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(Please place upcoming announcements in the Main Office "ECHO" Box by Wednesday at 5 p.m.)

LETTERS TO ALL PARK RESIDENTS

FROM THE OFFICE ...

We need all park residents to complete or update personal information sheets. Everyone should have an after-hours gate code, which will enable them to enter the park when the gates are locked.

Reminder: Park residents should wear their nametags at all times when in public places at the park and in local communities.

Remember, the 10 MPH Speed Limit is for everyone's safety! Also, please obey the Stop Signs.

FROM THE EDITORS ...

With so many new opportunities in the park, we are excited about the upcoming Echo Extended. It will be at least a couple of weeks from now when you begin to see the online issue expanded. Each week we will provide coverage of a special event or two and/or a personality in the park.

For now, please enjoy the new app that is available. See last page of this month's Echo for some info about the app. There's also a form that you can use to make changes to the directory before Dec. 7 that may save you some cash.

Sincerely,

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Deadline for the upcoming Echo is 5 p.m. Wednesday. Please place all announcements in Box in Main Office or use email -- Echo1320@att.net

Calendar -- Special Upcoming Events, Tours and Shows

NOV. / DEC. UPCOMING EVENTS

NOTICE -- Due to the size of the Echo, this is the last week that activities listed in the monthly calendar will be featured in the issue. Special events are always welcome.

FRI., NOV. 27 -- 2016 ALAMO REC-VEH CALENDARS ON SALE Don't miss out on this full-size calendar filled with quality photos of your Alamo friends and neighbors. \$10 each. Reserve yours in the Main Office. Calendar delivery scheduled for second week of December in time for you to purchase gifts for friends and relatives. (Quality coupons from local businesses will more than cover the cost of this calendar.)

SUN., NOV. 29 -- SOCK HOP in the North Hall will be held right after Cake and Ice Cream is served. Donation \$1.

MON., DEC. 1 -- WATER AEROBICS CLASSES (Meet Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday.) (Choice of two classes 8 a.m. or 9 a.m.) in pool. New members welcome. (See back page Echo article.)

MON., NOV. 30 -- EXERCISE CLASSES M-W-F (start.8 a.m.) in Annex.

TICKET SALE continues for Ladies Day Out set for Wed., Dec. 16. (Tickets available in Activity Office.) See Dec. 16 entry for more information.

TUES., DEC. 1 -- BOAR'S NEST GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING (9 a.m.) All members, includ-

ing anyone interested in joining the air gun range, are welcome. DOOR CODE WILL BE CHANGED on Wednesday, Dec. 2, so it's important that everyone attend.

TUES., DEC. 1 -- "ROLANDO" will perform (6:30 p.m.) in the Rec Hall. (See info on Echo page 4.)

WED., DEC. 2 -- ACTIVITY MEETING (8:30 a.m. -- Donuts and coffee will be served, followed by introductions at 8:45 a.m. and the Activity Meeting begins at 9 a.m.) Latest upcoming park events will be covered. Everyone is encouraged to attend!

WED., DEC. 2 -- FUN NIGHT AT THE POOL HALL (6:30 p.m.). Wednesday Fun Night for everyone wanting to have a Good Time! Sign-up sheets are in the pool hall.

NOV. / DEC. UPCOMING EVENTS (cont.)

WED., DEC. 2 -- JOKERS (6:30 p.m.) in the Annex on Wednesdays. Bring a partner and enjoy!.

WED., DEC. 2 -- A COLLECTION will be taken during the Activity Meeting for all the extra work that Pablo and the two Marys contribute above and beyond their work responsibilities. Collected money will be presented to them on Dec. 16.

WED., DEC. 2 -- RC CLUBS GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING (After the 9 a.m. Activity Meeting) in the North Hall. All members, including anyone interested in joining the RC Clubs for sailboat, power boat, car, truck, helicopter and quadcopter racing are welcome. The meeting will take place in the North Hall.

THURS., DEC. 3 -- 4-PERSON GOLF SCRAMBLE (for men and women). (9 a.m. -- be at the golf course by 8:30 a.m.) Los Lagos Golf Course. *All golfers welcome.*

THURS., DEC. 3 -- FUN SHOOT at the Range. Every Thursday (1 p.m.) Range membership required to participate. Everyone welcome to join.

FRI., DEC. 4 -- FRIDAY POOL LEAGUE. (Meet at pool hall at 12:15 p.m. Play starts at 1 p.m.) The league will have 12 teams this year instead of 16. Anyone is welcome to join. If you don't have a partner, we will find one for you. Sign-up sheets are in pool hall.

SAT., DEC. 5 -- 1ST ANNUAL CELEBRATE WINTER TEXANS sponsored by Alamo Lions Club. (6-9 p.m.) Held at the **Alamo Rec-Veh Park**. Tickets are available in the the Main Office.. **Cost per person \$6.** *Ticket price includes BBQ Sandwich, Chips, Soda, Dessert, Entertainment, Raffles and Prizes. There will also be a Silent Auction.*

This is a Welcome Back Party for Winter Texans that includes selected parks in Alamo. Lets show the Lions Club that we appreciate them for doing this for us!

Note: Alamo Rec-Veh Park does not receive anything from the Lions Club for use of our facilities.

MON., DEC. 7 THRU JAN. 2 -- Boar's Nest Gun Club's 1st Competition at Range. (You will be in same group as last year. After 3 shoots, you will be reclassified.)

WED., DEC. 16 -- LADIES DAY OUT (12 noon) at Harold's Country Kitchen. Tickets cost \$10 and can be purchased in the Activity Office from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. **Tickets must be purchased by Dec. 15.**

SUN., DEC. 20 -- Volunteers are needed for **Christmas program.** Contact Pat at Lot 304 or call (956) 702-7234.

STAY SAFE . . .

Wear bright clothing when walking in the park at night. Don't forget to have reflectors or lights on bikes.

THE CHURCH at Alamo Rec-Veh Park

LOVE GOD

FRI., NOV. 27 -- CHOIR PRACTICE (9 a.m.) in Card Room. Everyone welcome.

SUN., NOV. 29 -- CHURCH SERVICES (9 a.m.) in the Rec Hall.

SUNDAY SCHOOL begins after Church Services in Annex.

WED., DEC. 2 -- BIBLE STUDY after Park Meeting in Annex.

SAT., JAN. 9 -- "Do You Believe" movie to be shown at 6:30 p.m.

SERVE GOD

- Musicians needed.
- We need help to set up chairs for services -- usually on Saturday nights. See the Chaplains or a church board member. (Names and phone numbers are listed on the church bulletin board.)

SERVE OTHERS

- Pick up your RX bottle for childhood blindness prevention at church on Sunday or at the park meeting on Wednesday. Fill and return at next week's meeting or to Lot #298. Also, please save your used RX bottles for future projects. (The office will put the filled bottles in mailbox #298 for you.)
- The food bins for a local food pantry are under the table in the card room. Remember those less fortunate than you. *Think protein, beans, rice, canned goods, crackers, etc.*
- If you have any donations (clothing, kitchen items, furniture) for Children's Haven International, please call Chaplains Fred and Leila Preuss or drop off at Lot #298.
- Empty printer ink cartridges are being collected to help defray cost of printing church bulletins, etc. Mailbox #298.

AED's -- Automatic External De-fibrillators are located in the Main Clubhouse near the shuffleboard door and in both the East and West Laundry Rooms.

Emergency Numbers:

Police/Fire/EMS -- **911** (Advise operator of your location and if you are using out-of-area cell phone.)

Ambulance -- **(956) 702-8453**

Fire Dept. -- **(956) 787-5787**

Police -- **(956) 787-1454**

Alamo Rec-Veh -- **(956) 787-8221** (24-hr. emergency park manager)

Meet your friends and make new ones at the
**WEEKLY WEDNESDAY
ACTIVITY MEETINGS - 8:30 a.m.**

- Get the latest Alamo Park News
- Hear about Club Events
- Discover what Tours are available
- Find out what Church Programs are offered
- Enjoy donuts and coffee

FROM THE KITCHEN with Gordy and Aggie

We're looking for groups to sponsor **SATURDAY BREAKFASTS** and **VARIOUS LUNCHESES**. See Gordy for more information. We also need volunteers to help with Jam Lunches to serve and help with clean-up. Sign up on the back board near the kitchen.

THURS., JAN. 10 -- BAKE SALE from 8-10 a.m. Donations of baked goods or cash are welcome. Proceeds to Kitchen Fund.

MONDAY LUNCH MENUS

Served 11 a.m. until 12 noon. All meals \$5.

MON., NOV. 30 -- Hot ham and cheese sandwich, fries, dessert, coffee or tea.

FROM MAINTENANCE

Please don't move, attempt to repair, change, or hang anything on meter boards. Contact the office with any utility questions or issues.

CARD PLAYERS

Park residents are playing 31 in the Card Room every day except Saturday and Sunday. Everyone welcome.

CHRISTMAS TOY DRIVE

Please place donations in box under Rec Hall window.
When box is filled, we drop off toys so we can refill.

ACTIVITY OFFICE REMINDERS

PARK COOKBOOKS -- \$10 each
PICTURE DIRECTORY-- If you ordered one, please come to the office and pick it up.

SAVE -- Campbell Soup labels and Betty Crocker education seals.

GOLF NEWS

Note: Golfers should be at the Los Lagos Golf Course every **Thursday by 8:30 a.m. for a 9 a.m. start.** *All golfers welcome!*

THURS., DEC. 3 -- 4-PERSON SCRAMBLE (for men and women). (9 a.m. -- be at the golf course by 8:30 a.m.) Los Lagos Golf Course. *All golfers welcome.*
Check the golf board in the Rec Hall for more information, or call Lee at (507) 276-9780.

UPCOMING TOURS

Sign-up for all tours in Tour Office. Meet in the Rec Hall unless otherwise indicated. Watch for other tours (posted outside tour office door) as opportunities open for park residents. For info, call Tour Directors Marion Peterson at 651-307-3104 or JoAnn Langseth at 612-719-0350.

SAT., NOV. 28 -- SAXET GUN SHOW. (Leave park at 9:30 a.m.) Everyone should meet at the Gun Range to car pool. The show is held at the McAllen Convention Center. You will pay \$5 ticket fee when you purchase your own ticket at the Convention Center. Please sign up so we can ride together to the show. Sign-up sheets are in The Range and the Tour Office.

WED., DEC. 2

FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS IN HIDALGO. (Leaving the park at 4:30 p.m.) \$13 ticket includes a dinner, a show, and a trolley ride through the Wonderland of Beautiful Lights. (*Viewing the Christmas display is so worthwhile.*) **Please sign up in the Tour Office by Friday, Nov. 27.** Limited tickets available.

FRI., DEC. 4 -- "NUTCRACKER" (Ballet) -- (Leave park at 6:15 p.m.) \$13 per person. This event is held at Edinburg High School.

Please sign up soon because we need to purchase tickets in advance.

SAT., DEC. 5 -- "NUTCRACKER" (Ballet) -- (Leave park at 12:30 p.m.) (*See info in Dec. 4 listing in column at left.*)

THURS., DEC. 10

CHRISTMAS HOUSE TOUR

(7:45 a.m.) \$9 per person.

This is the 30th year the three sisters have allowed us to enjoy their elaborate Falfurias Christmas decorations. In each of the unbelievably decorated rooms, the women, all former teachers, provide a lively talk about what we're seeing.

We can only accommodate 15 ladies, so whoever signs up first gets to go.

(Note: We plan to stop for lunch at Godfather's Pizza for their Pizza, Pasta and Salad Buffet, which is \$6.99, plus a drink.)

THURS., DEC. 10 -- "THE LAST BATTLE OF THE CIVIL WAR" (Play) (Leave park at 6 p.m.) at The Tip of Texas RV park in Pharr.

Thank You Notes

The Refrigerator Fund is growing. We received \$40 from the 50/50 drawing at the Activity Meeting, \$164 from the silent action, and a large donation from one of the park couples.

Thank you all for your generous donations. We still have a long way to go, but I'm sure we will hit our goal. The frig is here, and it is beautiful, and it WORKS!!

Thanks,
Sue Bentz, Treasurer

We wish to thank everyone for their hospital visits, prayers and concerns during Bob's recent hospitalization. Your support means so much to us.

Sincerely,
Juanita and Bob Vess

— QUILTS AND CRAFTS —

FRI., NOV. 27 -- BUSY BEE QUILTERS meet (1 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. on Fridays and on one all-day Thursday session a month). We work on our own projects, occasionally having a class on a technique, etc. We would love to have any fellow quilters join us on Friday afternoons. We have several projects we are working on. Contact Sue Signs or Jodi Swanda for further info.

TUES., DEC. 1 -- HELPING HANDS (8-11:30 a.m.) We make quilt tops, bibs, and several other items for charity. Many jobs are available for BOTH men and women. *Even if you can't sew, come join in the fellowship!*

TUES., DEC. 1

ROLANDO
(6:30 p.m.) in the Rec Hall.
\$5 per person

*A very talented young singer,
he's guaranteed to be a hit.*

- **NO MORE EVENING BUFFETS AT PETER PIPER PIZZA.** Several parks are participating in noon buffet.
- **BINGO** starts at 7 p.m., not 6:15 p.m.
- **PULL TABS** from soda/pop cans go to Linda Miller in the Activities Office.
- **VOLUNTEERS** needed to take care of Cake & Ice Cream duties on Sundays for the month of December.

Words cannot express my thanks to everyone for their thoughts, prayers and assistance in making Marvin's Memorial so wonderful. So many of you pitched in and took the load off my shoulders. Marvin is now walking on the Streets of Gold in Heaven. All monetary donations received will go to the Cancer Society in his name.

Jodi Swanda

WATER AEROBICS

for the winter season have begun
with classes at **both 8 a.m.**
and **9 a.m.**

The aerobics program we use is called
SENIOR SPLASH
which is designed to maintain and improve flexibility in all joints through gentle movements.

**Classes meet Monday, Tuesday,
Thursday and Friday.**

Both classes welcome new members.

UPCOMING EVENT

ORPHAN TRAIN RAFFLE TICKETS ON SALE

both in the Activity Office AND
at Wednesday morning Activity Meetings
(Gently Used Items)

\$2 each or 3 for \$5
(Please try to have the correct change.)

ORPHAN TRAIN EVENT TICKETS ON SALE

both in the Activity Office AND
at Wednesday morning Activity Meetings

• **Event to be held on Jan. 27, 2016 •**
\$10 each, which includes a **good lunch**

*Watch for posters throughout the Park
advertising the ORPHAN TRAIN EVENT!*

DEC. 7 DEADLINE FOR FREE ONLINE DIRECTORY CHANGES

New ARVP App to help park residents access online directory

UPDATED ALAMO REC-VEH DIRECTORY INFORMATION

Name (*First, Last*) _____ Lot # _____

Information that is incorrect: _____

Corrected information: _____

Send this info to Echo1320@att.net OR complete this form and bring to Main Office.

The webmaster will begin charging for any changes to the online park directory after Monday, Dec. 7. Please send any changes to the Echo email or complete the form at left and drop off at the Main Office.

After Dec. 7, changes will cost \$5 each and new additions will be \$10.

More about NEW APP...

The new ARVP app, which works on phones, iPads, and many touch-screen computers, offers quick access to such Alamo Rec-Veh Park website features as the Calendar, the Facebook page, the office email, and the Echo Extended. In addition to the option for one-button dialing to the Main Office, the app provides park residents with access to the Park Directory, which is password protected. Passwords are available in the Main Office.

CLEANING UP

If you use the Rec Hall or the Annex and move tables around, please put the room back the way you found it. Everyone will appreciate your effort.

For those who have a block party or any other gathering where food is involved, please take your garbage to the dumpsters.

ECHO EVENT FORM: *(Complete with as much information as possible.)*

RETURN ECHO EVENT FORM TO MAIN OFFICE TO BE PUT IN ECHO BOX

For questions or concerns, contact:

Barb Zanetti (Taetsch) at 586-438-5115 OR Colleen Benoit at 262-914-7100

E-Mail: Echo1320@att.net

Name of event: _____

Date it will happen: _____

Time: _____

Where: _____

Who sponsors it: _____

Cost: _____ *(Example: None, \$10.00 per person, etc.)*

Why is it happening? _____

What to bring: _____

Who to contact if Echo readers have questions: _____;

Lot # _____; Phone: _____

Anything else we should know about the event: _____

