

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 Residents –

We hope you are all enjoying your winter with us.

Some folks here have questioned our use of "park resident." When using this term, we mean anyone who rents a lot, whether they're spending quality time with us for a few days or a full year. All of you are important to us and are considered a vital part of our community.

Our biggest event this year will be Alamo Rec-Veh Park's 45th Anniversary held the last week of February and first days of March. We hope everyone will join us to celebrate.

Because more residents are joining us almost daily, we are extending the sale of our anniversary tickets. If you haven't picked up your tickets, please get them as soon as possible so we can better estimate and plan our food order and schedule adequate seating.

We need volunteers to help prepare, serve and clean up at each event and meal. Please consider lending a hand.

Thank all of you who helped in any way during our Open House this past Saturday.

Reservation time is coming up this week. It is our sincere hope that all of you will consider coming back here to stay with us next season. *Don't wait too long and risk losing your lot for next season.*

We look forward to continue serving you by offering the best customer service possible.

Barbara Hamel, General Mgr.

• ENTERTAINMENT •

See Activity Office for info.
Tickets available in Activity Office.

SUN., JAN. 28 – MEN OF A-CHORD

(6:30 p.m.) in Rec Hall. Cost: \$6.

TUES., JAN. 30 – HITMAN (Dance)

(7-10 p.m.) in Rec Hall. Cost: \$6

THURS., FEB. 1 – SUSAN HUDSON

(Show) in Rec Hall. See Activity Office for info.

MONDAY, JAN. 29



Join us for *Lunch* and then stay for our *Jam*!

LUNCH AT 11 A.M. (Cost: \$5)
FOLLOWED BY
JAM AT 12:30 P.M.

MENU: Hamburger or cheeseburger with fixings, chips, dessert, coffee or iced tea.

SALE EXTENDED

45TH PARK ANNIVERSARY TICKETS

\$20 PER PERSON

plus a **FREE HAT** (while supplies last)

TICKETS AVAILABLE IN MAIN OFFICE.

See **BULLETIN BOARD**
for tentative 8-DAY Schedule.

You won't want to miss any fun-filled day!

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., JAN. 27 – 9th STREET BREAK-FAST POTLUCK (8:30 a.m.) in Annex. Beverage provided. Bring dish to pass and table service.

MON., JAN. 29 – BIKE TOUR: *South Padre* (8:45 a.m.) Meet at Lot A19 (Gary Ronfeldt). Please sign up on Bulletin Board.

MON., JAN. 29 – 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: Hamburger or cheeseburger with fixings, chips, dessert, coffee or iced tea.

MON., JAN. 29 – WOODCARVERS' SESSION (1 p.m.) in Wood Shop. Not necessary to be an RCR&W member for this session ONLY. See Gary Morin for more info.

MON., JAN. 29 – CREATIVE EXPRESSIONS FOURTH SESSION: *Clue for 'Mystery Quilt'* (1-3 p.m.) in Annex. Project: We will work on quilt for entire session.

MON., JAN. 29 – CRAYON BOX WORK BEE for Amigos Children (1-3 p.m.) in Annex. (Creative Expression members are kindly sharing their space.) All materials are supplied. We're happy to get our park residents started.

MON., JAN. 29 – MEETING FOR ACTIVITY & GROUP LEADERS including cards, bingo, etc. Purpose: To increase interest and participation. (3 p.m.) in North Hall of Rec Hall.

MON., JAN. 29 – 45th ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE MEETING, along with residents willing to volunteer to help make this week go smoothly (4 p.m.) in North Hall of Rec Hall.

Events . . .

TUES., JAN. 30 – (Cards): EUCRE (6:30 p.m.) in Annex. Everyone's welcome every Tuesday!

WED., JAN. 31 – BORDER PATROL TALK (1 p.m.) in Rec Hall.

THURS., FEB. 1 – SPAGHETTI DINER will be served Every Thursday from now on! (5-5:30 p.m.) in Rec Hall. (Cost: \$6) Menu: Spaghetti (sauce with or without meat), French bread, dessert, coffee or iced tea. **PLEASE SIGN UP ON BULLETIN BOARD** to help Gordy get an accurate count. Tickets available at the door.

THURS., FEB. 1 – QUILT & HOBBY SHOW (9 a.m.-1 p.m.) Cost: \$2 at the door. (Anyone displaying items in show gets free admission.) Bring handmade items for registration to Rec Hall on Wed., Jan. 31 (4-5:30 p.m.) They will be labeled and locked in Card Room overnight. (Special: "Hit the Trail" quilts, a donation quilt, as well as other raffle items and door prizes, along with hospitality table. Vendors will sell fabric and sewing notions.) All proceeds from show benefit Helping Hands projects in Rio Grande Valley. (See ad on pg. 4.)

WED., FEB. 7 – 9th Annual POOL HALL OWNER'S TOURNAMENT (6:30 p.m. Sharp) in Pool Hall. Sign-up sheet is in Pool Hall. Trophies and cash will be awarded to 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners. Come and cheer on players.

THURS., FEB. 8 – CRAFT SHOW with LUNCH (No admission charge) (8 a.m. - 12 Noon) in Rec Hall. New Sun Racing will provide an RC demo at Oval Track and/or in Rec Hall, weather dependent.

SAT., FEB. 10 – BOX LUNCH SOCIAL with Entertainer GLORIA JEAN from Minnesota. (5-9 p.m.) in Rec Hall. (Cost: \$2.50 if attending Box Lunch Social; \$5 if only attending Gloria Jean entertainment) Tickets available in Activity Office. (See Bulletin Board and/or pg. 4 in this Echo issue for more info.) Looking for volunteers to help set up and clean up.

SUN., FEB. 11 – CANADIAN LUNCHEON at Logan's Roadhouse backroom (2224 S. 10th St., McAllen). 12 noon. All Canadians, please join us and wear red, if possible.

WED., FEB. 14 – RED HAT LUNCHEON & STYLE SHOW (12 Noon) in Rec Hall. (Cost: \$2) Tickets available in Activity Office or at Wednesday meetings. Please bring

salad to pass with a serving spoon. Style show follows luncheon. Fashions provided by Bec's of McAllen, Wells of Weslaco, and Lionel's Western Wear of Weslaco. Door prizes. Table service, coffee and lemonade will be provided. ALL park residents, including gentlemen, are invited.

SAT., FEB. 17 – GOD'S WORTHY WOMEN CONFERENCE (9 a.m.-3 p.m.) at Victoria Palms Ballroom, Donna. (Cost: \$35) See Leila Preuss, Lot 298 (479) 957-6683 for tickets and/or church bulletin board for more info.

LIBRARY NEWS: Dean and Karen Starks Stop at the library and see what is new. Don't forget to check out our DVD's. Donations are always welcome. Baskets provided for new or returned books.

LOOKING FOR SUPER BOWL PARTY HOSTS. Park residents are invited to watch the Super Bowl game in the Annex. Everyone brings finger food and drinks. See Activity Office for info.

BIKE OLYMPICS

Last day to sign up for **BIKE OLYMPICS** is **WED., JAN. 31** at Bentsen State Park. Registration \$3; optional T-shirt \$5. See ad on pg. 4.

THANK YOU . . .

A special thank you to the Water Exercise ladies who graciously volunteered to work with George, our ProCare Physical Therapist, for our "experimental" 9 a.m. Saturday class. We so appreciate your enthusiastic participation.

I hate to take up valuable Echo space, but I need to clarify a few items so rumors don't circulate.

Please understand that this class is NOT Water Aerobics. We love that program and encourage everyone (including the ladies in the current Water Exercise program) to participate Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays at the 8 a.m. and 9 a.m. Water Aerobic sessions.

At next Wednesday's Activity Meeting, as well as in the next Echo issue, we'll provide everyone with more info about the Saturday Water Exercise opportunity.

Note: **If these one-day-a-week Water Exercise classes continue**, the class will be open to all residents through a sign-up sheet and limited to a maximum of 15 ladies for three consecutive weeks on Saturday only. After the third week, a different set of 15 ladies would sign up for three weeks. Those in need of therapy or new to water program activities would have preference.

Barb Zanetti

ALAMO REC-VEH PARK COMMUNITY CHURCH (NON-DENOMINATIONAL)



PASTOR RANDY and SUSAN PARKS

Contact Information:
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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.
 - **MEN OF A-CHORD** (6:30 p.m.) in Rec Hall. Cost: \$6.
- WEDNESDAYS: • LADIES BIBLE STUDY** (following the 9 a.m. Park Meeting) Leading the Study: Kathy Moore and Maggie Biedekapp.

NOTICE

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

FOOD SERVERS FOR DANCES NEEDED

Looking for residents interested in serving food at dances – items such as nachos, hot dogs or sandwiches. Not a long-term commitment, maybe only a dance or two; more if you'd like. See Activity Office.

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.*

Thank You . . .

The 7th annual Big-Band Jam on Jan. 21 attracted a very enthusiastic crowd and raised more than \$1800 for the Shiners' Kids Transportation Fund. Thank you to all the musicians and singers who donated their time and talents, as well as to all who helped in any way to make the event a success.

Bob McArthur

Thank You . . . (Cont.)

Tina, a stray chihuahua mix, and her adopted mom would like to thank all the wonderful, caring and loving people who have given treats, food, bowls, harnesses, and the loan of a dog crate for the care of Tina. Tina now has a warm home and probably more love than she can understand.

But for the grace of people like each of you here in Alamo Rec, Tina would still be living the life of an abused orphan. Please feel free to visit her or greet her as we take one of our many walks. *Marian Peterson*

A special thank you to all of you who remembered my birthday, those who sang to me, and those who brought gifts to the office. You made my day very special. *Juanita Vess*



TOURS: Education Laughter Fun

New Tour Directors: *Carol Norman (Lot 182) and Pearl Hilkemeyer (169)*

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

TOUR PAYMENTS MADE TO CAROL OR PEARL.

TOUR GROUPS MEET IN REC HALL BEFORE LEAVING PARK.

TUES., JAN. 30 – SOUTH TEXAS HISTORY MUSEUM TOUR in McALLEN (9:15 a.m.) (Cost: \$7)

FRI., FEB. 2 – QUINTA MAZATLAN HISTORY TOUR with EXCLUSIVE PRIVATE DOCUMENT & PHOTO VIEWING (THESE ARE NOT OPEN TO THE PUBLIC) (12:15 p.m.) (Cost: \$7) *This is the largest adobe mansion in Texas!*

Along with a unique viewing of private Quinta Mazatlan documents and photos, park residents will get a tour of the buildings and nature friendly walking trails on the property.

FRI., FEB. 9 – BASKETBALL GAME – VIPERS vs. IOWA WOLVERINES with Transportation to Game, Dinner and T-shirt in McAllen (TIME ?? p.m.) (Cost: \$35)

Price includes ADMISSION TO THE VIPERS vs. IOWA WOLVERINES GAME, a DINNER at one of the following restaurants: *Peppers, Macaroni Grill or Tony Roma's*, plus a VIPER T-SHIRT (sizes M-3XL), and BUS TRANSPORTATION to and from the basketball game.

Please write your full name, along with your T-shirt size, on the sign-up sheet in the TV Lounge.

Don't forget your tickets!



POOL HALL ANNUAL FISH DINNER

FRI., FEB. 16 5:00 P.M. IN REC HALL

Tickets available in Main Office OR from Tripp and Maggie at Lot #234 (845) 598-4818

\$8

- Door Prizes
- Gift Certificates
- 50/50 Drawings (EARLY & LATE)

MENU: Fish, Coleslaw, Baked Beans, Roll, Dessert, Coffee or Iced Tea.



Full Evening of Music:
Jack Nelson & The County Line
WITH RANDY PARKS

*Starting at 4 p.m.,
Playing thru Dinner,
Continuing thru Dance*



RED HAT SALAD LUNCHEON & STYLE SHOW

WED., FEB. 14 - 12 Noon

TICKETS: \$2 (Available in Activity Office and at Wednesday Meetings)

SALAD LUNCHEON open to ALL park residents, including men. **STYLE SHOW** follows luncheon.

Please bring a SALAD to pass with SERVING SPOON.

TABLE SERVICE, AS WELL AS COFFEE AND LEMONADE WILL BE PROVIDED.

• DOOR PRIZES •

Fashions provided by WELLS of WESLACO, BEC'S of McALLEN and LIONEL'S WESTERN WEAR of WESLACO

QUILT & HOBBY SHOW

Thurs., Feb. 1

9 A.M. to 1 P.M. IN REC HALL

COST: \$2 at the door

(ANYONE DISPLAYING ITEMS IN SHOW GETS **FREE ADMISSION.**)

Bring handmade items for registration to Rec Hall on Wed., Jan. 31 between 4 - 5:30 p.m. They will be labeled and locked in Card Room overnight. A special display area features "On the Trail" quilts. *All show proceeds benefit projects that Helping Hands makes for the Rio Grande Valley.*



- DONATION QUILT
- RAFFLE ITEMS
- DOOR PRIZES
- VENDORS
- HOSPITALITY TABLE

BOX LUNCH AUCTION & SOCIAL EVENING

SATURDAY, FEB. 10 5 PM TO 9 PM

How It Works

1. LADY (OR PARTNER 1) BRINGS WRAPPED BOXED MEAL (COLD FOOD) FOR TWO (MINIMUM VALUE \$10)
2. MAN (OR PARTNER 2) BRINGS MEGA CASH (AT LEAST \$10) TO BID ON A BOX (TO SHARE WITH PARTNER 1)
3. BOXES TO ARRIVE BY 4:30 P.M. CONCEALED IN BLACK GARBAGE BAG (IT IS IMPORTANT THAT THE BIDDERS DO NOT KNOW WHOSE BOX THEY ARE BIDDING ON)
4. BIDDING TO BEGIN AT 5:00 P.M.
5. SUCCESSFUL BIDDER WILL PAY FOR THE BOX IMMEDIATELY AND TAKE IT TO THE TABLE WHERE THEY WILL SHARE

INCIDENTAL INFORMATION

- EVERYONE IS WELCOME (COUPLES & SINGLES)
- SINGLE PARTNER 1 NEEDS TO PREARRANGE FOR PARTNER 2 TO MAKE OR BUY AND SHARE A BOX
- TICKETS AT \$2.50 PER PERSON TO BE PURCHASED EARLY AT ACTIVITY OFFICE
- ICED TEA & WATER, COFFEE AND BOX-WINE WILL BE PROVIDED, OR BYOB
- IF ANYONE WANTS TO COME FOR THE ENTERTAINMENT ONLY, TICKETS WILL BE AVAILABLE AT \$5 PER PERSON

GLORIA JEAN

ENTERTAINMENT FROM MINNESOTA

MIX OF MUSIC, HUMOR AND STORIES

• RCR&W NEWS CORNER •

THE RANGE:

Air Rifles now have 2 COMPETITION CLASSES – Those powered with CO2 / Compressed Air and Spring Guns or Break Barrels (any gun that you have to cock). Each of these COMPETITION CLASSES will be divided into – Sharp Shooters and Expert. NOTE: Individuals MUST write their name and "Spring" on their target. Otherwise, they'll be scored in the Air Rifle Class.

FUN SHOOT -- 1-2:30 p.m. on Thursdays

RC RACING:

OVAL HORSESHOE RACING –

• FRI., JAN. 26 – Oval Track (5 p.m.)

RED RACE RESULTS: 2-WHEEL (LARRY LITTLER); 4-WHEEL (JOHN WALLACE)

OVAL TRACK 1/20/18 RESULTS: 2-WHEEL (A MAIN) DOUG KORTBEIN; (B MAIN) MIKE BENOIT

4-WHEEL (A MAIN) JOHN WALLACE; (B MAIN) GARY MORIN; (C MAIN) GEORGE GARDENER; (D MAIN) CARL BECKER

OFF-ROAD RACING –

• SAT., JAN. 27 – (1-4 p.m.)

SAILBOAT & POWER BOAT RACING –

• SUN., JAN. 28 – (1 p.m.)

COPTER & DRONE COURSE –

• TUES., JAN. 30 – (8:30-12 Noon) in Rec Hall.

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.)

GOLDEN AGE OLYMPICS BIKE TOUR

LAST DAY TO REGISTER:

WED., JAN. 31

- **Not a race!** • **COST: \$3 fee** (\$5 T-shirt is optional)
- **Competition based on PERCENTAGE of residents participating**
- **DATE OF BIKE TOUR:** Wed., Feb. 7
- **Meet:** Lot A19 at 7:45 a.m. to load bikes

Snacks provided • 1-1/2 mile asphalt road thru Bentsen State Park (no vehicles permitted) on this road • No requirement to finish bike tour • Stop to visit bird watch stations or to chat • Travel at your own pace - no one keeps track • *Help ARVP earn first place!*

If questions, contact Gary Ronfeldt at Lot A19



45th Anniversary T-SHIRTS

Park residents may purchase T-SHIRT & BUTTON PACKAGE from MAIN OFFICE.

COST: \$15



We're still working to raise money to buy the fencing and gate to make the Dog Park a reality.

To accomplish this, we're asking park residents for a donation of \$10 per dog. Non-dog owners may also contribute if they'd prefer to see park dogs run behind a fence.

See Maggie Biedekapp to make a donation or for more information. Lot #234.