

# 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

To Park Residents:

We've heard that many of you are staying very busy during your stay at Alamo Rec-Veh Park. If you're enjoying yourselves, we're happy.

There are several events we don't want you to miss.

The first is a delicious Elegant Prime Rib Dinner. Ticket sales for this sit-down dinner end today, so don't forget to stop by the Activity Office to pick up yours.

On Saturday, our Open House showcases many of our groups, activities, and talented residents. Live music will be provided by Greg Jones from 11:30 a.m. until 1 p.m. When the Open House ends at 2 p.m., we have a special "Learn To Fly a Kite Indoors" session. It's free. Stop by. We'd love seeing you on Saturday!

Don't forget to pick up your ticket for our 45th Anniversary celebration. We don't want you to miss out on this terrific 8-day event. With each ticket, you get admission to several dances with live bands, you get several delicious meals, you get entertainment including two bingo nights, you get fun activities, and you get a chance to win prizes -- prizes -- prizes! Please join us!

Sincerely, Barbara Hamel, General Mgr.

## • ENTERTAINMENT •

See Activity Office for information.

**TUES., JAN. 23 - REGAN JAMES  
HIRED MEN (Dance)** (7 p.m.)  
in Rec Hall. Cost: \$6

**THURS., JAN. 25 - GREG JONES  
(Show)** in Rec Hall. See Activity  
Office for information.

## MONDAY, JAN. 22



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, CHIPS, DESSERT, COFFEE  
or ICED TEA.

## 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., JAN. 19 - LAST DAY TO BUY  
"ELEGANT DINNER" TICKETS** for  
*Feb. 3 prime rib event.* (See Ad, pg. 4)

**SAT., JAN. 20 - LAST DAY TO BUY  
45TH ANNIVERSARY TICKETS.** All  
park residents welcome. \$20 covers ALL meals,  
events, activities, dances, prizes and more  
during 8-day celebration. Tickets available in  
Main Office. (See *Itinerary*, pg. 3)

**SAT., JAN. 20 - PATIO SALE** (8 a.m.-noon).  
Residents: It's optional to have a patio sale.

**SAT., JAN. 20 - OPEN HOUSE** (10 a.m.-  
2 p.m.) in Rec Hall. Everyone invited.

Live music with Greg Jones (11:30 a.m.-  
1 p.m.) Prizes. Demos. Displays. Treats.

**SAT., JAN. 20 - FREE INDOOR and  
"SPORTS" KITE FLYING LESSONS**  
(2 p.m. after Open House) in Rec Hall.  
Bill, owner of B&S Kite Shop, will teach  
park residents how to fly kites indoors with-  
out fans or air conditioning. He will also  
teach sports kite flying FREE. Residents  
have a chance to practice newly learned kite  
flying skills outdoors (weather permitting).  
(Bring your own sports kite if you'd like.) Some kites  
available for residents to fly. No kites will be on sale.  
*Tickets for Indoor South Padre Island Kite Fest  
Performance on Thurs., Feb. 1 at South Padre Is-  
land Convention Center from 6:30-8:30 p.m. avail-  
able for \$6 from Bill. Limited seating. Advanced  
tickets required.) See posters on Bulletin Boards.*

**SUN., JAN. 21 - BOB McARTHUR'S  
BIG BAND JAM** (6:30 p.m.) in the  
Rec Hall. Performers by invitation only.  
Goodwill offering for Shriners Children's  
Transportation Fund to get sick / crippled  
children to Houston hospital.

## GET YOUR ....

## 45TH PARK ANNIVERSARY TICKETS NOW!

**\$20** PER PERSON plus a FREE HAT (while supplies last)

Includes at least 6 FREE meals, Masquerade Ball, dances,  
prizes, clown bingo, and many, many more events.

(TICKET PRICE COVERS 8 DAYS of Alamo Rec-Veh Park's  
**45th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION.** You won't want to  
be left out of any activity during these fun-filled days.)

TICKETS AVAILABLE IN MAIN OFFICE thru JAN. 20

## Events . . .

**MON., JAN. 22 – SHUFFLEBOARD**  
(8:50 a.m.) at Shuffleboard Court. (Every Mon., Thurs. and Sat.) Sign up and we'll make sure you get to play!

**MON., JAN. 22 – 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, chips, dessert, coffee or iced tea.

**MON., JAN. 22 – 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. 22 – CREATIVE EXPRESSIONS THIRD SESSION** (1-3 p.m.) in the Annex. Project: *Wonder Wallet* (JANICE DAVIS) Bring 1 fat quarter or a 1/4 yd. cut from the bolt; 1/2" Velcro; (optional) 3/4-inch to 1-inch button. Coordinate fabric with the Potato Chip Bag. Some scraps may be used from Potato Chip Bag.

**MON., JAN. 22 – CRAYON BOX WORK BEE for Amigos Children** (1-3 p.m.) in Annex. (Creative Expression is kindly sharing their space.) All materials are supplied. We're happy to get our park residents started.

**TUES., JAN. 23 – Cards: SPADES** (6:30 p.m.) in the Annex. (Every Tues. & Thurs.)

**THURS., JAN. 25 – RCR&W BREAKFAST** (7:30-9 a.m.) in Rec Hall. (Cost: \$3.50) Menu: Biscuits, Sausage and Gravy, Hashed Browns, Coffee or Iced Tea.

**SAT., JAN. 27 – 9th STREET BREAKFAST 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). Sign up on Bulletin Board.

**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.

**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: "On 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.)

**SAT., FEB. 3 – ELEGANT DINNER WITH SMOOTH JAZZ BACKGROUND MUSIC** (Seating at 4:45 p.m.; Dinner served at 5 p.m.) in Rec Hall. (Cost: \$20 PER PERSON). Menu: *PRIME RIB, Baked Potato, Candied Carrots, French Bread, Salad, Dessert, and Coffee or Iced Tea.* Limited number of tickets available in Activity Office. Note: Tickets are on sale to the general public. **NO TICKETS SOLD AFTER JAN. 19.**

**THURS., FEB. 8 – CRAFT SHOW w/ LUNCH** (No admission charge) (8 a.m. - 12 Noon) in Rec Hall. Also, New Sun Racing will demo at Oval Track and/or Indoors, 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 next week's *Echo* for more info.

**LIBRARY NEWS: Dean and Karen Starks**  
When the weather is chilly outside, curl up with a good book from our extensive selection. Baskets provided for returned books.

### SUPER BOWL POOL

It's that time of year again to start thinking about the Super Bowl. I have the Super Bowl Pool ready for those interested. We will play as we have in the past. \$125 paid for 1st quarter and also for the reversal of the numbers. This will also be for the 2nd qtr., 3rd qtr., and final scores. A total of \$1000 will be won by various people. Good luck to all. See me at Lot 306, call me at (956) 566-1182 or see me in Main Office when I'm sorting mail. Thanks, Bea

## 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.
  - **BOB McARTHUR'S BIG BAND JAM** (7 p.m.) in Rec Hall.
- 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!

**OPEN HOUSE – Sat., Jan. 20** (9 a.m.-1 p.m.) Lot 225.

**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.**

### TOURS

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

Sign up for tours on **Tour Bulletin Board.** Check there for more info and NEW TOURS! Tour payments made in Activity Office. **Tour groups meet in Rec Hall before leaving park.**

**TUES., JAN. 23 – HILLTOP GARDENS GROUP TOUR** (9:15 a.m.) Last sign-up date is **Fri., Jan. 19.** (Cost: \$10) includes 20% off all Gift Shop purchases (features natural products such as farm-produced lotions, etc.)

One of first commercial Aloe Vera farms in the U.S. featuring an award-winning healing garden. Over 500 acres of organic farmland planted. Plus, so much more!

**FRI., FEB. 2 – QUINTA MAZATLAN HISTORY TOUR WITH EXCLUSIVE PRIVATE DOCUMENT & PHOTO VIEWING** (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 the private Quinta Mazatlan documents and photos, park residents will get a tour of the buildings and nature friendly walking trails on the property.



**ALAMO REC-VEH PARK**  
Celebrates its  
**45<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**  
**1973 - 2018**

Join us for our 45th Anniversary Celebration  
**SAT., FEB. 24 thru SAT., MARCH 3**

## 8-DAY CALENDAR OF EVENTS (Cont.)

6:00 p.m. – **Gypsy Bingo** in Rec Hall (45 Bingo Prizes will be awarded after Bingo.)

### TUES., FEB. 27:

10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. – **Game Day** in Annex (Participation Prizes)

7:00 p.m. – **Class Reunion 45th Anniversary Dance** in Rec Hall with Live Band TBA

### WED., FEB. 28:

9:00 a.m. – **Special Morning Social Activity Meeting**

10:30 a.m. – **45th Anniversary Special Parade**

Line-up near The Range.

1:30 p.m. – **Reverse Gender Fashion Show** in Rec Hall

4:00 p.m. – **Cookout Dinner & Karaoke** on Back Patio

### THURS., MARCH 1:

9:00 a.m. – **Morning Social** in Rec Hall

12:00 p.m. – **Chili Cook Off** in Rec Hall

6:00 p.m. – **Mariachi Band** in Rec Hall

7:00 p.m. – **Tex-Mex Fiesta Fun Dance with Randy Parks & and the Winter Kings** in Rec Hall



### FRI., MARCH 2:

**Attendance and Race Winner Mystery Prizes** Awarded at ALL RCR&W events today. Attendance Mystery Prizes at all RCR&W meals. CRUISES and DINNER FOR TWO awarded at Saturday's Closing Ceremony.

### RCR&W DAY

7:30-9:00 a.m. – **Pancake & Sausage Breakfast** in Rec Hall

9:30 a.m. – **Copter & Drone Fly** in Rec Hall

Participation Prize Drawing: **Osprey Dolphin Cruise for Two**

11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. – **Sloppy Joe Lunch** in Rec Hall

1:00 p.m. – **Off-Road Races** at Off-Road Track

Participation Prize Drawing: **Osprey Dolphin Cruise for Two**

4:30 p.m. – **Range Fishing Derby Ends**

4:30-5:30 p.m. – **Spaghetti Dinner** in Rec Hall

6:00 p.m. – **Oval Horseshoe Races** at Oval Track

Participation Prize Drawing: **Osprey Dolphin Cruise for Two**

7:00 p.m. – **Fun Bingo** in Rec Hall (45 Bingo Prizes will be awarded after Bingo)

### SAT., MARCH 3:

8:00 a.m. – **Range Shooting Competition Ends**

9:00 a.m. – **Morning Social** in Rec Hall

5:00 p.m. – **Street Dance** Location TBA

7:30 p.m. – **Closing Ceremonies** in Rec Hall



**ALL MAJOR EVENT PRIZES & GRAND PRIZE (EXCLUDING BINGO) TO BE AWARDED AT CLOSING CEREMONIES!**

**NOTE: This is NOT the official program, only a tentative list of events, activities and meals to help park residents better schedule their appointments, etc.**

## 8-DAY CALENDAR OF EVENTS (TENTATIVE)

ALL EVENTS, ACTIVITIES & MEALS FREE WITH \$20 TICKET

### SAT., FEB. 24:

9:30 a.m. – **Opening Ceremonies** (American Flag raised by Merle Williams and daughter Corrine (who worked with Oliver North) and Noel Roe. Canadian Flag raised by Robert and Darlene Klassen, Bob McArthur and Barb Latimer. Both National Anthems performed by Jay & Tammy.

10:00 a.m. – **Opening Ceremonies (cont.)** in Rec Hall

10:45 a.m. – **Balloon Release** Location TBA

11:00 a.m. – **Social Brunch** in Annex

11:30 a.m. – Rec Hall closed for Masquerade Ball decorating

7:00-10:00 p.m. – **Masquerade 45th Anniversary Ball with Bob McArthur Band** in Rec Hall

(Doors open at 6:45 p.m. -- No reserved seating) King & Queen with their Court will be crowned. Lifetouch will be here for photos.

### SUN., FEB. 25:

9:00 a.m. – **Non-Denominational Church** with special music and speakers

10:15 a.m. – **Social Breakfast** in Annex

1:00 p.m. – **RC Boat Races with All-Beef Hot Dog Lunch** (Boats available for those wishing to participate.)

Participation Prize Drawing: **Osprey Dolphin Cruise for Two**  
Also, **Attendance and Race Winner Prizes**

6:00 p.m. – **Ice Cream & Cake** in Rec Hall

6:30 p.m. – **Park History Reading** in Rec Hall

6:45 p.m. – **Gospel Sing-Along with Rev. Randy Parks**



### MON., FEB. 26:

8:00 a.m. – **Range Shooting Competition** in The Range. (Participation Prize Drawing: **Osprey Dolphin Cruise for Two**. Competition requires one 45th Anniversary target to be turned in each day: M-W-F for total of 3 targets.)

8:00 a.m. – **Fishing Derby** (Participation Prize Drawing: Dinner for Two at Dirty Al's, McAllen)

11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m. – **45th Anniversary Jam Lunch** in Rec Hall (FREE to ticket holders ONLY.)

12:30-3:00 p.m. – **45th Anniversary Fun Jam w/Randy Parks and the Winter Kings** in Rec Hall

**TICKETS in MAIN OFFICE until JAN. 20th -- Don't miss the FUN !**

**• FOR 8 DAYS ALL ACTIVITIES AND MEALS ARE FREE with purchase of a \$20 TICKET •**  
**Plus, most events will feature PRIZES -- PRIZES -- AND MORE PRIZES!**

# Elegant Dinner

WITH SMOOTH  
JAZZ BACKGROUND MUSIC



**SATURDAY  
FEB. 3, 2018**

- SEATING: 4:45 P.M. •
- DINNER: 5:00 P.M. •

**MENU:** Delicious Prime Rib,  
Baked Potato, Candied Carrots,  
Salad, French Bread, Dessert,  
Coffee or Iced Tea

**\$20** PER  
PERSON

LIMITED NUMBER OF TICKETS AVAILABLE  
**No tickets sold after JAN. 19**

TICKETS AVAILABLE IN ACTIVITY OFFICE

## ALAMO REC-VEH PARK

*See us in action...*

# OPEN HOUSE

**SAT., JAN. 20, 2018**  
10:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M.

**RC DEMOS • PRIZES • SNACKS • DISPLAYS**

## • 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 Thursday

### RC RACING:

#### **OVAL HORSESHOE RACING – Date Change!**

• **SAT., JAN. 20** – Oval Track (5 p.m.)  
RED RACE RESULTS: 2-WHEEL (LARRY LITTLER); 4-WHEEL (JOHN WALLACE)

#### **OFF-ROAD RACING –**

• **SAT., JAN. 20** – (1-4 p.m.)

#### **SAILBOAT & POWER BOAT RACING –**

• **SUN., JAN. 21** – (1 p.m.) *Cancelled due to high wind!*

#### **COPTER & DRONE COURSE –**

• **TUES., JAN. 23** – (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.)*

### RCR&W SPONSORED . . .

*Learn to fly a kite indoors!*

**FREE . . . No Strings Attached!**

**Lessons: SAT., JAN. 20 at 2 p.m.**

**in REC HALL**



WEATHER PERMITTING, FLYING LESSONS  
WILL ALSO BE HELD OUTSIDE

# 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

## DOG PARK

### UPDATE

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.

## BOX LUNCH AUCTION & SOCIAL EVENING

**SAT., FEB. 10 (5 TO 9 P.M.)**

**TICKETS \$2.50 PER PERSON (ACTIVITY OFFICE)**

**ENTERTAINMENT: GLORIA JEAN**

**MIX OF MUSIC, HUMOR & STORIES \$5 IF NOT ATTENDING BOX LUNCH**