

# 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.)

## FROM THE MAIN OFFICE

To All Alamo Rec-Veh Park Residents,

Don't forget to keep checking our website for new information at [alamorecvehpark.com](http://alamorecvehpark.com).

Please join us for our upcoming Halloween Party. It's a salad and dessert potluck, which will be held at 5:30 p.m. Prizes will be awarded for best costume, but you don't have to wear one to attend. (See page 3 of this issue of the Echo for more information.)

You still have time to make a reservation for this season. We do hope you will stay with us. Call the office or stop by to book your site.

Our Alamo Rec-Veh 2017 Calendar will be available at the end of November. New this year, it's a 13-month calendar, which will feature even more special events. More coupons will be added. Plus, you'll discover great photos of your park friends and neighbors. Maybe even a photo or two of you. All of this value is yours for only a \$5.00 donation. They will be available in the Main Office at the end of November. (Remember to use the coupons from your 2016 calendar. Most of them are still valid. Advertisers want you to use them! That's how they gauge this project's success.)

Thank you to those who are working so hard to make Alamo Rec-Veh Park one of the finest and friendliest in the Valley. You'll love what's planned for this season. There's a lot of excitement coming this winter.

Respectfully, *Barbara Hamel, Mgr.*



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

**FREE WI-FI:** There will be 24/7 FREE Wi-fi throughout the park. Time Warner speeds will be better than last year as long as park residents aren't 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.

## NOTES from the OFFICE

### REGISTRATION CARDS:

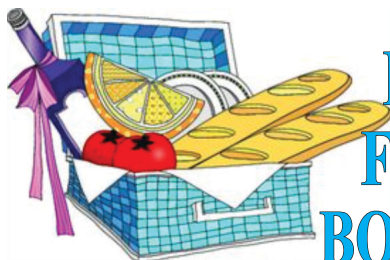
Everyone will be asked to fill out a NEW registration card upon arrival. We need to update our records with current information such as: your home address, your emergency contacts, vehicle that you're driving, etc. This is needed for office records and also for mail forwarding. If we don't have a correct home address for you, your mail won't be forwarded back to you correctly.

We are asking everyone to fill out these forms, including household members who have more than one last name. If this applies to you, please fill out a registration form for each last name.

### HOLDING MAIL FOR MORE THAN A DAY:

If you are going to be gone from the park for more than a day, please notify the office. We NEED TO KNOW.... It's not that we are being nosy, but if a DISASTER HAPPENS, we need accountability for you.

Remember the fire last season? If responders ask who might be inside a place, we have to know if you are. We have a form in the office for you to fill out if you are going to be gone. In that case, we hold the mail and that is our notification that you are not at home.



## PLAN FOR FEBRUARY BOX SOCIAL

A "BOX SOCIAL MIXER" party will be held this season on Saturday, Feb. 11. You may recall attending such an event. To get ahead of the game plan, you may want to make your "box" over the summer months.

The box should be large enough to hold a substantial lunch (for two), which would be shared with the lucky bidder who buys the box.

**You might include such hometown, state or Canadian province items that helped to put your area on the map, such as cheese, wine, meat or sweets.**

Everyone is invited (*both couples and singles*).  
*Watch for more advertising to come.*

### 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 \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ No. of calendars \_\_\_\_\_

## 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 started on Sunday, Oct. 23 at 9 a.m. We celebrated Holy Communion that day. Being that we are an interdenominational community, the Lord's Table is open to anyone who believes that Jesus died for our sins and that He is our Savior. We look forward to seeing you all at worship!

Along with the regular 9 a.m. Sunday services, this year we will be holding special services on Thanksgiving Eve, Christmas Eve, Ash Wednesday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday. We are also looking at offering contemporary worship once a month during the season. If you would like to be a part of the Praise and Worship team (either singing or playing an instrument), contact me. Also, please contact me if you are interested in serving on the Music and Worship Committee to help plan for worship.

We held a very successful Back-To-School Drive! Thanks to the kindness of Fred and Lorey Meier and Dennis Tomlinson, we were able to send 40 children from colonias (here in Alamo) to school with the supplies they needed! We will be holding another drive from mid-November to mid-December...So, please plan for that, and let's see if we can take care of 60 children!!!!

Be blessed in all that you do!

*Pastor Cathy*

## Upcoming Events . . .

- Halloween Party and Pumpkin Decorating Contest
- Painting Classes
- Spanish Lessons
- Thanksgiving Dinner
- December RC and Pellet Gun Swap Meet & Craft Show
- Christmas Parade & Program
- Christmas Dinner
- New Year's Eve Dance, followed by Breakfast
- January Open House
- Radio Show
- Wine and Cheese Event
- Box Social
- Plus MUCH, MUCH More!

# Halloween Party

**SATURDAY, OCT. 31 at 5:30 p.m.**

## — Salad and Dessert Potluck —

### WHAT TO BRING:

- A salad or dessert to share
- Your own table service
- A decorated real pumpkin (to be placed on your table)

*This is a chance for all of us to get acquainted and reacquainted.  
We're going to have a great winter together!*



**COSTUMES**  
are optional  
but . . . **PRIZES**  
will be awarded  
for best ones!

**CUPCAKE  
WALK**

**BEAN BAG  
TOSS**

# 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**





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 . . .

• **Friday, Dec. 2 -- 1 p.m., Oval Track Racing** in front of Main Office (11 a.m. Practice, 12 noon Lunch) Bring your RC cars or just come down to watch. Lunch will be on sale at noon. Proceeds help to defray track upkeep and updating facilities.

• **Sunday, Dec. 4 -- 1 p.m., Sailboat Racing at the dock.** (12 noon Lunch) **Menu:** All-beef hotdogs, chips, brownies, a variety of sodas and water will be on sale for participants and spectators.

• **Tuesday, Dec. 6 -- 8:30 a.m., Quadcopter Racing in East Hall.** Bring your helicopters and drones. *Light breakfast fare will be on sale during the 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.)*

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

## Interested in contributing to an unusual project?

### Here's your chance!

Help a local group of young men, under the direction of a Navy Recruiter, restore this DUNE BUGGY. Once completed, the vehicle will be displayed throughout Texas.



To donate,  
CONTACT  
Barb Hamel  
in the  
Main Office



# RC & 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.

-- LUNCH and TREATS FOR SALE! --  
PUBLIC INVITED!

*Just in time to pick up holiday gifts!*

# BIG NEWS!

Bring your woodworking tools and enjoy the new woodworking area, located in the West Laundry building! The laundry machines are being removed to make room for the wood shop.

**FROM THE ACTIVITY DIRECTOR:** This year we will once again have a **Cancer/Heart Fund Raffle**. To make this a success, we ask that you bring new items, gift cards, homemade items (such as wood-carving projects, jewelry, etc.) We will start selling tickets for the raffle in January with the raffle being held in February. If you would like to help with this project, please contact me in the Activity Director's Office.

Funds from the raffle will be divided between the local Cancer Society and the Heart Society. Note that we haven't organized this project for several years. A number of residents have asked to have it returned.

After talking to the Alamo Lions Club, there is a need for **used eyeglasses**, including sunglasses. The donations will stay in the Alamo area. I thought many of us have some of our old ones laying around. To donate, just bring them to the Activity Office.

A **Toys for Tots** collection for Alamo children will be conducted again this year. Alamo Rec-Veh Park resi-

dents have always collected more toys than any other Winter Texan Park in Alamo. I am very proud of all of you who have helped to make this possible. This toy drive will start in November.

You, the residents, have delighted us with your generosity to help meet our community needs. We thank you very much.

Linda Miller, *Activity Director*

**HELPING HANDS SEWING CLUB:** Again this season, Helping Hands Sewing Club will meet on Tuesday mornings from 8 to 11:30 a.m. in the Annex to make bibs, chemo hats and quilts (all sizes) for the needy in the Rio Grande Valley. With this in mind, we are asking you to consider bringing 100% cotton fabric, sheets, and yarn to Alamo Rec-Veh Park to assist us in helping others. (*We also collect toiletries that you've collected from hotels / motels in your travels for the local Women's Shelter*). We look forward to another year of sewing and friendship on Tuesday mornings.

## CREATIVE EXPRESSION (2016-17 SEASON CLASS SCHEDULE)

Join us each Monday afternoon in the Annex from 1 to 3 p.m. for some **fun classes** including a variety of quilting and sewing projects, along with craft classes. *Sample pictures will be featured on the web page.* Be sure to check out our display cabinet in the hall.

• **Jan. 9 -- 1st Clue given for "Mystery Quilt"** – Bring your supplies and be prepared to start work on this project. The goal is to get your quilt top done before you go home for the summer. Mystery quilt (approx. 42"x50") is great for large prints to be fussy cut into 6-1/2" blocks. Avoid one-way designs. Supply list to bring: 1-1/4 yards large print or Focus fabric, one yard coordinating fabric that reads solid, one yard light background fabric, 1/2 yard contrasting coordinating fabric for small border.

• **Jan. 16 -- ID Holder by Linda Albin** – Bring one fat quarter, one 5"x3-3/4" clear 8 or 10-gauge plastic, and one 7" zipper that matches the fat quarter. I have some clear plastic I will bring to share.

• **Jan. 23 -- Short Sleeve Sweatshirt by Candy Schuster** – Bring one sweatshirt in your size, four large buttons (at least 1" in diameter), four smaller buttons (1/2" to 3/4" in size), three small pieces of coordinating fabrics (at least 8"x8" in size), a small piece of double-sided fusible interfacing such as Heat and Bond.

• **Jan. 30 -- Wreath by Nancy Afeld** – Bring a 12" or 16" wire wreath ring, one roll of 6" or 10" wide mesh, one roll of coordinating ribbon, one large pkg. matching pipe cleaners, ruler, rotary cutter or scissors, and decorative pieces such as floral stems to decorate your wreath. (*Hobby Lobby has a nice selection of*

*mesh and everything you need. The mesh is usually 1/2 price there.*)

• **Feb. 6 -- 2nd Clue given for "Mystery Quilt"** – We will be working on the quilt for this session.

• **Feb. 16 -- Pillowcase** – Bring 9" x width of fabric (at least 42" wide) for cuff, 27" x width of fabric (at least 42" wide) non-directional fabric for the pillowcase, 3" of contrast fabric for trim if desired.

• **Feb. 20 -- Earrings by Gelene Logsdon** – Make these cute button earrings. Bring two earring hooks, 26 jump rings, ten 2-hole or 4-hole buttons (*may be a little larger than the 4-hole small buttons*) and ten 4-hole small buttons. (*Hobby Lobby carries a nice selection of everything needed for this project.*)

• **Feb. 27 -- Final Clue given for "Mystery Quilt" and revealing!** – We will finish the quilt top or work on any other unfinished project.

Don't forget to bring your **Challenge Project** with you to display at the Quilt & Hobby Show. This year's challenge is "**Spring Fling**." Create a project with anything to do with spring. This could be projects such as Easter, St. Patrick's Day, Flowers, etc. We would like to have a large display of your creations at the quilt show.

You may work on your own quilting project, wood-carving item, scrapbooking, or needlework each Monday afternoon – or just come to visit and see what we are doing.

*Please bring your ideas for future classes with you this fall. We will find a teacher if you don't care to teach the class. If you have any questions, contact Linda Albin at 573-680-3469 or email me at lalbin274@gmail.com.*