

Alamo Rec-Veh Park • 1320 W. Frontage Rd. • Alamo, TX 78516 • email: alamorecvehpark.com Vol. 3, Issue 15 Activity Office (956) 783 5440 • General Manager (956) 787-8221 or (956) 703-8025 or (956) 602-9056 Editors: Barb and Dennis Zanetti (Taetsch) (586) 438-5115 and Colleen Benoit (262) 914-7100 • Email: echo1320@att.net (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 Park Residents -

Although it's a very busy time of year for all of us, please don't forget to make your reservations for next year. We'd love to have all of you join us next year!

We have a special treat for everyone next Wednesday! Alamo Rec-Veh Park is sponsoring Jay & Tammy's SING-ALONG (or Dance-Along, if you prefer). The event will take place from 3-5 p.m. Everyone is invited. Please join us. Jay and Tammy have stayed in our park for years. We're so happy they're back again.

A little over a week from now, we'll begin our 45th Anniversary celebration. Several people have asked about purchasing tickets. Because several people are arriving weekly, we're going to make tickets available up to and through the week-long event. You may purchase them in the Main Office. Remember, you'll need your ticket for ALL anniversary events that week. (Some events such as the Monday Jam Lunch and Bingo are open to the general public. Anyone without an anniversary ticket will pay full price for those events.)

We hope all of you plan to participate in this 8-day week filled with themed dances, good food and great fun!

Barbara Hamel, General Mgr.

Info on the "ACTIVITIES: ALL-INCLUSIVE PROGRAM" will be ready sometime after the 45th Anniversary Celebration. (Watch for it in a future Echo.) • ENTERTAINMENT • See Activity Office for info. Tickets available in Activity Office. TUES., FEB. 20 – REGAN JAMES (Dance) (7 p.m.) in Rec Hall. Cost: \$6

THURS., FEB. 22 – PIANO MAN (Jason Whorlow) (Show)

(6:30 p.m.) in Rec Hall. (He brings his own Baby Grand Piano and sings.)



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!*

FRI., FEB. 16 – FISH DINNER, plus DANCE (Dinner at 5 p.m.) Cost: \$8. Tickets are available at Main Office, from Tripp and Maggie (Lot #234) and at the door.
Please write your name and lot number on back of ticket for grand prize drawing. See ad on pg. 3 for event details. Volunteers meet Sue in kitchen at 12 Noon. (Tripp will be on back patio.)

- SAT., FEB. 17 *RC OFF-ROAD TRACK BREAKFAST* (7:30-9 a.m.) Cost: \$3.50. Biscuits and sausage gravy, sausage patty, hash browns and coffee. Orange juice extra 50¢. Bring your own table service.
- SAT., FEB. 17 *PATIO SALE* (8 a.m.- 12 noon) Residents have the option to hold a sale on their lot.
- SAT., FEB. 17 THERAPEUTIC WATER EXERCISE CLASS: TIME CHANGE Location: Pool. (The first class runs from 8:30-9:30 a.m. this Sat. ONLY -- due to conflict with Food Handlers' Course.)
 The 10 a.m. class runs as scheduled. Cost: \$5 (pays instructor). Both the 8:30 and 10 a.m. classes have a few openings this week. Contact Barb Zanetti at (586) 438-5115 to sign up. Men and women welcome!
- SAT., FEB. 17 FOOD HANDLERS COURSE (10-11:30 a.m.) Cost: \$10 cash, paid to instructor Albert for certification. Everyone is welcome. Anyone who plans to work in park kitchen should take this course.
 SAT., FEB. 17 – OPEN HOUSE. Lot #225.
- SAT., FEB. 17 GOD'S WORTHY WOM-EN CONFERENCE (9 a.m.-3 p.m.) at Victoria Palms Ballroom, Donna. (Cost: \$35) See Leila Preuss, Lot 298, (479) 957-6683 for

Events . . .

tickets or bulletin board for info.

- SAT., FEB. 17 KARAOKE with Woody and Sue (7 p.m.) in North Hall.
- SUN., FEB. 18 BOB McARTHUR'S GOSPEL & DIXIELAND MUSIC (6:30 p.m. after Cake & Ice Cream) in Rec Hall. (Approx. 90 minutes)
- MON., FEB. 19 BIKE TOUR: Brownsville Event Center to Vermillion Restaurant (Meet in front of Lot A19 near East Gate at 8:45 a.m.; Leave park at 9 a.m.) in Rec Hall. Sign-up sheet on Bike Tour Bulletin Board. (This event was rescheduled from Feb. 12.)
- MON., FEB. 19 CREATIVE EXPRES-SIONS: Final Clue for the "Mystery Quilt" and revealing! Finish the quilt top or work on any other unfinished project.

MON., FEB. 19 – 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: Lunch with dessert, coffee or iced tea. (Check with Activity Office for more info.)

- WED., FEB. 21 BEAN BAG (1 p.m.) in Annex.
- WED., FEB. 21 JAY & TAMMY 'S SING-ALONG/DANCE (3-5 p.m.) Admission: FREE. Refreshments available for purchase.

THURS., FEB. 22 – *RED HAT BIRTHDAY PARTY* (1:30 p.m.) in Annex. Sign-up on Bulletin Board for info. Bring a \$5 gift.

THURS. & FRI., FEB. 22 & 23 – *IN-PARK SHUFFLEBOARD TOURNAMENT* (Meet 8:45 a.m.; play begins at 9 a.m.) Sign up on Bulletin Board by Wed., Feb. 21.

THURS., FEB. 22 – SPAGHETTI DINNER will be served EVERY THURSDAY! (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 cooks get an accurate count. Tickets available at the door. Please

bring your own table service. FRI., FEB. 23 – AARP DRIVING

COURSE (8 a.m.- 12 noon) in Annex. \$15 for members; \$20 for non-members. Sign-up sheet on bulletin board. *If you take your course receipt to your car insurance company, you should get a good discount from most of them.*

MON., FEB. 26 – CREATIVE EXPRES-SIONS: Sew and Flip Placemats – Linda Albin This is a quick project – makes one placemat. You will need 12 (twelve) – 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ " assorted strips with longest length being at least 21 inches. You will also need one $12\frac{1}{2} \times 18\frac{1}{2}$ " piece muslin for lining and a piece of batting the same size. Also, you'll need about 75 inches of binding if you choose the quilt-as-you-go method.

Hidden Pocket Hangar Cover – *Linda Albin* 12 to 15 strips of fabrics in various widths and at least 19" long, one 18" or longer zipper, and ½ yd. lightweight muslin and 1 plastic hanger.

LIBRARY NEWS: Dean and Karen Starks

No matter what your schedule, there's always time to read a good book. Stop by the library to check out our extensive selection.

HELP! CHILI MAKERS NEEDED! Volunteers needed to make chili for the Chili Contest during the 45th Anniversary. (1st, 2nd and 3rd place prizes awarded.) Sign up on Anniversary Bulletin Board in Rec Hall. Sue Bentz

Thank You ...

I want to thank all my friends, neighbors, and everyone associated with the wonderful Memorial Service. It was a beautiful evening. Sally Tracey

To Our Friends,

A big, heartfelt thank you for the prayers, money, concerns, and cards given to us when Tripp went to North Carolina for his medical appointments. We'll keep everyone up-to-date on his progress. Your caring means so much to both of us.

Maggie and Tripp

I would like to thank everyone for all your prayers, goodies, food and all the beautiful cards. I am still healing and getting stronger. Thank you all. *Evie VanNorman*

Many thanks to everyone who helped with the success of this year's Box Social. A special thank you to Auctioneer Dean Herrick. Our entertainer Gloria Jean from Minnesota was enjoyed by everyone in attendance.

Barb Latimer

ALAMO REC-VEH PARK COMMUNITY CHURCH



PASTOR RANDY and SUSAN PARKS

<u>Contact Information:</u> Lot #117 (on 5th Street) Phone: (620) 222–7624 Email: crandyparks@gmail.com

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.
- BOB McARTHUR'S GOSPEL- DIXIE-LAND MUSIC (6:30 p.m.) in Rec Hall.

<u>WEDNESDAYS:</u> • *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.

ANIMALS PROHIBITED IN ALAMO REC-VEH PARK BUILDINGS

Please do not enter any of the park buildings with your animals. This means not in your arms or on a leash. The Health Department frowns on this. Special exceptions are made for one-time professional picture taking with your animals.

Please respect your neighbors and their safety by keeping your dog on a leash at ALL times while in park. Also, note that the north end of the lake is NOT a dog park.

NOTICE

The price for a GALLON OF WATER at the machine by the Pool Hall is now 30 CENTS.

ABOUT YOUR MAIL . . .

Soon many of us will start thinking about heading North. DO NOT go to the Post Office to fill out a form for the return of your mail. We do that here at the Main Office. To do this, we need labels. (These are not the return labels you get in the mail from people or organizations looking for donations.) These are the ones in a specific size -- 1" x 2-5/8". If you need some made for you, please stop at the Main Office and leave your correct mailing address. I will be happy to make the labels for you. Thanks, Bea



TOURS: Education Laughter Fun New Tour Directors: Carol Norman at Lot 182; (573)-690-2135 and Pearl Hilkemeyer at Lot 169; (573) 253-1952 Sign up for tours on **Tour Bulletin Board in TV Lounge area**. TOUR PAYMENTS MADE TO CAROL or PEARL IN CASH.

TOURS MEET IN TV ROOM ACROSS FROM MAIN OFFICE.

TUES., FEB. 20 – (21 & OVER) BET YOUR BOOTY PIRATE **GAMBLING CRUISE** (Cruise runs from 4-6 p.m.) Cost: \$30. Meet at Rec Hall at 1:45 p.m. Craps, Liar's Dice/ Roulette and more. (Sorry, no slot machines.) Drink Specials. Fun prize for ITARY ACADEMY TOUR with best pirate outfit. Trade chips for treasure. Grand prize for most chips earned.

MON., MARCH 5 – FIESTA CRUISE with DINNER (Meet at 7:10 a.m., Leave at 7:20 a.m., Cruise at 9 a.m.) Cost: \$40 includes meal at new

Painted Marlin Grille. (3-1/2 to 4-hour cruise. See ship being dismantled. Full bar. *Climate-controlled cabin. Taste a sample of* wild caught Gulf shrimp on cruise.)

TUES., MARCH 6 - MARINE MIL-LUNCH (Meet at 8:15 a.m.) Cost: \$12. Academy located in Harlingen.

MON., MARCH 13 – HILLTOP GAR-**DENS** (Meet at 9:15 a.m.) Cost: \$10. Tropical healing garden and organic farm. Historical home of aloe.





ALAMO REC-VEH PARK 45th Anniversary Celebration

GRAND PRIZE RAFFLE TICKET INFO:

100% OF RAFFLE TICKET MONEY TO BE **DISTRIBUTED TO WINNERS AS FOLLOWS:**

- -- 65% to first-place winner
- -- 25% to second-place winner
- -- 10% to third-place winner

Tickets may be purchased from TRIPP or MAGGIE ONLY (Lot #234)

Cost for Tickets: 1/\$1.00 • 6/\$5 • 15/\$10 • 40/\$20 DRAWING: SAT., MARCH 3

HEADING HOME SOON and PLANNING TO CHECK OUT?

REMINDERS:

- 1. Let the office know SEVERAL DAYS AHEAD of time if you plan to leave. We will read your electric meter the day before you leave and have your final electric bill ready.
- 2. Find that tiny MAILBOX KEY and have it ready to turn in when you come to check out. The \$5.00 deposit will be deducted from your final electric bill.
- 3. Be sure you leave us a supply of 1-inch mailing labels, complete with your home address. We will use them to forward all first-class mail to you. Ask Bea Kraus (our mail lady) if you need help with this.





HELPING HANDS TABLES FOR SALE!

Seven old wooden tables from the Annex: \$25 each. Please pay for these in Main Office *(cash or check written to 'Helping Hands".)* If questions, contact Martha Morin at (218) 244-2652.

45th Anniversary SPECIAL RANGE COMPETITION

FIRST-PLACE PRIZE: **\$20 CASH** PARTICIPATION PRIZE (Drawing): OSPREY DOLPHIN CRUISE FOR TWO

RULES: Shooters MUST be at The Range to shoot targets at 9 a.m. Monday, Wednesday AND Friday to qualify. (Jim & Janice will NOT compete.)



Why Water Exercises?

- Reduces Joint Pain
- Increases Blood Flow
- Strengthens Muscles
 - Helps Healing
- Relaxes Tight Muscles

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 (Everyone welcome!)

RC RACING:

OVAL HORSESHOE RACING – • FRI., FEB. 16 – Oval Track (5 p.m.) NO OVAL TRACK 2/9/18 RESULTS DUE TO WEATHER.

WHITE RACE (*RED,WHITE & BLUE SERIES*) **RESCHEDULED TO SAT., FEB. 24** 10 A.M. at ALAMO PALMS.

OFF-ROAD TRACK RACING -

• SAT., FEB. 17 – (1 p.m.)

SAILBOAT & POWER BOAT RACING -

• SUN., FEB. 18 – (1 p.m.) NO LUNCH (Error on monthly calendar) COPTER & DRONE COURSE –

• TUES., FEB.20 - (8:30 a.m.-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.)

The Wood Shop will be open Monday thru Thursday from 10-12 Noon.

SORE KNEES? SORE BACK? BUT WANT TO GET IN SHAPE FOR SUMMER?

The our new THERAPEUTIC WATER EXERCISE CLASSES (with ALAMO FITNESS CENTER'S

(with ALAMO FITNESS CENTER'S AWARD-WINNING PERSONAL TRAINER)

SAT., MARCH 3, 10 and 17

Not Aerobics • Men & Ladies • Work at Your Comfort Level • \$5 session

• 8 a.m. ADVANCED CLASS* • 9 a.m. CLASS • 10 a.m. CLASS

To SIGN UP OR FOR INFO: CONTACT BARB ZANETTI (586) 438-5115 (Lot #325) *8 A.M. ADVANCED CLASS runs only if enough interest