

# ECHO

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

**DEFIBRILLATORS:** The defibrillators are currently located in the East Laundry Room, north section of the Main Hall and in the Laundry next to the Pool Hall.

## FROM THE MAIN OFFICE

Dear Park Residents –

Although several folks have submitted info about Alamo Rec-Veh Park's past, we know others have spent years here and would like to share their experiences.

If you're a long-timer and would like to add your stories in time for Sunday evening's Park History presentation, please email me at [Ann322@rgv.rr.com](mailto:Ann322@rgv.rr.com) with your story (or bring it to the office today).

Our 45th Anniversary is all about the special people who call our park "home", whether it's for a year, a few months, or a week or two. Our upcoming 8-day get-together is for everyone in our "community."

To help make this celebration a treat for all, a remarkable number of you have volunteered. We are thankful for your good help.

Please join us at our Opening Ceremony on Saturday morning as we kick off planned festivities, dances, get-togethers, meals, socials and competitions.

Don't forget about the Masquerade

Ball on Saturday night. (You don't have to be dressed in fancy clothes to be part of the fun.) For sure you won't want to miss the crowning of our 45th Anniversary's King, Queen and Court.

YOUR celebratory Party Week is set to begin. Please come!

Barbara Hamel, General Mgr.

**MONDAY, FEB. 26**



Join us for *Lunch* and then stay for *Jam* at 12:30 p.m.!

**LUNCH AT 11 A.M. (Cost: \$5)  
FREE FOR 45TH ANNIVERSARY  
TICKET HOLDERS**

**MENU:** LUNCH including dessert, coffee or iced tea. (Check with Activity Office for more info.)

Join us on **THURS., MARCH 28**  
at 10:30 A.M. for our **BIG PARADE**  
PARADE LINE-UP at 10 a.m.

We can't travel up and down every street due to the number of people walking and the size of parade for this special event.

Parade line-up is at "The Range." Turn left onto W. Lake Dr. Then make a left onto 7th St. Turn left onto Market Dr. (along fence). Make another left onto 1st St. From there, turn right to get to Hackberry Ave. Travel east on Hackberry to the East gate. Turn left on Village Ave. and go east (left) onto 9th St. At the end of 9th St., turn left onto Flags Ave. and proceed to Main Office where parade ends.

**QUESTIONS?** See Maggie Biedekapp, Lot 234.



## Upcoming Events

Alamo Rec-Veh Park residents are encouraged to attend ALL EVENTS listed on Activity Board in Rec Hall and in Echo. It doesn't matter if you have experience in the event or not. Everyone is welcome!

**SAT., FEB. 24 – THERAPEUTIC WATER EXERCISE CLASS** – No class due to 45th Anniversary celebration. Classes resume on Saturdays, March 3 thru 17. Because a tentative 8 a.m. advanced class is being offered, we have several openings for guys and ladies in the 9 a.m. and 10 a.m. sessions. Contact Barb Zanetti at (586) 438-5115 if you're interested in one session or all three.

**SAT., FEB. 24 – MASQUERADE BALL/ DANCE** (7 p.m.) in Rec Hall. Note: Only the Main Entrance to the Rec Hall will be open for this dance. Door opens 15 minutes before the dance begins. No reserved seating. You do NOT need to dress in masquerade garb. Everyone should plan to attend. Prizes and fun guaranteed.

**MON., FEB. 26 – VARIETY COUNTRY MUSIC JAM & LUNCH** (Lunch: 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.; Jam 12:30-3 p.m.) in Rec Hall. (Cost: \$5.) Menu: Lunch with dessert, coffee or iced tea.

**MON., FEB. 26 – CREATIVE EXPRESSIONS: Sew and Flip Placemats** – Linda Albin This is a quick project – makes one placemat. You will need 12 (twelve) – 2 ½" assorted strips with longest length being at least 21 inches. You will also need one 12½ x 18½" piece muslin for lining and a piece of batting the same size. Also, you'll need about 75 inches of binding if you choose the quilt-as-you-go method.

**Hidden Pocket Hangar Cover** – Linda Albin 12 to 15 strips of fabrics in various widths and at least 19" long, one 18" or longer zipper, and ½ yd. lightweight muslin and 1 plastic hanger.

## Events . . .

**MON., FEB. 26 – BIKE TOUR:** Azadus Park - La Lomita Chapel & Lunch: Riverside Club (Meet at East Gate at 8:45 a.m., Leave at 9 a.m.) Drive to Granjeno, TX (off Shary Road) to park vehicles. Approx. 10-mile ride on paved road and on levy. See Gary Ronfeldt (Lot A19) and Gary Cotton (Lot 19).

**THURS., MARCH 8 – CRAFT SHOW with LUNCH** (No admission charge) (8 a.m. - 12 Noon) in Rec Hall. Last craft show of season.

**THURS., MARCH 8 – SPAGHETTI DINNER** (5-5:30 p.m.) in Rec Hall. (Cost: \$6) Menu: Spaghetti with meat sauce, French bread, dessert, coffee or iced tea.

**SAT., MARCH 10 – BLOOD DRIVE** (8-11 a.m.) in Annex. Sign-up sheet on Health Bulletin Board or sign-up online.

**THURS., MARCH 15 – SPAGHETTI DINNER** (5-5:30 p.m.) in Rec Hall. (Cost: \$6) Menu: Spaghetti with meat sauce, French bread, dessert, coffee or iced tea. Stay for Rock 'n Roll band (*The Classics*).

**LIBRARY NEWS:** Dean and Karen Starks Have favorite authors? Stop by to see if we have any of their books. Please place all return books in BASKETS in the library.

**HELP! CHILI MAKERS NEEDED!** Volunteers needed to make chili for the Chili Contest during the 45th Anniversary. (1st, 2nd and 3rd place prizes awarded.) Sign up on Anniversary Bulletin Board in Rec Hall. Sue Bentz

**WHAT TO WEAR TO DANCES?** Would those who are bothered by the cooler air at the dances, please bring sweaters or jackets so dancers who are hot are more comfortable? We don't want to lose our nice crowds. Thanks for helping. Zoe Erickson

## HEADING HOME SOON and PLANNING TO CHECK OUT?

### REMINDERS:

1. Let the office know **SEVERAL DAYS AHEAD** of time if you plan to leave. We will read your electric meter the day before you leave and have your final electric bill ready.
2. Find that tiny **MAILBOX KEY** and have it ready to turn in when you come to check out. The \$5.00 deposit will be deducted from your final electric bill.
3. Be sure you leave us a supply of 1"x2-5/8" mailing labels, complete with your home address. We will use them to forward all first-class mail to you. Ask Bea Kraus (our mail lady) if you need help with this.

## LEND A HAND TO HELPING HANDS

Helping Hands thanks all who have contributed in any way to making its 2017-18 season a success.

Anyone who plans to return next season is asked to consider bringing with them donation items such as: gently used sheets, cotton fabrics, dust ruffles, drapes, 2-ply yarn, quilting and crafting books, motel toiletries, small stuffed toys, dolls, MatchBox cars, as well as small items that would sell at Craft Shows. (Most of these items would be used to make donated quilts for needy organizations here in the valley, as well as for hospitalized or homebound park residents.) All contributions are appreciated.

## LOOKING FOR BOWLERS

Join a group of men and women who love to bowl meet on FRIDAYS at 1 p.m. at Flamingo Bowl (3301 N. 23rd St., McAllen). Contact John Miller at (405) 517-4860 for more info. Be sure to ask John about the "Red Pin" Bonus games.

## Thank You . . .

Thank you to all the models and volunteers who helped make the Red Hats Salad Luncheon and Fashion Show a special event. I also want to send a thank you to all who attended the event and helped to make it a success. Helen Chadwell

Everyone who made the Fish Fry a success this year deserves special recognition. We appreciate the help of dozens of people who worked so hard donating prizes, planning, setting up, prepping, cooking, and cleaning up. A special thanks to Randy Parks and his band. All of you are wonderful! Tripp Wright

## ALAMO REC-VEH PARK COMMUNITY CHURCH

(NON-DENOMINATIONAL)



**PASTOR RANDY and SUSAN PARKS**

**Contact Information:**  
Lot #117 (on 5th Street)  
Phone: (620) 222-7624  
Email: crandyparks@gmail.com

**9 A.M. CHURCH SERVICE**

*"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

**FRIDAYS: • CHOIR PRACTICE**

(9 a.m.) in Card Room.

**SUNDAYS:**

• **CHURCH SERVICE** (9 a.m.)

• **CHURCHWIDE BIBLE STUDY** (10-11 a.m. following worship service ??). Refreshments served.

• **HYMN SING-ALONG** with Rev. Randy Parks (7 p.m.) in Rec Hall.

**WEDNESDAYS: • NO LADIES BIBLE STUDY THIS WEEK**

(Next Wed. it will follow 9 a.m. Park Meeting.)

**NOTICE** Please stay away from meter boards. They're very dangerous!

## NOTICE

**The price for a GALLON OF WATER at the machine by the Pool Hall is now 30 CENTS.**

**SAVE YOUR ALUMINUM CANS!**

Please recycle. Place them in fluorescent orange topped garbage cans or drop off at Can Shack next to Range.

**REMEMBER:** Speed limit in park is **10 mph**. Keep our residents safe!

**BIKERS, PLEASE USE LIGHTS AT NIGHT.**

*If you're under the weather, please stay home until you're not contagious. Your friends and neighbors will love you for that.*

## ANIMALS PROHIBITED

### IN ALAMO REC-VEH PARK BUILDINGS

Please do not enter any of the park buildings with your animals. This means not in your arms or on a leash. The Health Department frowns on this. Special exceptions are made for one-time professional picture taking with your animals.

Please respect your neighbors and their safety by keeping your dog on a leash at ALL times while in park. Also, note that the north end of the lake is NOT a dog park.

## ABOUT YOUR MAIL . . .

Soon many of us will start thinking about heading North. DO NOT go to the Post Office to fill out a form for the return of your mail. We do that here at the Main Office. To do this, we need labels. (These are not the return labels you get in the mail from people or organizations looking for donations.) *These are the ones in a specific size -- 1" x 2-5/8".* If you need some made for you, please stop at the Main Office and leave your correct mailing address. I will be happy to make the labels for you. Thanks, Bea



## TOURS: Education Laughter Fun

New Tour Directors:

**Carol Norman** at Lot 182; (573)-690-2135

and **Pearl Hilkemeyer** at Lot 169; (573) 253-1952

Sign up for tours on **Tour Bulletin Board** in TV Lounge area.

TOUR PAYMENTS MADE TO CAROL or PEARL IN CASH.

**TOURS MEET IN TV ROOM ACROSS FROM MAIN OFFICE.**

**MON., MARCH 5 – FIESTA CRUISE with DINNER** (Meet at 7:10 a.m., Leave at 7:20 a.m., Cruise at 9 a.m.) Cost: \$40 includes meal at new Painted Marlin Grille. (3-1/2 to 4-hour cruise. See ship being dismantled. Full bar. Climate-controlled cabin. Taste a sample of wild caught Gulf shrimp on cruise.)

**TUES., MARCH 6 – MARINE MILITARY ACADEMY TOUR with LUNCH** (Meet at 8:15 a.m.) Cost: \$12. Academy located in Harlingen.

**MON., MARCH 13 – HILLTOP GARDENS** (Meet at 9:15 a.m.) Cost: \$10. Tropical healing garden and organic farm. Historical home of aloe.



## 45th Anniversary SPECIAL FISHING DERBY

**LONGEST-FISH PRIZE: \$20 CASH**

**PARTICIPATION PRIZES (SAT. DRAWING):**  
**OSPREY DOLPHIN CRUISE FOR 2,**  
**plus MYSTERY PRIZES**

**CATCH-AND-RELEASE DERBY DATES:**

**Starts – MON., FEB. 26 • Ends – FRI., MARCH 2**

**HOW TO WIN LONGEST-FISH PRIZE:**

Measure your fish by laying it alongside a tape measure, take a picture of it, and get the photo to Gary Morin either by contacting him at Lot 307 or text the photo to him at (218) 244-2652. Longest-fish award will be announced at Saturday's Closing Ceremony.



## 45th Anniversary 50/50 DAILY DRAWINGS

**COST: 4/\$2 • 6/\$3 • 8/\$5 • 10/\$7 • 15/\$10**

Drawing each day.. (On Tues. and Thurs. the drawing will be at the dance.) Purchase daily raffle tickets in Activity Office. *Must be present to win!*



## 45th Anniversary SPECIAL COPTER & DRONE COMPETITION

**Drones will be available for those wishing to participate in contest.**

**1ST PLACE COMPETITION PRIZE: \$20 CASH**

**PARTICIPATION PRIZE (SAT. DRAWING):**  
**OSPREY DOLPHIN CRUISE FOR TWO**

**MYSTERY PRIZE DRAWINGS:**  
**All participants and spectators eligible.**



## ALAMO REC-VEH PARK 45th Anniversary Celebration

### GRAND PRIZE RAFFLE TICKET INFO:

**100% OF RAFFLE TICKET MONEY TO BE  
DISTRIBUTED TO WINNERS AS FOLLOWS:**

- 65% to first-place winner
- 25% to second-place winner
- 10% to third-place winner

**Raffle Tickets may be purchased from  
TRIPP or MAGGIE ONLY (Lot #234)**

**Cost for Tickets: 1/\$1 • 6/\$5 • 15/\$10 • 40/\$20**

**DRAWING: SAT., MARCH 3**

## 50th WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Everyone celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary (either in 2018 or 2019) will be honored with a special event to be held Feb. 13, 2019. Please bring your wedding pictures and think of things that happened on your special day and throughout the past 50 years. Jot the stories down and give them to Verla Johnson (Lot 265) when you return next season.



## ARVP 45th Anniversary Celebration

### CHILI COOKS NEEDED

**1st, 2nd, and 3rd place prizes awarded!**

(FULL CROCKPOT REQUIRED  
FOR CHILI COOK-OFF!)

**Sign up on 45th Anniversary  
Bulletin Board in Rec Hall.**







## 45th Anniversary SPECIAL OVAL & OFF-ROAD TRACK RACES

The following prizes will be awarded at EACH track.

1ST PLACE LAST-CAR STANDING  
RACE PRIZES: \$20 CASH

PARTICIPATION PRIZES (SAT. DRAWING):  
OSPREY DOLPHIN CRUISE FOR TWO

MYSTERY PRIZE DRAWINGS:  
All participants and spectators eligible.

## HELPING HANDS TABLES FOR SALE!

Seven old wooden tables from the Annex: \$25 each. Please pay for these in Main Office (cash or check written to 'Helping Hands'.) If questions, contact Martha Morin at (218) 244-2652.



## 45th Anniversary SPECIAL RANGE COMPETITION

FIRST-PLACE PRIZE: \$20 CASH

PARTICIPATION PRIZE (SAT. DRAWING):  
OSPREY DOLPHIN CRUISE FOR TWO,  
plus MYSTERY PRIZES

RULES: Shooters MUST be at The Range to shoot targets at 9 a.m. Monday, Wednesday AND Friday to qualify. (Jim & Janice will NOT compete for 1st Place Prize.)

## • RCR&W NEWS CORNER •

### THE RANGE:

See Special Anniversary Range Competition info in ad on this page.  
FUN SHOOT -- 1-2:30 p.m. on Thurs. (Everyone welcome!)

### RC RACING:

#### • OVAL HORSESHOE RACING --

• FRI., FEB. 23 – Oval Track (6 p.m.)

OVAL TRACK 2/16/18 RESULTS:

2-WHEEL DRIVE – A Main (Doug Kortbein); B Main (Steve Billings); 4-WHEEL DRIVE – A Main (Steve Billings); B Main (Mike Tolliver); C Main (Steve Sheer)

WHITE RACE: (RED, WHITE & BLUE SERIES)  
RESCHEDULED TO SAT., FEB. 24  
10 A.M. at ALAMO PALMS.

#### • OFF-ROAD TRACK RACING --

• FRI., MARCH 2 – Special 45th Anniversary Race at 1 p.m.) (SAT. RACE CANCELLED due to 45th Anniversary)

#### • SAILBOAT & POWER BOAT RACING --

• SUN., FEB. 25 – CANCELLED due to 45th Anniversary

#### • COPTER & DRONE COURSE --

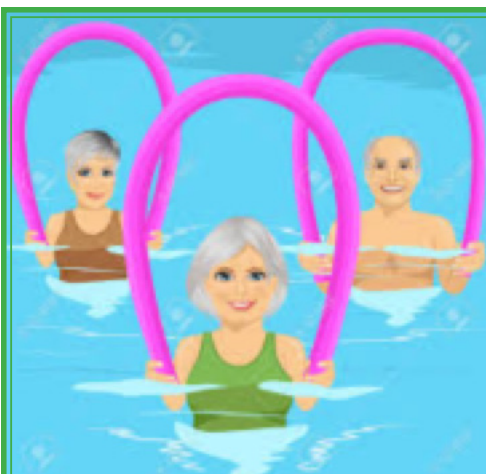
• FRI., MARCH 2 – (Special 45th Anniversary session that includes a competition) (9:30 a.m.) in Rec Hall. Regular Tues. Fly is cancelled due to 45th.

### WOOD SHOP:

Residents wanting to use the Wood Shop should have their RCR&W membership.

(Woodcarvers are exempt during their Monday sessions beginning at 1 p.m.)

The Wood Shop will be open Monday thru Thursday from 10-12 Noon.



### Why Water Exercises?

- Reduces Joint Pain
- Increases Blood Flow
- Strengthens Muscles
  - Helps Healing
- Relaxes Tight Muscles

## SORE KNEES? SORE BACK? WANT TO BE MORE FIT or MOBILE FOR SUMMER?

Try our new . . .

## THERAPEUTIC WATER EXERCISE CLASSES

(with ALAMO FITNESS CENTER'S  
AWARD-WINNING PERSONAL TRAINER)

**SAT., MARCH 3, 10 and 17**

NOT AEROBICS • MEN & LADIES • All Ages  
WORK AT YOUR COMFORT LEVEL • \$5 A SESSION

- 8 a.m. **ADVANCED CLASS\***
- 9 a.m. **CLASS**
- 10 a.m. **CLASS**

TO REGISTER OR FOR INFO: CONTACT BARB ZANETTI  
(586) 438-5115 (Lot #325)

\*8 A.M. **ADVANCED CLASS** runs only if enough interest