

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 the East Laundry Room, north section of the Main Hall and in the Laundry next to the Pool Hall.

FROM THE MAIN OFFICE

To All Alamo Rec-Veh Park Residents,

A big Alamo Rec-Veh Park welcome to all of our new and returning residents. With the holiday season fast approaching, we hope you take time to enjoy our December activities.

Don't forget that this year we are sponsoring an in-park Christmas outdoor decorating contest. On Dec. 15, our judges will look over your holiday decorations. When they are finished, we will award prizes for the residents' snazziest holiday outdoor decors.

From now on, Wednesday meetings will begin at 9 a.m. sharp. If there are speakers, they will begin their presentation at 8:45 a.m., with the park meeting starting at 9. We would like all residents to attend these meetings. If you need transportation to the Rec Hall, please let us know in the main office.

Park calendars should be available late afternoon on Friday, Dec. 2. For a \$5 donation, you'll have a list of most of the park's special events (which are subject to change, of course). Plus the calendar features valuable coupons, which you're bound to enjoy. Advertisers hope that you'll take advantage of their special offers, which are exclusive to park residents. The use of these coupons is one of the only ways they'll know you are seeing their ad.

Finally, I want to thank all of the volunteers, who make this park a special place for all of us.

Respectfully, *Barbara Hamel, Mgr.*



JAY & TAMMY will begin hosting the popular Alamo Rec-Veh Park JAMS on Monday, Dec. 12. (Lunch at 11 a.m., followed by Jam at 12:30 a.m.)

FREE WI-FI: There will be 24/7 FREE Wi-fi throughout the park. Spectrum speeds will be better than last year as long as park residents are NOT video streaming movies, etc. Residents can bring laptops to the main building because Wi-fi will be available throughout. The Wi-fi password will be available at check-in. PLEASE do not run movies thru park's Wi-Fi. It uses all bandwidth and makes accessing emails impossible for others.

Upcoming Calendar

FRI., DEC. 2 -- CUE CLASSES (Round Dances) & REVIEW by Ron & Georgine (1-3 p.m.) *See Activity Office for location.*

FRI., DEC 2 -- TOUR: "SWEET ADELINES" (Cost: \$6) Leave park at 6 p.m. (Concert at Tower Theatre in Weslaco.)

SAT., DEC. 3 -- RC & PELLET GUN SWAP MEET & CRAFT SALE (9 a.m. - 4 p.m.) in Rec Hall, Annex and Patio. No admittance charge. HobbyTown will be at the Swap Meet with new vehicles. (Remember that both last year and this year's calendar include a \$5 off a \$25 purchase at HobbyTown.) Lunch menu will include Sloppy Joes. Bakery items for humans and dogs will also be available. Don't forget the Minnow Racing event. Also ... Raffles will be held on RC Cars, Copters, and Boats. Stop by to see the demos.

SAT., DEC. 3 -- McALLEN CHRISTMAS PARADE. Those who purchased their tickets, please pick them up in Tour Office. Leave park at 3 p.m.

SUN., DEC. 4 -- "HAPPY KNIGHTS", which is now "SANTA CLAUS with a VARIETY SHOW." in Rec Hall. (6:30 p.m.) Freewill offering. Pictures may be taken with Santa Claus.

MON., DEC. 5 -- BREAKFAST (7:30-9 a.m.) Two biscuits and gravy (\$2.50), one biscuit and gravy (\$1.50), one sausage patty (50¢), and orange juice or coffee (50¢). There is a sign-up sheet on the kitchen bulletin board for anyone who could help with breakfast. Sponsored by RC Off-Road Track.

MON., DEC. 5 -- COMPETITION SHOOT (Dec. 5-26) at Gun Range. Please sign up soon. *We need a list of everyone who's going to shoot, so Sue can make up target sheets. More info to come.*

MON., DEC. 5 -- TOUR: WINTER WONDERLAND EXTRAVAGANZA. (Cost: \$1). Leave park at 5:45 p.m. Check out the assisted living Christmas light display. Texas chili, etc.

Calendar . . .

will be available.

TUES., DEC. 6 -- COPTER RACES (8:30 a.m.) in Rec Hall. Bakery will be available for sale during races and practice times. Spectators are welcome. Training will also be available.

WED., DEC. 7 -- TOUR: HILDALGO FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS with DINNER & TROLLEY RIDE. (Cost: \$13). Leave park at 4:45 p.m. Dinner at 5:30 p.m.; Trolley Ride 6:15 p.m.

THURS., DEC. 8 -- FIRST FUN SHOOT (1 p.m.) at Gun Range. Shoots are set for Thursdays. Please sign up at range.

THURS., DEC. 8 -- MR. GATTI'S NIGHT. (5 p.m.) Sign-up sheet is on back board.

THURS., DEC. 8 -- "REGAN JAMES HIRED MEN" (Dance). (7-10 p.m.) in Rec Hall from Cost: \$5.

FRI., DEC. 9 -- H.E.B. BINGO. (9 a.m.) in Rec Hall. Cost: \$1.

MON., DEC. 12 -- WEEKLY JAM & LUNCH. (Lunch at 11 a.m., Jam to follow at 12:30 p.m. and runs until 3 p.m.) This week's lunch will be Taco Burgers.

WED., DEC. 14 -- LADIES DAY OUT LUNCHEON (noon) at Harold's Kitchen. Cost: \$10.50. Tickets may be purchased in the Activity Office. Meal includes iced tea but not coffee.

SAT., DEC. 17 -- PATIO SALE. (8 a.m. - noon) Resident option to participate.

WED., DEC. 28 -- LONE STAR BANK'S MONEY MACHINE. in Rec Hall. *See Activity Office for time.*

SAT., DEC. 31 -- NEW YEAR'S EVE DANCE & BREAK-FAST (Dance 8 p.m.; Breakfast 12:15 a.m.) in Rec Hall. Music provided by Jay & Tammy and Friends. Tickets (Dance = \$10 each; Breakfast = \$3) are available in Main Office and ACTIVITY OFFICE. Table reservations available in Activity Office (only). To make table reservations, you must bring your dance ticket. *See ad on pg. 3.*

FRI., FEB. 9 -- TOUR: JERSEY BOYS. (Cost: \$69) at McAllen Community Center. (We need to order tickets in a block to get discount.) Please sign up before Jan. 2 because tickets sales will be open to the public after that.

REGISTRATION CARDS

Everyone is asked to fill out a NEW registration card. We need to update our records with current information such as: your home address, your emergency contacts, vehicle that you're driving, etc. This is needed for office records and mail forwarding.

COURT WHIST AND SPADES LOOKING FOR HOSTS

These two card games will begin if someone steps up to host them. Please contact Activity Office director.

CHRISTMAS DINNER SIGN-UP SHEETS

Sign-up sheets will be posted before Monday. Dinner will be served at 1 p.m.

Needed: HOST FOR CHRISTMAS PARTY

If anyone or any group of residents would be interested in hosting our Christmas Party, please see the Activity Director as soon as possible. It is scheduled for DEC. 18, but she is willing to move it to DEC. 22.

The Church Corner



Pastor Cathy Graham

*Salt and Light Community
of Alamo Rec-Veh Park*

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"You are the salt of the earth ...
You are the light of the world, a city
that is set on a hill cannot be hidden ...
Let your light so shine before man, that
they may see your good works and glorify
your Father in heaven."

Mark 5: 13-15

• Church services on Sundays at 9 a.m.

• **MON., DEC. 5 -- CHOIR PRACTICE** (9 a.m.) in Card Room.

• **BIBLE STUDIES** on Wednesdays at 10 a.m. (*after Park Meeting*).

Topic: *Spiritual Warfare.*

• **SAT., DEC. 24 -- CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE with Communion** (6:30 p.m.) in Rec Hall.

• **POINSETTIAS** -- Those wishing to place poinsettias in altar area to remember loved ones, should sign up in Pastor Cathy's office. Residents may purchase them and bring them to her office during the week before Christmas. Poinsettias will be accepted no later than 3 p.m. on Christmas Eve.

• **NO CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE** due to 1 p.m. Christmas dinner.

• Please check Church Bulletin Board for info about future events.

• Special services will be held on Christmas Eve, Ash Wednesday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday.

Look for Pastor Cathy's letter to park residents to be printed in upcoming issue of the Echo.

Thank You

I want to thank everyone for making the Police and Fire-fighters Appreciation Lunch a success. Thank you to Gordy and Aggie and all volunteers, who worked so hard to prepare and serve lunch to us all. A special thanks to Juanita Vess who helped in the office and to all who donated and had lunch with our police officers and firefighters.

Jim VanTuyt

Thank You

A sincere thank you to all who helped celebrate my birthday. How blessed I am to have them all in my life. God love you all. Forever grateful.

Pat Niccum

ALAMO REC-VEH PARK CHRISTMAS DRIVE

A small Alamo colonias of impoverished residents desperately needs help. (*A colonias is an unnamed community of people, living often with less than adequate housing including few, if any, utilities.*)

We are collecting donations -- **food, warm clothing such as sweaters and jackets, furnishings, blankets, etc.** -- to help these colonias residents. In addition, **toys for all ages** are needed. Please bring your donations to the Main Office.

For the next two weeks at the Wednesday Activity Meeting, we will be taking a **collection for this charity.**

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

Rec Hall doors open at 5 a.m. Coffee available.

LIBRARY NEWS

REMINDER: When returning books, please put them in the baskets. We will shelve them. Donations are welcome. They must be in good condition. Puzzles need to have all of the pieces.

Thank you for your cooperation. *Dean and Karen Starks*

HELPING HANDS

Helping Hands would like to invite everyone to join us on Tuesday mornings from 8-11:30 a.m. in the Annex to make quilts for the needy here in the Valley. You do not have to sew. We have lots of quilts that need tying, etc.

BUSY BEE QUILTERS

Busy Bee Quilters meet on Friday afternoons from 1-3:30 p.m. We are currently sewing on our own projects but will be having classes and a Christmas party. Come to see what we are doing.

TOYS FOR TOTS DRIVE

Donated toys will stay in Alamo for needy children. Our collection box is located under the Rec Hall kitchen window. We've always given more than any other Winter Texan park in the Alamo area.

POP TABS • CAMPBELL SOUP LABELS • EDUCATION COUPONS

We are saving POP TABS for the Ronald McDonald House. In addition, we are saving Campbell Soup labels, along with the Education coupons from Campbell products. Our collection containers for both of these items are in the Card Room.

EYEGLASSES: Saving glasses for our Alamo Lions Club. These will stay in the Valley. Bring your used glasses to the Activity Office.

13-MONTH CALENDAR (Dec. to Dec.)

CALENDAR

\$5

Donation

*featuring even more
coupons than last year!*

**MORE ALAMO REC-VEH PARK SPECIAL
EVENTS** listed in this RC & The Range
sponsored calendar. Check out the fun
photos of your friends and neighbors.

Please reserve a 2017 Alamo Rec-Veh Park Calendar for me.
Enclosed is my \$5 donation for this new RC&R-sponsored
calendar that features special park events, as well as important
park information, plus valuable coupons. Pick up in Main Office.

Name _____

Lot No. _____ Phone _____

No. of calendars _____

New Year's Eve Dance & Breakfast

with *JAY & TAMMY* and Friends



DEC. 31 – Dance (8 p.m. to 12 a.m.) Breakfast (12:15 - 1 a.m.)

DANCE TICKETS: \$10 per person; BREAKFAST: \$3 per person

Breakfast Menu: Scrambled Egg Casserole, Mixed Fruit Cup, Toast and Coffee

Party Favors -- Door Prizes -- 50/50

TICKETS AVAILABLE

in MAIN OFFICE

TABLE RESERVATIONS AVAILABLE in ACTIVITY OFFICE

To reserve a table, you must bring your TICKET to the Activity Office.



The following groups **NEED** participants, players, spectators, etc. *Go to a meeting, game, or activity just to see if it's a good fit for you.*

Group Leaders: You will need to submit info for this column by Tuesday at 5 p.m. every week. Please be brief. Copy will be edited.

RC Racing To Begin . . . FIRST WEEK of DECEMBER

• Friday, Dec. 2 -- 1 p.m., Oval Track Racing in front of Main Office (11 a.m. Practice) Bring your RC cars or just come down to watch. *Due to Saturday Swap Meet, lunch will resume next Friday.*

• Sunday, Dec. 4 -- 1 p.m., Sailboat Racing at the dock. (12 noon Lunch) **Menu:** All-beef hot dogs, chips, brownies, a variety of sodas and water will be on sale for participants and spectators. Weather permitting. *Note: No racing or lunch if high winds or rain.*

• Tuesday, Dec. 6 -- 8:30 a.m., Quadcopter Racing in Main Hall. Bring your helicopters and drones. *Bakery fare and coffee will be on sale during the Tuesday morning races.*

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. Dues help to fund RC, Gun Range and Fishing events.

Annual Couple: \$50 **OR** Annual Single: \$35 donation
Monthly Couple: \$20 **OR** Monthly Single: \$15 donation

UPCOMING TOURS

Sign-up for all tours in Tour Office or in Main Hall on Tours Bulletin Board. Meet in the Rec Hall before the tour unless otherwise indicated. Watch for new tours (posted) because opportunities often open for park residents. *For info, call Tour Directors Marion Peterson at (651) 307-3104 or JoAnn Langseth at (612) 719-0350.*

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PACKAGE DELIVERY INFO

When ordering anything to be delivered to your lot here, be sure to use the correct lot number. If you're on the blacktop use an A before your lot number, use an F for F section, and B for B section.

RC & Pellet Gun Swap Meet/Craft Show

at ALAMO REC-VEH PARK in REC HALL, ANNEX and OUTSIDE PATIO

SATURDAY, DEC. 3 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Featuring . . . **CRAFT SALE** with park resident items and outside vendors

- **RAFFLES:** RC Car, Pellet Rifle, RC Boat, Quad-Copter, and Fishing Pole
- **RC Demos** • **Minnow Racing**
- **RC Cars/Trucks/Boats and Copters for sale (new and used)**
- **RC, Gun and Fishing Vendors**

Bring RC Trucks/Cars/Boats/Copters, Accessories and Equipment, Pellet Guns and Fishing Equipment to sell or trade.

BBQ LUNCH & TREATS FOR SALE!
PUBLIC INVITED \$5 per table.

For info, call (262) 914-7100

Just in time to pick up holiday gifts!



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- **RC Demos**
- **Minnow Racing**
- **RC Car, Trucks, Boats and Copters for sale (BOTH NEW & USED)**
- **Pellet Gun and Fishing Vendors**

Bring your RC Trucks, Cars, Boats, Copters, Accessories and Equipment, as well as Pellet Guns and Fishing Equipment . . . to sell or trade.

\$5.00 a table For more info, call (262) 914-7100.

CRAFT SALE with park resident items and outside vendors

-- LUNCH and BAKERY TREATS
FOR SALE! --

• PUBLIC INVITED! •



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