

Mobile Manor Monthly

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Office: Bonnie Gilliland

MM Board Pres: Bob Martin

Tues – Garbage

150 Lantern Lane

Social Club Pres: Bonnie Gilliland

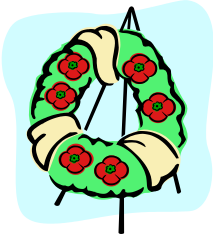
Wed – Recycles & Greens

N Ft Myers, FL 33917

Hayden and Assoc: 489-4890 (Emergencies, too) Aluminum cans at office shed

(239) 543-1414 Office hrs Tu We Th 10-12 Comm Ctr hrs Su 8-5 Mo 9-9 Tu 9-9 We 9-9 Th 9-9 Fr 9-5 Sa 8-5

PEOPLE WORKING TOGETHER FOR THE FUN OF IT!



Condolences

To the family and friends of:

Dan McNamee


Members in good standing may attend Board Meetings. They may listen and take notes, but may not speak unless asked. If they have questions, they may address them at the next Community Meeting. This month's Board Meeting is Dec. 17th at 2 p.m.

Business



Mobile Manor Social Club Meeting
December 3, 2 p.m. Please note that the meeting time has changed.

Mobile Manor Community Meeting
December 5, 2:30 p.m. Please make every effort to attend.

The maintenance fee for 2013 is \$28.13 per month. The fee for 2014 will be \$28.00 per month. 

At November's Community Meeting the Board announced that they had voted unanimously not to renew Hayden and Associates' contract when it expires Dec. 31st. They assured that the functions performed by Hayden would be accounted for. They said they feel that we meet the criteria for being a 55+ Community. New signs to that affect will be posted. The proposed changes to Mobile Manor's by-laws easily passed. As of this writing our membership has grown to 194.

December Events

S=Signup, P=Pay at door

T=Tickets, F=Free

- 4th - **Melody & Dick Fightmaster Open House** (321 Lantern Ln.) 6 pm **F**
- 7th - **Sloppy Joe Games Noon \$4 S,P**
- 8th - **Welcome Reception 2 pm F**
(Note: Limited to new residents and members of both Boards.)
- 14th - **Holiday Items & Bake Sale**
8 am to noon
- 22nd - **Christmas Parade and Caroling 4 pm**
- 24th - **Luminaries 5 pm**
- 25th - **Christmas Potluck 5 pm \$5 S,P**
- 28th - **Chili Dog Shuffle Noon \$3 S,P**
- 31st - **New Year's Eve Dance 8 pm \$10 S,P**
- Jan. 1st - **Pork Dinner-5 pm \$7.50 T**
See **Bonnie Gilliland** for tickets.
(Many of these events require volunteers to insure their success. There is a signup sheet in the Community Center or call **Bonnie Gilliland** , 239-543-8625.)



"The Way We Were"

Dec., 1933-Prohibition ends in the United States; **Ginger Rogers and Fred Astaire** appear in first film together; First NFL Championship game played (Bears 23-Giants 21); Born: **Tim Conway, Cicely Tyson, Carroll Spinney** (aka "Big Bird").

Dec., 1943-The "Great Depression" officially ends; **Eisenhower** named Supreme Allied Commander; Born: **Jim Morrison, John Kerry, Keith Richards, John Denver.**

Dec., 1953-First color TVs go on sale for about \$1,200; First Playboy magazine published; **Albert Schweitzer** given Nobel Peace Prize; Born: **Ben Bernanke, Kim Bassinger.**

Dec., 1963-The Warren Commission begins its investigation; True instant replay debuts at the Army-Navy game; The Beatles release "I Want to Hold Your Hand" and "I Saw Her Standing There" in the U.S. marking the beginning of Beatlemania; Born: **Brad Pitt.**



To Bev Boylan and Jean Hutchinson for hosting Coffee and Donuts in Nov.

To Helen Gillispie, Bev Boylan, Debbie Burchfield, Melody Fightmaster, Kathy Kwik, Debbie McGill, Nancy McGrath, Olive Thompson, Ann Marie Sandall, and Carol Stevens for delivering the newsletter. To Dave St. Andrews for all the technical expertise he's provided. To Bob Mullins for painting 15 MPH signs. To Nancy McGrath for taking over the library. To Jean Lemke for all her hard work organizing the library. To the anonymous resident who donated \$50 toward the purchase of ham and turkey for the Thanksgiving potluck.



"Heads Up"

Melody & Dick Fightmaster are opening their home again this Christmas season. All are welcome at 321 Lantern Lane at 6 p.m. on Dec. 4th. If you want to bring finger food or something to drink, OK, but it's not necessary.

Aerobic Exercise will resume in December on Wednesday and Friday mornings at 9:30 a.m. **Betty St. Andrews** will take the lead as usual. Virtually anyone can participate because you pretty much set your own pace. C'mon and try it out.

Rick Gillispie and his crew will be hosting the first Sloppy Joe Games (\$4) of the season on Dec. 7th at noon. Later in the month (the 28th at noon), **Tim Burchfield** and his crew will do the same for the Chili Dog Shuffle (\$3). Signup for both.

The 3rd annual Holiday Items & Bake Sale is set for Dec. 14th from 8 a.m. to noon, so, please, bring your baked goods and extra holiday items to the Community Center the day before, Dec. 13th, between 1 and 3 p.m. Also, consider volunteering to help one or both days.

Don't forget to light your luminaries Christmas Eve. Set the park ablaze!!!

Helen Gillispie is in charge of the Christmas Potluck Dinner at 5 p.m. Christmas day. Signup. BTW she needs help.

Music by **Mike Russell** will be featured at the New Year's Eve Dance. Signup and join us from 8 p.m. to just past midnight. \$10 per person at the door.

Again this year, we're raffling a 40" flat-screen HD-TV. The drawing will be March 6th at the season's final Community Meeting. Tickets are 1/\$5 or 3/\$10.



New phone books are ready for pickup. Note: The Hayden number is good until 12/31/2013. A new number will be circulated before then.

January Preview

A New Year's Day Pork Tenderloin Dinner will be prepared by **Bob Gilliland**. We need to sell 50 tickets by Dec. 22nd in order for this to be a success. You can't beat the price (\$7.50) or the convenience. English-style pork tenderloin with sides, drinks, etc. will be served at 5 p.m.. The full menu will be posted soon. **Bonnie Gilliland** has the tickets for sale now!!

Velma Martin reports that Ladies' Bible Study will start Monday, Jan. 6th from 9-10 a.m. in the Community Center. She says, "We are beginning the series, *10 Basic Steps Toward Christian Maturity*. The introduction book we will be using is *The Uniqueness of Jesus*. In order to have books on hand when we start, please let me know if you will be attending. Our studies are non-denominational, open to any ladies, simple, and a safe place to look into God's Word. I'll be ordering the books soon. Bring your Bibles and come join us!" Call Velma at 239-543-1313 or stop by 110 Amber Ave.

Among other things: Worship Services; Line Dancing; Pancake Breakfast (4th); Sloppy Joe Games (11th); Chili Dog Shuffle (25th); and Country Dance (25th).



Come Cruise With Us on the Carnival Breeze-March 9-15, 7 Days/6 Nights. Rates start at about \$1300 per couple. The itinerary is: Montego Bay, Jamaica; Grand Cayman Islands; and Cozumel, Mexico. Contact **Helen Gillispie** (239-567-7939 or 239-839-8819) for details.



Darrell Grogan and his pilgrims and elves are at it again. Just as they are finishing their Thanksgiving Parade, they are planning their Christmas extravaganza. Thanks again, **Darrell**.

House Number - Make sure yours is visible from the street. Hopefully the police or emergency squad never needs to find you, but, who knows, it might save your life.



"It's a Funny Life"

In the first newsletter I did back in November, 2011, I wrote about a fellow from my hometown named **Arley Yorty**. When we were introduced, he found my name to be very amusing. **Arley** turned out to be quite a character. He proposed a bet with anyone who would listen that he could fasten a 10 foot rope to his front bumper and to their rear bumper, go out on the highway, and accelerate to 50 MPH. The lead driver could slam on the brakes any time without **Arley** crashing into them. He was very persistent. He would propose the bet, the object of his offer would turn him down, and **Arley** would taunt them for their supposed cowardice. I saw this scene repeated over and over again. Of course, nobody that I knew of ever agreed to the bet. About 15 years later, I was visiting my aunt back in my hometown of Salem, OH, when I picked up the local newspaper. The name **Arley Yorty** virtually jumped off a page. The accompanying article was a summary of the week's cases from Mayor's Court. **Arley** had been cited for violating "assured clear distance". Did someone take his bet? I never knew.

(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.)