \*Weather Permitting. Race or come down to watch!

• **SAT., MARCH 4 -- OFF-ROAD TRACK --** (Racing 1 p.m.\* Snacks) \*Weather permitting.

• **SUN., MARCH 5 -- SAILBOAT RACING at Dock** (Lunch 12 Noon; Racing 1 p.m.\*) Menu: Grilled Hotdogs, Brownies, Chips, Pop/Soda and Water. \*Weather Permitting (If winds are over 14 mph, we can't race.) Race or come down to watch!

• **MON., MARCH 6 -- INDOOR SMALL-SCALE CAR RACING** in Annex (9 A.M.-NOON).

• **TUES., MARCH 7 -- QUADCOPTER RACING** in Rec Hall. (9-11 a.m.) Bring your 'copters and drones. *Bakery fare and coffee on sale.*

• **FRI., MARCH 10 -- HORSESHOE OVAL TRACK NIGHT RACE** (Practice 4:30 p.m.. with Lunch; Racing 6 p.m.\*) Menu: BBQ, Dessert, Chips, Pop/Soda and Water. \*Weather Permitting. Race or come down to watch!

• **THURS., MARCH 9 - FUN SHOOT** (1 P.M.) at *The Range*. **It's open!** We have air conditioning and lights! Come join us and bring a friend.  
*Joe Hines*

### OVAL TRACK 2/25 NIGHT RACE RESULTS: 27 RACERS; OVER 50 SPECTATORS

Winners: 2-WHEEL MAIN: 1st place, Jack Ahlers; 2nd place, Larry Littler; 3rd place, Jerry Henderson; 4-WHEEL MAIN: 1st place, John Wallace; 2nd place, Doug Kortbein; 3rd place, Mike Tolliver.

### 2016-17 REMOTE CONTROL RACING AND RIFLE RANGE DONATIONS:

(The following donations give you access to ALL RC and Gun Range competitions and activities for the 2016-17 season. There's NO separation for individual activities.) Please get your donations in soon. Donations help to fund RC, Gun Range and Fishing events.

Annual Couple: \$50 donation; Monthly Couple: \$20 donation

Annual Single: \$35 donation; Monthly Single: \$15 donation

### – RC&R REGISTRATION PROCEDURE –

Registration for all RC and Pellet Gun activities are handled by Main Office. After the office staff receives your fees, they'll have your RC&R badges printed and returned to your mailbox.

**HELP WANTED: MAINTENANCE VOLUNTEERS** for race tracks, quadcopters and indoor small-car tracks, as well as "The Range." Contact: Colleen Benoit at (262) 914-7100.

## UPCOMING TOURS

Sign-up for all tours in Tour Office or in Main Hall on Bulletin Board so you don't miss out on opportunities. (Once a tour is filled, you **LOSE** your chance to go.) Meet in Rec Hall before the tour unless otherwise indicated. Watch for new tours (posted) because last-minute opportunities often open for park residents. For info, call Tour Directors Marian Peterson at (651) 307-3104 or JoAnn Langseth at (612) 719-0350.

• **WED., MARCH 8 – HARLINGEN ARTS & HERITAGE MUSEUM TOUR.** (Cost: \$1) Leave park at 9:45 a.m.

• **FRI., MARCH 10 – RESACA DE LA PALMA STATE PARK & WORLD BIRD CENTER TOUR.** (Cost: \$4) Meet at East Gate at 8:30 a.m.; Leave park at 8:45 a.m. Please bring your bikes and join us for a fun-filled time. Bring a bag lunch and water to drink. (If you don't want to ride your bike, there is a trolley that will take you around the park.)

### POP TABS • CAMPBELL SOUP LABELS EDUCATION COUPONS • EYEGLASSES & FRAMES

We're saving POP TABS for Ronald McDonald House. In addition, we're saving Campbell Soup labels, along with Education coupons from Campbell products. Collection containers for both items are in Card Room. We're also saving eyeglasses and frames for the Lion's Club. Box is on kitchen window shelf by water fountain.

### **The Range:** **PISTOL BREAK-BARREL COMPETITION**

**- 1 P.M. MONDAYS -**

*For more information,  
contact Joe Hines*

## ALAMO REC-VEH PARK CALENDAR

**\$5**

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EVENT DATES & MORE. TAKE ONE HOME TO SHOW  
YOUR FAMILY & FRIENDS. So many money-saving coupons!**

### **VICTORIA PALMS RC GRAND PRIX**

**SAT., MARCH 4 from Noon to 3 p.m.**

*Lunch will be available. (See RC Bulletin Board.)*

**Everyone is welcome -- BOTH RACERS AND SPECTATORS!**