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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,

It's time for us to help you get in the holiday spirit. Please join us for a weekend of Christmas events. Tonight features our traditional Christmas parade. Remember our Salt & Light Church Candlelight Service on Christmas Eve, followed by a cookie social. Then, join us for Christmas Dinner, followed by Walter Plant's performance, and then a buffet. After that, we'll celebrate with a FREE bingo event. (See "Upcoming Events.")

Although weather has curtailed several December events, we are looking forward to a very busy January!

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 featured in this story.

Need a last-minute gift for loved ones back home? Our 2016-17 park calendars are available in the Main Office. For a \$5 donation, you can share photos of your Alamo friends and neighbors and show off our park events. Plus, it features exclusive coupons. (See *coupon info on pg. 3*.)

Wednesday Activity Meetings will begin at 9 a.m. sharp. 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.*

We want to thank everyone for all the time and talent they have given the park. It is all so appreciated!

We hope you enjoy your Christmas celebration with Alamo Rec-Veh Park friends and neighbors, who make this such a wonderful winter place!

Respectfully, *Barbara Hamel, Mgr.*

RENT DISCOUNT: Park Residents paying their Lot Rent by Dec. 28, 2016, will get \$50.00 OFF their rent.



JAY & TAMMY are hosting the JAM!

MON., DEC. 26. Lunch (11 a.m.), Jam (12:30 a.m.)

MENU: Chili Dogs, Chips, Dessert, Coffee or Iced Tea

Please offer to help the volunteer cooks in the kitchen!

HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS:

OPEN: Sat., Dec. 24, only in the morning for mail and packages. Stop early. Packages not picked up will be delivered to park residents' homes.

CLOSED: Mon., Dec. 26
OPEN: Sat., Dec. 31 (9 a.m. - 2 p.m.)
OPEN: Sun., Jan. 1 (10 a.m. - 2 p.m.)

ENTERTAINMENT

TUES., DEC. 27 (6:30 p.m.) \$6

**Pat Davidson's
MAGIC SHOW**

THURS., DEC. 29 (6:30 p.m.) \$6

**JAY &
TAMMY SHOW**

TUES., JAN. 3 (7 p.m.) \$5

**SMOKING
GUN**

Upcoming Events

FRI., DEC. 23 -- CHRISTMAS PARADE

(Parade to start 5:30 p.m.) in Alamo Rec-Veh Park. (Parade participants line up near The Range at 5 p.m.) Everyone welcome to participate and/or watch. Decorate golf carts, bikes, pets, yourself, your friends, your neighbors, etc.

FRI., DEC. 23 -- BINGO (7 p.m.) in Rec Hall.

SUN., DEC. 25 -- CHRISTMAS DINNER

(1 p.m.) Cost: \$1, plus dish to pass. Hostess may decorate their tables any time on Sunday morning. 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. 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.) Hostesses, please bring pie servers, gravy ladles and coffee carafes.

SUN., DEC. 25 -- WALTER PLANT PERFORMANCE. (1:45 p.m.) in Rec Hall.

There will be a freewill collection.

SUN., DEC. 25 -- CHRISTMAS BUFFET

Events . . .

(5:30 p.m.) Help needed . Please sign up.

SUN, DEC. 25 – FREE BINGO with Door Prizes. (6:30 p.m.) in Rec Hall. A different type of bingo than you're used to playing.

MON., DEC. 26 -- MAHJONG. (1 p.m.) in Annex. *Mondays instead of Fridays.*

TUES., DEC. 27 – PAT DAVIDSON'S MAGIC SHOW plus added entertainment. (6:30 p.m.) in Rec Hall. Cost: \$6.

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

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. Dance table reservations available in Activity Office. To make dance table reservations, you must bring your dance ticket. (See ad on pg. 4.)

TUES., JAN. 3 -- TOUR: SANTA ANNA WILDLIFE TOUR (Cost: \$6) Leave park at 11:30 a.m. (See pg. 4 for more info.)

TUES., JAN. 3 -- SMOKING GUN (7 p.m.) in Rec Hall. Cost: \$5.

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

FRI., JAN. 6 -- TOUR: VIPERS BASKETBALL GAME w/lunch, t-shirt and transportation. (Cost: \$35) Pickup time to be announced. (See pg. 4 for more info.)

TUES., JAN. 10 -- TOUR: SNACK FACTORY TOUR in Harlingen (Cost: \$1) Leave park at 8:30 a.m.

TUES., 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.

NO GARBAGE PICKUP ON MONDAYS: DEC. 26 & JAN. 2. PICKUP those weeks on TUESDAY!

SAVVY STITCHERS

Knitting and Crocheting Group starting Tues., Jan. 3 at 1 p.m. in North Hall. Bring whatever project you are working on. For more information, contact Janice Davis at (231) 690-3681.

PARK PICTURE DIRECTORY

Alamo Rec-Veh Park Pictorial Directory photos are now being scheduled for January. Please sign up after the Wednesday Activity Meeting OR in the Activity Office. In addition, feel free to call evenings or weekends to make your appointment . . .
(956) 279-2698

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 ... To GORDY AND AGGIE JENSEN for the delicious pork loin dinner. WOODY WILSON for fixing the bike racks. CONNIE BROWN and MARIAN BAKER for being in charge of the bake sale. (Profits go to the Activity Club.)

WINNERS OF THE CHRISTMAS OUTDOOR DECORATING CONTEST include: 1st Place (Mobiles) -- Bob and Connie Brown (#F3); 2nd Place -- Gordy and Aggie Jensen (#73-74); and 1st Place (RV's) -- Tess and Mike Ficcaglia (#177); 2nd Place -- Bob McArthur and Barb Latimer (#105).

KITCHEN WORKERS NEEDED! Sign up on Kitchen Bulletin Board.

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!

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Open House

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(9-11 A.M.)

ON DISPLAY: Items we have made such as ... quilts, bibs and chemo hats. We donate these items to area hospitals, nursing homes, colonias, Driscoll Children's Hospital and Vannie Cook Children's Cancer Center.
SNACKS WILL BE SERVED.

SPANISH CLASSES

TUES., JAN. 17
1:30 - 3:30 p.m.

Sign-up sheet in Activity Office.

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)

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 pound 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, plus 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 and quick fix.

RV Center Supply: \$5 Off Propane Fill. Heating, AC, water heater, range, toilet, etc. repair. Parts & accessories.

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 residents start their New Year's resolution.

ProCare Therapy: No coupon, but a terrific therapist. After four weeks of working with this doctor, Dennis Zanetti was only in the hospital for 1-1/2 days after his partial knee surgery. (*He never used the machine to work his leg after 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. Schwan's drive for ARVP's Salt & Light begins Dec. 28, 2016.

LIBRARY NEWS

Come in and check out our many Christmas stories. We also received many new western books for all of you western lovers. Just a reminder to place incoming books into baskets, and we will shelve them. Thank you for your cooperation. Merry Christmas!
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.

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.

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. *Both guys and gals are needed!*

CREATIVE EXPRESSIONS

MON., JAN. 9 -- MYSTERY QUILT (1-3 p.m.) in Annex. First clue given. Bring following supplies: 1-1/4 yd. large-print or Focus fabric, one yd. Coordinating fabric that reads solid, one yd. light background fabric, 1/2 yd. contrasting coordinating fabric for small border. Size will be approximately 42x50". A great project for large prints to be fussy cut into 6-1/2" blocks. Avoid one-way designs.

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. 23 -- 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. 24 -- 1 p.m., Off-Road Track Racing
- Sun., Dec. 25 -- CANCELLED DUE TO CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY.
- Tues., Dec. 27 -- 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. 29 -- 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

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

UPCOMING TOURS

NOTE: Due to 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 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.)*

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 & Coffee

BYOB and SNACKS • *Popcorn and Soda will be sold.*

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.

