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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,

We want to thank all of you who are helping to make our Alamo Rec-Veh Park's holiday season so special.

Some of the upcoming holiday activities include our park's Christmas outdoor decorating contest. On Thursday, Dec. 15, our judges will check out your holiday decorations. When they are finished, we will award prizes to the residents who have the snazziest holiday outdoor decors.

Wednesday Activity 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 are now available in the Main Office. For a \$5 donation, you'll have a list of most of the park's special events (*which are subject to change*). This 13-month calendar features valuable coupons, which are great bargains. Advertisers hope that you'll take advantage of their special offers, which are exclusive to our park's residents. The use of these coupons is one of the only ways advertisers will know you saw their ad. Be sure to mention that you're from Alamo Rec-Veh Park and that you saw their ad in the calendar.

Finally, we want to thank all of the wonderful volunteers, who make this park a remarkable 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.)**

## 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. The party is scheduled for DEC. 18, but she is willing to move it to DEC. 22.

## Upcoming Calendar

**SUN., DEC. 11 -- TOUR: RAZZ-MA-TAZZ, WINTER RANCH.** (Cost: \$5). Leave park at 1 p.m. Sign up in Tour Office.

**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, Chips, Dessert, and Coffee or Iced Tea for \$5. (*Jay & Tammy will be our Jam hosts.*)

**MON., DEC. 12 -- FIFTH STREET POTLUCK PARTY** (4 p.m.) in Annex. Bring a dish to pass, tablesetting and drink of choice. Coffee will be provided. Join us and meet your neighbors.

**MON., DEC. 12 -- MAKE CRAYON BOXES for Mexican children's Christmas** (1 p.m.) in Annex. All supplies (including plastic canvas) will be provided and ready. Work continues on Mon., Dec. 19. Any questions? Call Carole at 269-718-8536.

**TUES., DEC. 13 -- TOUR: CHRISTMAS HOUSE.** (Cost: \$9). Leave park at 7 a.m.

**TUES., DEC. 13 -- GORDY & AGGIE'S PORK LOIN DINNER** (5 p.m.) in Rec Hall. (Cost: \$7; **after Monday at noon cost will be \$8.**) Menu will include pork loin, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, applesauce, roll, dessert, and coffee or iced tea. Tickets available in the Activity Office. (Tickets will also be available at the door for \$8.)

**TUES., DEC. 13 -- WEEKLY EUCHRE GAME** (6:30 p.m.) in Card Room.

**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. (Deadline for purchasing tickets is noon on

## Calendar . . .

Monday, Dec. 12.)

**THURS., DEC. 15 -- THE "HITMAN"**  
(7 p.m.) Cost: \$5. Dance.

**FRI., DEC. 16 -- ACTIVITIES CLUB  
BAKE SALE** (8 a.m.) in Rec Hall.  
Connie Brown is in charge. Any dona-  
tions of baked items or monetary gifts are  
appreciated.

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

**SUN., DEC. 18 -- CHRISTMAS PA-  
RADE** (5 p.m.) in Alamo Rec-Veh Park.  
Everyone welcome to participate and/or  
watch.

**SUN., DEC. 25 -- CHRISTMAS DIN-  
NER** (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.

**SUN., DEC. 25 -- CHRISTMAS BUF-  
FET** (5:30 p.m.) Contact Melrose if  
you'd like to help.

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

**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.) *Check with Activity  
Office for cost.*

**FRI., DEC. 30 -- BASILICA CHRIST-  
MAS 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 and AC-  
TIVITY OFFICE. Table reservations  
available in Activity Office (only). To  
make table reservations, you must bring  
your dance ticket. *(See ad on pg. 4.)*

**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 colonias 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. (For the next two weeks  
at the Wednesday Activity Meetings, we will be taking a  
COLLECTION for this Alamo Rec-Veh Park-sponsored charity.)*



## Thank You!

The RC & Range Assoc. would like to thank everyone who attended and par-  
ticipated in our 1st Annual RC & R Swap Meet & Craft Show. Special thanks goes to Jackie Kort-  
bein for another delicious lunch, Phyllis and Ken Tieszen, who ran our raffle; Betty and Jeanette  
Sternbach, Jim Miller, Jim VanTuyl and Jim Davis, who helped with set-up and/or clean-up; Fred  
and Lorey Meier for copter demos; and Dave and JoAnn Langseth, Marion Peterson and Gary Mo-  
rin for making our Minnow Racing a success. **Raffle Winners:** Helen Chadwell won the RC Mini  
Truck, Marion Peterson won the RC Boat, Carol Roe won the Quadcopter Set and Jene Chadwell  
won the fishing pole. Congratulations to the winners. We had a GREAT turnout and a lot of fun.

## 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.

*The December Competition started Monday (12/5). There is still time to  
complete your target by Saturday night!*

# 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. 12 -- 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 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.

*Grace and Peace to all of you from God our Father and Jesus, the promise of Salvation. Amen*

It is the second week of Advent already! We are preparing for the coming of Christ in our lives. John the Baptist is crying from the wilderness to REPENT! In true repentance, our response is to live

out the difference it makes having Jesus in us and in our world. We do this by feeding the hungry, giving drink to the thirsty, sheltering the poor, and visiting the sick and imprisoned.

Here in our little corner of the world there are a few ways these things can be accomplished. Please remember that we are working hand in hand with Lorey and Fred Meiers on Lot 311 to minister to the colonias here in the Alamo area. If you feel so led, please drop canned goods, non-perishables and bedding, towels and other household goods off at my office or at Fred and Lorey's house.

Also, we are continuing our mid-year School Supply drive. As school supplies come on sale, please pick up whatever you can. In the fall, we helped 40 children get ready for school. Now at midyear, let us raise that number to 60!

Thank you to all who donated at Thanksgiving and continue to do so. We may never know whose lives we touch during our earthly journey. But God has worked mightily through us!

Please sign up for Poinsettia donations for our Christmas Eve Service of Lessons and Carols with Holy Communion at 6:30 p.m. on Dec. 24. You are welcome to invite family and friends from other parks to join us as we celebrate the Birth of the Christ Child in our lives.

*A look to the future:* Our Wednesday mixed (men and women) Bible Study will resume Wed., Jan. 4 at 10:30 a.m. in the Annex. We will be studying the Book of Romans. Plan to bring your Bibles. All other materials will be furnished. Our Friday Women's Bible Study will begin on Fri., Jan. 6 in the Annex. We will be using a book by Joanna Weaver called "Having a Mary Spirit in a Martha World." Again, plan to bring your Bibles, but all other materials will be furnished.

Our Mindful Coloring group will begin meeting on Wed., Jan. 4 at 11:30 a.m. in the Annex. If you already enjoy this, bring your own coloring books and media. If not, I will furnish coloring pages, and I will bring different media for you to try. May you be blessed by the coming of Christ into your life this Christmas season.

*Pastor + Cathy*

## 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.

## 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.

## 13-MONTH CALENDAR (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!*



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. 9 -- 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 and will be served weather permitting.

• Sat., Dec. 10 -- 1 p.m., Off-Road Track Racing

• Sun., Dec. 11 -- 1 p.m., Sailboat Racing at the dock. LUNCHES will resume in January and will be served weather permitting. *Note: No racing or lunch if high winds or rain.*

• Tues., Dec. 13 -- 8:30 a.m., Quadcopter Racing in Rec Hall. Bring your helicopters and drones. *Bakery fare and coffee will be on sale during the Tuesday morning races.*

• Thurs., Dec. 15 -- 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

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.*

- **FRI., DEC. 9 -- H.E.B. BINGO** (9 a.m.) Cost: \$1 -- in Rec Hall. This activity is filled. Only those who signed up may attend.
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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.

**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.

