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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,

Congratulations to those who won the Alamo Rec-Veh Christmas outdoor decorating contest Thursday night.

For those of you who didn't read the article in the Winter Texan about our RC&R program, check it out on the RC Bulletin Board. Several of our park residents are pictured in this story.

Need an inexpensive gift for loved ones back home. 2016-17 park calendars are available in the Main Office. For a \$5 donation, you can share photos of your friends and neighbors participating in Alamo Rec-Veh Park events. If you haven't purchased one for yourself, this 13-month calendar features valuable coupons that offer our park residents exclusive offers. When you visit the advertisers, be sure to mention that you're an Alamo Rec-Veh Park resident and that you saw their ad in the calendar. (See coupon info on pg. 3.)

Wednesday Activity meetings will begin at 9 a.m. sharp. Speakers 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.*

It's only a bit over a week before the Christmas holiday. Our celebration begins on Sunday with a parade. A party will follow. We hope that all of you have a wonderful holiday no matter where you spend it. Remember that the dinner and buffet on Christmas Day will be a special time for all park residents to spend time with friends and neighbors. If you're here for the holiday, please enjoy Gordy and Aggie's ham they're preparing for you at the park dinner.

Respectfully, Barbara Hamel, Mgr.



JAY & TAMMY are hosting
the popular Alamo Rec-Veh Park JAMS.
Monday, Dec. 19. (Lunch at 11 a.m.,
followed by Jam at 12:30 a.m.)

HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS:

CLOSED: Sat., Dec. 17, except for mail.

OPEN: Sat., Dec. 24, only for mail and packages. Stop early. Packages not picked up will be delivered.

CLOSED: Mon., Dec. 26

OPEN: Sat., Dec. 31 (9 a.m. - 2 p.m.)

OPEN: Sun., Jan. 1 (10 a.m. - 2 p.m.)

Upcoming Calendar

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

SUN., DEC. 18 -- CHRISTMAS PARADE (Parade to start 5 p.m.) in Alamo Rec-Veh Park. (Parade participants line up near The Range at 4:30 p.m.) Everyone welcome to participate and/or watch. Decorate golf carts, bikes, pets, yourself, your friends, your neighbors, and/or anything you can think of. Cake & Ice Cream to follow parade at 6 p.m.

MON., DEC. 19 -- MAKE CRAYON BOXES for Mexican children's Christmas (1 p.m.) in Annex. All supplies (including plastic canvas) will be provided. Contact Carole at 269-718-8536.

TUES., DEC. 20 -- FREE CHRISTMAS BINGO with prizes. (1:30 p.m.) in Rec Hall. Bring snacks to share, as you would have to the Christmas Party.

TUES., DEC. 20 -- SWEETWATER DANCE. (7 p.m.) in Rec Hall.

THURS., DEC. 22 -- SKY-MED SOUP and SALAD LUNCH. (Sign-up sheets on Health Bulletin Board).

SUN., DEC. 25 -- CHRISTMAS DINNER (1 p.m.) Cost: \$1, plus dish to pass. Hostess sheets have been posted on the Bulletin Board. (If you'd like to be a hostess, please sign up on the large sheet, then on one of the small sheets.) If any residents need a place to sit, please write your name and phone number next to your name on one of the sheets. That way your hostess can call you. Gordy and Aggie will cook hams for this special dinner. Each resident will pay his or her \$1 to the table hostess. (Sign-up sheet on Kitchen bulletin board for servers and clean-up crew.)

SUN., DEC. 25 -- CHRISTMAS BUFFET (5:30 p.m.) Sign-up sheet if you'd like to help.

SUN., DEC. 25 -- FREE BINGO with

Calendar . . .

Door Prizes. (6:30 p.m.) in Rec Hall.

This will be a different type of bingo than you're used to playing.

WED., DEC. 28 -- LONE STAR BANK'S MONEY MACHINE in Rec Hall. Event will take place after Activity Meeting.

THURS., DEC. 29 -- TOUR: SUGAR CANE PRESENTATION. (Cost: Free) at 9 a.m. in Rec Hall.

THURS., DEC. 29 -- JAY & TAMMY SHOW (6:30 p.m.) in Rec Hall.

FRI., DEC. 30 -- TOUR: BASILICA CHRISTMAS TOUR (Cost: \$1) Leave park at 8:45 a.m.

SAT., DEC. 31 -- NEW YEAR'S EVE DANCE & BREAKFAST (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. Table reservations available in Activity Office. To make dance table reservations, you must bring your dance ticket. (See ad on pg. 4.)

THURS., JAN. 10 -- HELPING HANDS OPEN HOUSE (9-11 a.m.) in Annex. On display will be items group has made such as quilts, bibs and chemo hats that they donate to area hospitals, nursing homes, colonias, Driscoll Children's Hospital, and the Vannie Cook Children's Cancer Center. They will also serve snacks.

NOTICE: Alamo Rec-Veh Park Pictorial Directory photos are now being scheduled.

2016-17 CALENDAR CHANGES

- **JAN. 7 -- RC Swap Meet postponed until JAN. 21** (9 a.m. - 3 p.m.) *Will include wine tasting.*
- **JAN. 21 -- Mystery Dinner postponed until March** (Date TBA)

The Rumor Is ...

Some people are quick to believe **FALSE** information they hear about **GOOD** people.

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.

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



CHRISTMAS DRIVE

... FOR A SMALL COLONIAS OF IMPOVERISHED RESIDENTS WHO NEED HELP. (A *colonia* is an unnamed community of people, who live with less than adequate housing including few, if any, utilities.)

WE ARE COLLECTING DONATIONS such as . . .

• **FOOD** • **WARM CLOTHING** (such as SWEATERS, JACKETS, HATS, MITTENS & SCARVES) • **FURNISHINGS** • **BLANKETS** • **Etc.**

... TO HELP THESE RESIDENTS.

In addition, TOYS FOR CHILDREN OF ALL AGES are needed!

*Please bring your donations to the Main Office. (Next week at the Wednesday Activity Meeting, a **COLLECTION** will be taken for this Alamo Rec-Veh Park-sponsored charity.)*



MONTHLY RANGE COMPETITION SHOOT RULES:

1. Become a member. Dues are paid in the Main Office. (See pg. 4 for info.)
2. Sign up with Sue Signs at Lot 195. Sue will give you a target to shoot for the 1st week.
3. Each week after that, your shooting target will be at the range in the slot marked for that week.
4. When you've completed your target, place it in the "Completed Targets" slot.
5. Targets can be completed any time from Monday until midnight Saturday.
6. Sue will pick up and score targets on Sunday.
7. Monthly Competition starts on the 1st Monday of the month and runs for four weeks.

THANK YOU ...

We want to thank Pat Niccum for her generous donation to The Range as a memorial to her husband Dave. Instrumental in the initial construction and planning of The Range, Dave will be remembered for his vision and leadership.

THE RANGE



13-MONTH (Dec. to Dec.) CALENDAR

\$5 Donation

featuring even more coupons than last year!

AVAILABLE IN MAIN OFFICE

MORE ALAMO REC-VEH PARK SPECIAL EVENTS
listed in this calendar. Check out fun photos of your friends and neighbors. *Plus, money-saving coupons!*

CALENDAR COUPON INFO:

Best Western: 15% Off coupon is in ADDITION to any other discount. Recently remodeled hotel. Pool. Use of ALL Alamo Rec-Veh Park facilities (*included with proof of BW stay*).

A Block Away Quilt Shop: \$5 OFF Gift Certificate NEVER EXPIRES. May be combined with other coupons. Sign up in Tour Office for January Alamo Rec-Veh party at their new location on 10th St. near Harbor Freight.

Bob Stark's: 707 W. Dove St., McAllen (*Across Dove St. from new "Sprouts."*) His meat is first class, with unique cuts. FREE LB. of hamburger *with any purchase*.

Nail Spa: In strip mall across from Wal-Mart. If you're looking for a gentle pedicure, ask for Romeo. Guys might ask for Juliet. They're favorites. Disposable liners in foot baths.

Engert Farms: Fresh squeezed orange juice daily. 50¢ OFF any size Juice. Tangerines are delicious. Orchard located directly behind Alamo Rec-Veh Park. (They plan to be at all of our craft shows with juice, grapefruit and orange samples.) They also sell fresh farm eggs and orange blossom honey.

Joe's Windshield: Will come to Alamo Rec-Veh Park to repair a crack or nick in your windshield. Good & quick fix.

RV Center Supply: \$5 Off Propane Fill. Grill tank fill-up only \$7 when we used coupon. Heating repairs onsite.

New Image: In addition to haircuts and styling, she also does deep therapeutic massage.

HobbyTown: \$5 OFF any \$25 purchase. In addition to selling RC cars, trucks, boats, and copters, they also sell metal detectors, telescopes, science experiments for kids, art supplies and kits, and terrific educational gifts for kids of all ages.

Alamo Fitness Gym: 2-Day FREE Pass. This could help anyone start their New Year's resolution.

ProCare Therapy: No coupon, but a terrific therapist. After four weeks of working with this doctor, Dennis was only in the hospital for 1-1/2 days after his partial knee surgery. He never used the machine to work his leg when he got home.

Lube Masters: Has a bay dedicated to RV's and Semi's. Reasonable prices. Friendly mechanics. Quick oil changes.

Coffeetime: Buy 1, Get one 1/2 Off. *Health drinks, too!*

New Sun Racing: 15% Off coupon may be used over and over again. (*They'll take your name and lot number.*)

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. except for Christmas Day.
- **NO CHOIR PRACTICE** until first Friday in January.
- **BIBLE STUDIES** on Wednesdays at 10 a.m. (*after Park Meeting*).
- **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 until 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.
- Go to Schwans-Cares.com to order food online, which helps church funds.

LIBRARY NEWS

We now have two puzzle tables going. New books and puzzles are arriving daily and are appreciated.

Just a reminder: Please place incoming books into baskets and we will shelve them.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Dean and Karen Starks

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

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.

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 and Range Activities Started!

• Fri., Dec. 16 -- 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. LUNCHES will resume in January weather permitting.

• Sat., Dec. 17 -- 1 p.m., Off-Road Track Racing

• Sun., Dec. 18 -- 1 p.m., Sailboat Racing at the dock. LUNCHES will resume in January weather permitting. *Note: No racing or lunch if very high winds or rain.*

• Tues., Dec. 20 -- NEW TIME! 9 a.m., Quadcopter Racing in Rec Hall. Bring your helicopters and drones. *Bakery fare and coffee will be on sale during Tuesday morning races.*

• Thurs., Dec. 22 -- Fun Shoot at Range.

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

NOTE: Due to upcoming holiday, **TOUR OFFICE** will be **CLOSED** from Dec. 15 thru Dec. 25. Tour Office will reopen on Dec. 26. Feel free to stop by the Office to sign up for future tours. Reserve your spot. You can pay fees when tour directors return.

Sign-up for all tours in Tour Office or in Main Hall on Bulletin Board so you don't miss out on tour opportunities. Once a tour is filled, you lose your chance to go.

Meet in the 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 Marion Peterson at (651) 307-3104 or JoAnn Langseth at (612) 719-0350.*

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• **FRI., DEC. 30 -- BASILICA CHRISTMAS TOUR** (Cost: \$1) Leave park at 8:45 a.m.

• **TUES., JAN. 3 -- SANTA ANNA WILDLIFE TOUR.** (Cost: \$6, which includes park entrance fee and trolley ride) Leave park at 11:30 a.m. Feel free to pack a lunch and something to drink since the trolley tour of this beautiful park will go on during lunchtime.

• **THURS., JAN. 5 -- BORDER PATROL PRESENTATION** (Cost: *Free*). 9 a.m. in Rec Hall.

• **FRI., JAN. 6 -- VIPERS BASKETBALL GAME w/ lunch, t-shirt and transportation.** (Cost: \$35). Pick-up time to be announced. (Lunch will be at a quality restaurant to be announced.) \$1 extra for 2XL-5XL t-shirt.

• **TUES., JAN. 10 -- SNACK FACTORY TOUR in Harlingen.** (Cost: \$1). We will leave park at 8:30 a.m. *(This is a Mexican potato chip factory.)*

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



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**

DANCE TABLE RESERVATIONS AVAILABLE in ACTIVITY OFFICE

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

