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PEOPLE WORKING TOGETHER FOR THE FUN OF IT!

WELCOME

Please welcome the following new owners to the Mobile Manor community:

Danny & Diane Armstrong, Steven & Joyce Combs, Timothy Dean, Gary Kitchen, Kyla Lindsey, and Luann Shively.

Business



The Mobile Manor Community Meeting is April 2nd @ 2:30 p.m. and the Mobile Manor Social Club Meeting is April 7th @ 2 p.m. Please try to attend.

The maintenance fee for 2015 is \$28.00 per month or \$336 per year.



A community is a social unit of any size that shares common values. That's not to say that all community members have to agree on everything. This is undeniably true in Mobile Manor. Mobile Manor residents have a long tradition of playing the "I'm not paying the maintenance fees" card. This arises from the fact that the park's founders did not establish an organization which could enforce fee payments. As a result, there has always been a group which just doesn't pay because they feel they don't have to. Then there is a 2nd, larger group, which doesn't pay because of grievances. The main example of this happened about 9 years

ago when the Board of Directors voted to hire a company to manage the park. This resulted in some board resignations. They stopped paying fees and encouraged others to do the same. This led to a drawn out, expensive lawsuit which virtually bankrupted Mobile Manor. At the lowest point there were only about 130 paying members. Eventually there was a settlement which finally ended the lawsuit. That was over 2 years ago. Since then the paying membership has been as high as 196, we're far removed from bankruptcy, plans are being made to improve the roads, and so on. The results of the recent election indicate that the majority of the paying members endorse the actions of the current Board and its leadership. Nevertheless, the "I'm not paying the maintenance fees" card is being waved around again. Frankly, I don't get it. What is the purpose? Hope that the Board will fail and then next year we'll vote the "rascals" out? Remember, if you don't pay, you can't vote or run for office, so doesn't it make more sense to keep paying, keep participating, keep holding the Board's feet to the fire, and then, if you're still dissatisfied, put up a slate for the next election? How does not paying \$28 a month help Mobile Manor and, most importantly, help its residents? How does it improve your property values and the quality of life in the park? The motto, "I won't pay, if I don't get my way!!", just doesn't work. So, please, keep paying and if you have grievances, give the new Board an opportunity to address them.

April Events

S=Signup, P=Pay at door, T=Tickets, F=Free

- 2nd - Community Meeting 2:30 pm
- 4th - Easter Potluck 5 pm Donation **S,P**
- 7th - MMSC Meeting 2 pm
- 12th - Ice Cream Meet & Greet 2 pm **F**



Wilma Gentry reported that worship services had a wonderful season averaging 30 people each week. She thanks everyone who was faithful in their attendance and their generosity. They purchased 25 bibles costing \$350, gave an offering to McGregor Baptist Church for the less fortunate at Easter time of \$420.00, (plus over 200 boxed or canned items) and gave a love offering of \$900 for mission work in Haiti. She said, "Little is much when God is in it."

"Heads Up"

The Spaghetti Dinner on Sat. March 28th has been cancelled due to health issues and few signups.

The following are done for this season: Worship Service, Ladies' Bible Study, Wednesday Cards & Games, Line Dancing, Shuffle, and Coffee & Donuts.

Monday, April 13th is the last night for Bingo. Remember **Rick Gillispie** is still looking for someone to take over Bingo next season.

On a sad note, our old friend **Jasper Evola**, who sold veggies and fruit on Saturday mornings in the park for years, died recently.

Correction: I've been spelling **Pauline Lacourse's** first name wrong. My apologies.

If you plan to attend the Easter Potluck on Saturday April 4th please remember to bring your own table service.

There are crutches and a walker for loan in the office.



"The Way We Were"



April, 1935-Radar patented; 1st radio broadcasts of "Fibber McGee & Molly" and "Your Hit Parade".

April, 1940-1st televised baseball game; Bob Feller pitches opening day no-hitter; 1st radio broadcast of "Young Dr. Malone".

April, 1945-U.S. troops and Canadian troops liberate Buchenwald and Westerbork concentration camps, respectively;

FDR dies and Harry Truman sworn in as 33rd President. April, 1950-Bob Hope's 1st TV appearance; 1st transatlantic jet passenger flight.

April, 1955-Salk polio vaccine deemed safe and effective; McDonald's restaurant chain begun; 1st "Walk/Don't Walk" lighted signals used.

April, 1960-1st weather satellite (TIROS 1) launched; "Ben Hur" wins best picture award. April, 1965-"My Fair Lady" wins best picture award; 1st game played in Astrodome.

April, 1970-John Wayne wins best actor award; Paul McCartney announces the Beatle's breakup.

Snowbirds before you leave the park this Spring be sure that everything is put away.



Loose items that seem innocuous to us can become deadly missiles during hurricane season. So, think of your neighbors who live here year-round. Thank you.



Here's an easy potato dish that's great for potlucks.

Party Potatoes

2 lbs	Frozen Hashbrowns	Mix everything except
1 C	Chopped Onions,	cornflakes real well.
1 can	Cream of Chicken	Place in greased 13x9 .
	Soup	pan. Sprinkle top with
1 Lb	Sour Cream	crushed cornflakes. Bake
8 OZ	Shredded Cheddar	for 1½ hours at 350°.
	Cheese	
1 Stk	Butter, melted	
	Salt & Pepper to taste	
	Cornflakes, crushed	



To Melody Fightmaster & Nancy McGrath for hosting Coffee & Donuts. **To Helen Gillispie** for hosting the Spring Luncheon and the Tea Party. **To Debbie Burchfield, Dennis Richardson, Nancy McGrath, Pauline Lacourse, Butch Sims, and Rick Gillispie** for the Chili Dogs. **To Lou Heath** for participating in the debate at the March Community Meeting. **To Melody Fightmaster** who led another successful Rummage Sale. She was very proud of everyone who helped. **To the Gregoires, Aggie Long, and Elaine Morris** for their work to beautify the park. **To Nancy Clement and Betty St. Andrews** for Line Dancing. **To Wilma Gentry and Karla Gentry** for Worship Services, **To Velma Martin** for Ladies' Bible Study. **To Richard Griffith** for the new entrance sign. **To Dave St. Andrews** for Wi-Fi in the office and the clubhouse. **To Helen Gillispie, Debbie Burchfield** and their helpers for delivering the newsletter. **To Carol Stevens** and her helpers for organizing and maintaining the library. **To Ralph Schioppa** for installing the security system in the clubhouse. **To the Bingo crew of Rick Gillispie, Butch Sims and Maureen Huff. To Debbie Burchfield (4 years) and Maureen Huff (2 years)** for serving on the MMSC Board. **To the Gillispies, Donnie Morrison, and Rusty Campigotto** for the flagpole and sign in Veterans' Park. Also, to **Gene & Phyllis Confalone** for purchasing the flagpole light. **To Ken Boylan** for taking care of the Community Center trash. **To Bonnie Gilliland** for everything you do above and beyond what you get paid. Sometimes you have to persevere under very difficult circumstances. It's greatly appreciated. And, so another Winter season ends. To those heading north, safe travels. To those staying here, thanks for your ongoing support and vigilance when the rest of us are gone.



"It's a Funny Life"

It seems to me that I frequently resort to "potty humor" for these "Funny Life" pieces and, if they offend anyone, I'm sorry. Nevertheless, here we go again. From 1966 to 1975 I worked in the Data Processing Division of the Ohio Dept. of Liquor Control. A woman named **Jean Mullins** was assigned to the Programming Section where I was a Programmer/Team Leader. Her job was to do key punching and typing for the staff. We all worked in one huge room except for the boss' office and an adjacent smaller office where **Jean's** desk and equipment was. The rest of the office was organized with two columns of desks facing the front of the room and stretching to the back of the room. I believe there were 7 or 8 rows. My desk was in the last row. This particular day I was the last programmer left in the office. I was waiting for **Jean** to finish a job she was doing for me. As I sat there I was overcome by a sudden gas attack. The ensuing odor was just beginning to dissipate when **Jean** left her office up front and started to walk down the aisle toward me. I kept my head down looking busy, but I was actually figuring out what I would say when the inevitable embarrassing moment occurred. **Jean** stopped right in front of my desk, tilted her head back, took an audible sniff of the air, paused thoughtfully, and then said, "It smells like someone has been smoking a nice pipe back here." She handed me my work and walked away leaving me absolutely speechless.

(Note: The editor of *Mobile Manor Monthly* encourages feedback and input regarding the newsletter. Be it criticism or praise, corrections or new topics, please let me know. I can be reached at 543-5708, 740-972-9445, or timburch22@gmail.com.)