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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,

Our New Year's celebration kicks off on Saturday night with dancing to Jay & Tammy and Friends performing in the Rec Hall. Tickets are \$10 for an evening of good music, door prizes, party favors, and good fun with friends and neighbors. Please join us... Tickets are only \$10 each. If you would like to stay for breakfast a bit after midnight, your cost is only \$3.

Then, we're in for a 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.

If you'd like to let folks back home see where you're staying, send them one of our 2016-17 park calendars. They're available in the main office for a \$5 donation. Also, the calendars feature exclusive coupons.

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.*

If 2017 is anything like 2016, we're so lucky to have even more fine park residents. We so appreciate everyone here who volunteers to make Alamo Rec-Veh one of the finest and friendliest parks in the Valley. No matter how long you've been here, please welcome our new neighbors with our famous smiles and helpfulness.

Respectfully, *Barbara Hamel, Mgr.*



JAY & TAMMY are hosting the JAM!

MON., JAN. 2 Lunch (11 a.m.), Jam (12:30 a.m.)

MENU: Hamburger, Potato Salad, Dessert, Coffee or Iced Tea

Please offer to help the volunteer cooks in the kitchen!

HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS:

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

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

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

ENTERTAINMENT

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

SMOKING GUN

TUES., JAN. 10 (7 p.m.) \$6

DIEGO & EDITH

WEDS., JAN. 18 (7 p.m.) \$6

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Upcoming Events

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.)

SUN., JAN. 1 - CAKE AND ICE CREAM. (6 p.m.) \$1 for both. *Please bring your own bowl and silverware.*

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 -- KNITTING & CROCHETING GROUP. (1 p.m.) in North Hall. Bring your projects to work on. For more infor-

**NO GARBAGE PICKUP
ON MON., JAN. 2.** Garbage WILL
be picked up on **TUES., JAN. 3.**

Events . . .

mation, contact Janice Davis at (231) 690-3681.

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

WED., JAN. 4 --*FIRST DAY OF PHOTOS BEING TAKEN FOR PARK PICTURE DIRECTORY.* Please sign up in Activity Office as soon as possible. Appointments are still available for Jan. 5 and 9.

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. Snacks will be served. (Table of member items on sale. Proceeds go toward buying supplies such as needles, thread, yarn, batting, etc.)

TUES., JAN. 10 --DANCE: *DIEGO AND EDITH* (7 p.m.) Cost: \$6 in Rec Hall. Since it will be the park's patriotic dance, feel free to dress in patriotic attire.

WEDS., JAN. 25 --*CRAZY T-SHIRT DAY.* Please decorate them any way you'd like. Some people are choosing to order one with something funny on it. It's up to each of you.

RESIDENT INFORMATION FORMS DUE

Please turn these forms in **AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.** This important information helps us to update our office records. *If you've already completed them, thank you!*

MAIL FORWARDING LABELS

Please check with the office to see if you have correct mail forwarding labels. These labels will help us forward your mail back home when it's time for you to leave.

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 Jan. 5 and 9. 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**

SUPER BOWL RAFFLE

See Bea at Lot 306 or call (956) 566-1182 to make sure she is home. The raffle will be played as it has been in previous years.

PARKING

Please don't park cars and trucks in spots designated for **Golf Carts.** There is a limited amount of golf cart parking.



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.

KITCHEN WORKERS NEEDED! Sign-up on Kitchen Bulletin Board.

Happiness is...

when what you think, what you say, and what you do are in harmony. - MAHATMA GHANDI

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!

HELPING HANDS

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.

A variety of other items, which have been crafted by members, will be **FOR SALE** during this time.

All proceeds go toward buying supplies such as thread, yarn, batting, needles, etc.
SNACKS WILL BE SERVED.

SPANISH CLASSES

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

Sign-up sheet on Bulletin Board.

2016-17 CALENDAR CHANGES

- JAN. 7 -- RC Swap Meet postponed until JAN. 21 (9 a.m. - 3 p.m.) Will include H.E.B. 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 sup-
plies 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.
- **CHOIR PRACTICE on Friday.**
- **BIBLE STUDIES** on Wednesdays at 10 a.m. (*after Park Meeting*).
- Please check Church Bulletin Board for info about future events.
- Special services will be held on 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 started on Dec. 28, 2016, and will continue through Jan. 28, 2017.

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. Happy New Year!

Dean and Karen Starks

BUSY BEE QUILTERS

Busy Bee Quilters meet on Friday from 1:30-3:30 p.m. in the Annex.
We will be making a sweatshirt jacket on Jan. 20. See us on Fridays
for further information or to join us in quilting and friendship.

POP TABS • CAMPBELL SOUP LABELS • EDUCATION COUPONS

We are saving POP TABS for the Ronald McDonald House. In addi-
tion, 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.

MON., JAN. 16 -- ID HOLDER – Linda Albin – Bring 1 fat quarter,
1- 5" x 3 3/4" clear 8 or 10 gauge plastic, 1- 7" zipper that matches the
fat quarter. I have some clear plastic I will bring and share.

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. 30 -- 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. 31 -- Off-Road Track: CANCELLED DUE TO NEW YEAR'S EVE. Resumes Jan. 6.
- Sun., Jan. 1 -- Sailboat Racing: CANCELLED DUE TO NEW YEAR'S DAY. Resumes Jan. 7.
- Tues., Jan. 3 -- 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., Jan. 5 -- 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 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.*

- 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. *(This is a Natural History Tour.)*
- 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.

LONE STAR BANK MONEY MACHINE WINNERS: Janice Davis \$207; Nick Backer \$130; and Vera Welty \$50.

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 & 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.

