

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

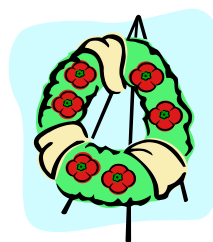
N Ft Myers, FL 33917

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 family and friends of:

Mo Torvinen

Events

S=Signup, P=Pay at

door, T=Tickets, F=Free

31st - New Year's Eve Dance 8 pm \$10

S,P Music by M. Russell.

1st - Pork Tenderloin Dinner-5 pm

\$7.50 **T (See Bonnie Gilliland)**

4th - Midwest Pancake Breakfast

8 am \$4 **S,P**

11th - Sloppy Joe Games - 12 n \$4 **S,P**

17th - Afternoon Bingo - 1 pm **F**

21st - Birthday Bash - 2 pm **S,F**

25th - Chili Dog Shuffle - 12 n \$3 **S,P**

25th - Country Dance - 8-11 pm \$7.50

S,P Music by K. Ballantine.



Business

Mobile Manor Social Club Meeting

January 7th, 2 p.m.

Mobile Manor Community Meeting

January 9th, 2:30 p.m. (Note: This is the 2nd Thursday of the month.) Please make every effort to attend.

The maintenance fee for 2014 is \$28.00 per month.



*Nominations for next year's officers should be turned into the Nominating Committee before the Jan. 9th Community Meeting. The slate of officers will be announced at that time. The Nominating Committee is composed of **Bonnie Gilliland, Judy Griffith, and Tim Burchfield.***

Note: Our by-laws state that all of our 2013 fees must be paid by December 31st before we can vote at February's Annual Community Meeting.



Speed Bumps??

Is this what it's going to take to slow us down? I hope not, but it is under consideration. Instead, why don't we all take personal responsibility to slow down. Also, notify visitors, delivery people, etc. ahead of time of our 15 MPH limit.



"The Way We Were"

Jan., 1934-Alcatraz becomes a federal prison; "Flash Gordon" comic strip debuts; **Babe Ruth** signs a \$35K contract. **Jan., 1944**-First warfare use of helicopters; **Alfred Hitchcock's** "Lifeboat" released; **Eisenhower** arrives in England to take command of the Allied Invasion Force. **Jan., 1954**-The Rose and Cotton Bowls are the first sports events broadcast in color; groundbreaking for Disneyland; **Elvis** pays \$4 to a Memphis studio to record his first two songs. (Note: A prize awaits the first person who tells me the titles, another prize to the person who tells me the date it happened and another prize to the person who tells me the date's significance.) **Jan., 1964**-President **Johnson** declares "War on Poverty"; Surgeon General **Luther Terry** reports that smoking may be hazardous; "Dr. Strangelove" premieres; "I Want to Hold Your Hand" becomes the **Beatles** 1st #1 U.S. hit.



To everyone who made the Holiday Items & Bake Sale a success. To Ann Marie Sandall,

***Mona Fungloy, Maureen Huff, and the Burchfields** for hosting Coffee and Donuts in Dec. To Helen Gillispie and her crew for delivering the newsletter. To Denise & Norm Gregoire for their landscaping work. To Debbie Burchfield, Margaret & Rusty Campigotto, Betty Durham, Bonnie Gilliland, Helen & Rick Gillispie, Kathy & Tom Holder, Nancy McGrath, and Carol Stevens for decorating the Community Center. To Darrell Grogan & his elves for the Christmas Parade. (Have you noticed the imaginative ways **Jerry Olsen** decorated his motorized scooter in recent parades?) To the Fightmasters for their open house. To Maureen Huff for hosting refreshments during the Christmas Parade & Caroling. To the Gillispies, Carol Stevens, & the Campigottos for hosting the Thanksgiving Potluck. To the Gillispies and their crew for hosting the Christmas Potluck and to **Jerry Olsen** for the wonderful table centerpieces.*



"Heads Up"

The deadline for buying tickets for the New Year's Day Pork Tenderloin Dinner has been extended to Dec. 28th. **Bonnie Gilliland** will be available on the 27th and 28th with tickets. **Velma Martin** confirms that Ladies' Bible Study will start Monday, Jan. 6th from 9-10 a.m. in the Community Center. Church Services will resume on Sunday, January 12th at 9 a.m. in the Community Center. **Wilma Gentry** will be delivering the message.

The Midwest Pancake Breakfast is at 8 p.m. on Sat., Jan. 4th. Coffee & Donuts will be hosted by **Etta & Don Manning** Sat. at 8 a.m. for the rest of the month.

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. Our own **Tom Holder** and **Kathleen Ballantine** will be providing the music for the New Year's Day Pork Tenderloin Dinner and Country Dance on Jan. 25th, respectively.

Don't forget that we're raffling a 39" flat-screen HD-TV. The drawing will be March 6th at the March Community Meeting. **Kathy Kwik** has tickets for 1/\$5 or 3/\$10.

Contact **Helen Gillispie** (239-567-7939 or 239-839-8819) for information about the cruise sailing from March 9th-15th.

Since our contract with Hayden and Assoc. is ending, our park emergency contact will become Mobile Manor's office number (239 543-1414) beginning January 1st. Someone will answer this 24/7. Remember, this is for park related emergencies only (e.g. water main break).

According to **Bob Martin** LCEC has refused to turn electricity on for at least three owners because their meter box was not properly marked. They have been told that the meter box must be marked with the corresponding house number and riveted onto the box by a licensed electrician.



At their most recent meeting the Board addressed the issue of "Community Center Use". They will continue to work until a policy is established.

Current Board of Directors:

- Bob Martin:** *President*
- Ralph Schioppa:** *Vice President*
- Kathy Holder:** *Treasurer*
- Kathy Holder:** *Secretary*
- Rick Gillispie:** *Director*
- Bob Gilliland:** *Director*
- Raymond Pencherek:** *Director*
- Gene Confalone:** *Director*
- Open:** *Past President*

*Several Board positions will be voted on at the Annual Meeting in February. The exact slate will be announced at the January Community Meeting after the Nominating Committee submits its report. **Bob Martin** has declared that he won't be running again, but he will remain on the Board as Past President.*

"Speaking of Exits...."

the contest based on the picture below was never solved. It was in nearby Big Lots.



"It's a Funny Life"

*Back in the late 50's and early 60's there was a TV show called "Alfred Hitchcock Presents". My favorite episode starred **Steve McQueen** and **Peter Lorre**. **McQueen** is down and out and needs money. **Lorre** is a betting man who specializes in one macabre bet. He will give **McQueen** his limousine if **McQueen** can light his lighter 10 times in a row. If **McQueen's** lighter fails to light, **Lorre** gets to cut off one of **McQueen's** fingers. After some thought, **McQueen** accepts. Before starting **Lorre** ties down **McQueen's** left arm and readies the little finger to be whacked off. **Lorre** hovers over **McQueen** with a cleaver as **McQueen** begins flicking his lighter. After 9 successful tries, a woman rushes into the room and calls off the bet by declaring she is the true owner of the limousine and proves it by showing that she has several missing fingers. Just then **McQueen** attempts to light a cigarette, but the lighter fails to light. The End. In the summer of 1964 I worked for the local electric company cutting grass at their substations. I had just finished recounting this episode to my co-workers as we were preparing to cut one such location when two pre-teen boys approached us. One walked right up to me and said, "Want to see something, mister?" He was holding a white box with a lid in the palm of one hand. I said, "Sure." He removed the lid and there, lying in the box on a bed of cotton, was a bloody finger!! The shocked look on my face just egged him on, as the finger shot straight up and wiggled at me through the hole in the bottom of the box, he let out one of the most sinister laughs I ever heard. Amazing coincidence or something more?*

(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.)