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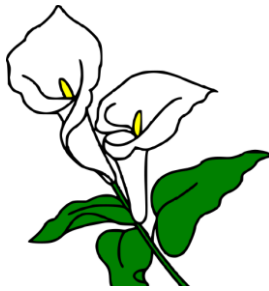
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24/7 Park Emergency (239) 543-1414

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 families and friends of:

**Bonnie Mullins
Richard Birbeck
Bev Crain**

December Dates

S=Signup, P=Pay at door

T=Tickets, F=Free, CC=Community Center

- 1st - MMSC Meeting-CC 2 pm
- 3rd - Community Meeting-CC 2:30 pm
- 6th - Fashion Show-CC 2 pm S,F
- 8th - Melody & Dick Fightmaster Open House (321 Lantern Ln.) 6 pm F
- 12th - Kathy & Tom Holder Fun, Music, Dancing, & Karaoke-CC 8-10:30 pm S,F
- 13th - Ice Cream Social Meet & Greet-CC 2 pm F
- 16th - Christmas Buffet-Golden Corral 3:30 pm S,P
- 18th - Set-up Holiday Items & Bake Sale-CC 1-3 pm
- 19th - Holiday Items & Bake Sale-CC 8 am-noon
- 22nd - Board Meeting-CC 2 pm
- 24th - Luminaries 4 pm
- 24th - Christmas Parade 5 pm
- 24th - Hot Chocolate & Cookies-CC 6:30 pm F
- 25th - Merry Christmas!!
- 28th - Newsletter Distribution
- 31st - New Years Eve Dance-CC 8 pm \$7 S, P w/Lady K & DJ Watson
- Jan. 1st Director's Welcome Hour/Dinner-CC 4 pm \$8 T

Business



Social Club Meeting-Dec. 1st at 2 pm in the clubhouse.

Community Meeting-Dec. 3rd at 2:30 pm in the clubhouse.

Board of Directors Meeting-Dec. 22nd at 2 pm in the clubhouse.

The maintenance fee for 2015 is \$28 per month. The fee for 2016 will be determined by Dec. 20th.



Please make every effort to attend the Community Meeting on Dec. 3rd. There will be at least two very important votes taken if we achieve a quorum which requires at least 40 eligible maintenance paying households to be present. One vote will regard street improvements and, if that passes, a second vote will regard speed bumps.

Welcome

The MMSC board will host an Ice Cream Social Meet & Greet on Sunday Dec. 13th at 2 pm in the Community Center. All new residents and renters plus eligible residents are welcome.

James & Bonnie Craft, Richard & Donna Henderson, Heather LaBounty, Elizabeth Nastasia, Richard Ragnitt, and Mary Ritter.



Rumor - The Board wants to make improvements to Flame Lane because Board President, Bob Gilliland, lives there.

Status - Seriously? Take a look at Flame and compare it to any other street in Mobile Manor. No contest.

Rumor - There really aren't 200 maintenance fee paying members in Mobile Manor.

Status - False. It's been over and it's been under, but it's right there and we expect it to go higher.



Thank
You!!!

To Helen & Rick Gillispie, Velma Martin, Maureen Huff, and Nancy McGrath who organized and/or participated in the dedication at Veteran's Park on Veteran's Day. It was a job very well done!! **To Nancy McGrath, Dee Saupp, Rick Gillispie, Maureen Huff, Ethel Carter and Debbie Burchfield**, for Chili Dogs. **To Lariats and Lace** for entertaining us. **To Pauline Lacourse** for Nov. coffee and donuts. **To Bob Gilliland** who spends more time and resources working on behalf of Mobile Manor and its residents than most of us realize. Thank you, **Bob. And,** to the many other residents who day after day help others and try to keep Mobile Manor looking good.

"The Way We Were"



Dec., 1935 - 1st Heisman trophy goes to **Jay Berwanger** of the University of Chicago. 1st flight of the Douglas DC3 airplane. Dec., 1940 - In the 1st NFL Championship broadcast on national radio, the Bears beat the Redskins 73-0. **F. Scott Fitzgerald** dies of a heart attack at age 44. Dec., 1945 - U.S. Congress approves U.S. participation in United Nations and officially recognizes the Pledge of Allegiance. Microwave oven patented. Dec., 1950 - **Paul Harvey** begins his national radio broadcasting career. **James Dean** begins his acting career with an appearance in a Pepsi commercial. In their 1st year in the NFL the Cleveland Browns win the NFL championship. Dec., 1955 - **Rosa Parks** arrested for refusing to give up her seat on a bus to a white passenger. At age 13, **Barbra Streisand** makes her 1st recording. Dec., 1960 - Nothing noteworthy happened. Dec., 1965 - "A Charlie Brown Christmas" premieres. 1st space rendezvous as Gemini 6 and 7 meet. Astrodome opens.

"Heads Up"



The Fashion Show on Dec. 6th features clothing by St. Mathew's House and jewelry by Elena's of Pine Island. The models are **Nancy McGrath, Melody Fightmaster, and Dee Saupp**. Discounts will be available. Cold drinks will be provided by MMSC and we need a few volunteers to bring a dessert to share. Please call **Nancy** at 239-652-0485.

"Heads Up (cont.)"

Bingo will resume on December 7th at 7 pm **Rick Gillispie** will be calling the numbers. He is still looking for others to relieve him occasionally.

Melody & Dick Fightmaster are opening their home again this Christmas season. All residents are welcome at 321 Lantern Lane at 6 p.m. on Dec. 8th.

On Dec. 12th from 8-10:30 pm **Kathy & Tom Holder** are donating their time, talent, and effort to provide an evening of fun featuring music, dancing, and karaoke. MMSC will provide some cold drinks or you can bring your own beverages and snacks. There is no charge, but there will be an opportunity to make donations to support other social club activities.

MMSC is sponsoring a Christmas Buffet at the Cape Coral Golden Corral, 410 Andalusia Blvd. (just off Pine Island Rd.), on Dec. 16th at 3:30 pm. They hope to have a private area reserved. The 3:30 pm time takes advantage of lunch prices which expire at 4 pm. Cost is \$8.69 per person or \$8.19 for age 60 and over. Beverages are extra.

The 5th annual Holiday Items & Bake Sale is set for Dec. 19th from 8 am to noon. Everyone is welcome. Please, bring your baked goods and extra holiday items to the clubhouse the day before, Dec. 18th, between 1 and 3 p.m. Volunteers are needed.

Lady K & DJ Watson (aka **Kathleen & Darrell Watson** of Mobile Manor) will perform at the New Years Eve Dance at the Community Center from 8 pm to midnight. Come for the full evening or for a couple hours, but be prepared to be entertained by their "Mixed Three" styling: 1. DJ music-oldies, country, line dancing, waltz, R&R, etc. 2. Karaoke-1000s of songs to choose from. 3. Live Music-By **Lady K & DJ Watson**.

The Board of Directors is sponsoring a New Years Day Dinner starting with a Welcome Hour at 4 pm featuring punch and hors d'oeuvres and a meal at 5 pm featuring ½ a roast chicken, baked potato, vegetable, soup or salad (TBD), dessert, and cold drinks. You don't need to bring anything but your appetite. A ticket for \$8 is required and there will only be 60 available. Board members and the office will have tickets for sale. Purchasing deadline is Dec. 20th.

Raffle for 43" Vizio HD TV



Tickets (1/\$5 or 3/\$10). The prize? A Vizio D43-C1 43" 1080p LED TV. See a MMSC Board member for tickets. The

drawing will be at the March 4th Community Meeting. You don't have to be present to win.

Darrell Grogan and his helpers will hold Christmas parades on the 23rd, 24th, and 25th. They will start at **Darrell's** (314 Lantern Ln.) around 5 pm. And, do not forget, the parade on Christmas Eve will be preceded by lighting your luminaries at 4 pm and followed by hot chocolate and cookies at the Community Center at 6:30 pm.



Worship Service & Bible Study

Sunday Worship Service will reconvene on Jan. 10th when **Wilma**

Gentry returns. **Velma Martin** advises that Bible Study will begin on Jan. 4th.

As winter approaches....brrrrrrr, I begin to think.....oh, sorry, I momentarily forgot where I was. Anyway, this simple chowder is good anytime, anywhere.



So-Quick Seafood Chowder

12 oz. fish fillets	Cut fish into 1" pieces; set aside. In a large saucepan, combine potatoes and water. Boil; reduce heat. Cover and simmer 5 minutes. Stir in evaporated milk, condensed soup, bacon, dill and pepper. Cover and simmer for 3 to 5 minutes more or until fish flakes easily. Put in bowls. Garnish with more fresh dill.
3C frozen hash browns w/ onions and peppers	
1 C water	
12 oz evaporated milk	
10 1/2 oz. condensed cream of shrimp or potato soup	
1/4 C cooked bacon pieces	
2 t snipped fresh dill	
1/4 t pepper	
2 oz diced pimentos	

During this holiday season, please try to be even more alert to the needs of your neighbors. The holidays can be very trying, especially for seniors who have lost loved ones recently or even years ago. The ache of separation can become even more acute due to the memories triggered by the holidays, So, stay alert for signs of depression and take a few extra minutes to just say hello or give a hug or handshake or even share a meal.

SLOW DOWN!! THE SPEED LIMIT IS 15 MPH!!



"Rummage Sale"

It's not too early to be thinking about the annual rummage sale which usually takes place on the first Saturday in March. To donate smaller items go to the clubhouse. For larger items or to volunteer contact **Nancy McGrath** or **Dee Saupp**.



"It's a Funny Life"

Here's a change of pace from what usually appears in this column.

Merry Christmas to all. Have a blessed holiday season. The following are alternate titles for well-known Christmas carols. Fill in the proper title in the space provided. If you get 100% correct, you will be assured a full Christmas stocking! Have fun!!

1. Quadrupe with crimson proboscis _____
2. 5 p.m. to 6 a.m. without noise _____
3. Miniscule hamlet in the far east _____
4. Ancient benevolent despot _____
5. Adorn the vestibule _____
6. Exuberance directed to the planet _____
7. Listen, aerial spirits harmonizing _____
8. Monarchical trio _____
9. Yonder in the haystack _____
10. Assemble, everyone who believes _____
11. Hallowed post meridian _____
12. Fantasies of a colorless December 25th _____
13. Tin tintinnabula _____
14. A dozen 24-hour Yule periods _____
15. Befell during the transparent bewitching hour _____
16. Homo sapien of crystallized vapor _____
17. I merely desire a pair of incisors _____
18. I spied my maternal parent osculating a fat man in red _____
19. Perambulating through a December solstice fantasy _____
20. Aloft on the acme of the abode _____
21. Bantam male percussionist _____
22. Frozen precipitation commence _____

The answers will appear in next month's newsletter.

(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 740-972-9445, or timburch22@gmail.com.)