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PEOPLE WORKING TOGETHER FOR THE FUN OF IT!



Business



Social Club Meeting - Jan. 5th at 2 pm in the clubhouse.

Community Meeting - Jan. 7th at 2:30 pm in the clubhouse.

Board of Directors Meeting - Jan. 26th at 2 pm in the clubhouse.

The maintenance fee for 2016 is still \$28 per month. There has not been an increase since 2013 when there was a 82¢ bump. Since that very modest increase, there was a decrease of 13¢ to an even \$28/mo. The balance in the Mobile Manor Inc. treasury has risen from \$29,135 in Dec. 2013 to \$56,363 in Dec., 2015. Our Trust account has risen from \$53 to \$6,698. \$700 for the preparation of estoppel certificates for home closings from non-participating members was collected. (BTW this service is free to participating members.) In the same timeframe, the Mobile Manor Water Co. bank balance has gone from \$3,478 to \$6,898. Aside from financial matters, among other things, the maintenance contract with Hayden was cancelled. Maintenance fee participation increased from 143 to 200 households. Improvements were made to Friendship Park with a new sign and fence; to Veterans Park with a new sign, flagpole, gateway, and fence (Note: special thanks to the Gillispies and their helpers plus MMSC); to



Triangle Park plus preparations to install a water line (Note: special thanks to Dee Saupp and her helpers); to the island in front of the office (Note: special thanks to the Morrison family and Gene Confalone). Improvements were made to the road surfaces on Fireball Ln., Lamplighter Ln. and Flame Ln. (Note: regarding Fireball with special thanks to Chuck Mashburn for his invaluable assistance). Improvements were made to the Community Center and Office (CC - roof sealed, new gutters, electrical repairs, and ceiling repairs; Office - vinyl siding, new side door, new carpet, refurbished Board Room, removed and replaced termite infested wall including new windows and paint job, sprayed and authorized contract for termite protection.). The Water Co. paid back \$5,000 in loan payments to Mobile Manor Inc. Over \$3000 in water liens were collected. The Rural Water Association was joined with many accompanying benefits. A reduction valve was installed with the anticipation of large savings. Five water leaks in the East Park were fixed. Solar and Sonar testing of the lines in the West Park were scheduled at no cost. The Public Service Commission and Lee County Health Department agreed to do Stage 2 water testing annually instead of quarterly, resulting in annual savings of \$1500. Placing the CCR report on the website instead of mass mailing it was negotiated, resulting in savings of approximately \$750. Lee County Commissioners have agreed to include dredging and cleaning our creek in their 2016 Budget.

Please make every effort to attend the Community Meeting on Jan. 7th. There will be a discussion and possibly a vote on speed bumps and a report on the upcoming election among other topics. We will need a quorum of at least 40 eligible maintenance paying households.



And, speaking of elections, Article VII of Mobile Manor's By-Laws addresses how they are to be conducted. Here are the highlights. The election is held at the Annual Meeting in February. The

President appoints a 3-member Nominating Committee at the December meeting. Only members in good standing can run and they must submit their intention to run in writing to the Board Secretary (currently Maureen Huff) by the January meeting. Nominations may also be made from the floor at the January meeting. A ballot will be delivered or mailed to all eligible voters not less than 20 days before the Annual Meeting. All 4 of the officer positions and 3 of the 4 Director positions are up for grabs this year.

January Events

S=Signup, **P**=Pay at door, **D**=Donation
T=Tickets, **F**=Free, **CC**=Community Center

- Dec. 31st - New Years Eve Dance-**CC** 8 pm \$7 **S, P**
w/Lady K & DJ Watson
- 1st - Director's Welcome Hour/Dinner-**CC**
4 pm \$8 **T (SOLD OUT)**
- 5th - MMSC Meeting-**CC** 2 pm
- 7th - Community Meeting-**CC** 230 pm
- 9th - SkyMed presentation- **CC** 8 am
- 9th - Chili Dogs 12 pm-**CC** \$3 **S,P**
- 10th - Ice Cream Social Meet & Greet-**CC** 2 pm **F**
- 16th - Chili Cook-off-**CC** 1230 pm 25¢ per bowl **S,P**
- 22nd - Kathy & Tom Holder Fun, Music, Dancing,
& Karaoke-**CC** 8-1030 pm **S,D**
- 23rd - Movie Night-**CC** 7 pm w/Popcorn \$1 **S,P**
- 26th - Board Meeting-**CC** 2 pm
- 27th - Newsletter Distribution



I'm trying to build a solid data base of email addresses in order to promote better communication in Mobile Manor whether it's something mundane or something serious. Please send an email to timburch22@gmail.com. Thanks.



Rumor - An elderly female resident of Mobile Manor was raped in her home sometime on or around Dec. 15th which

resulted in a crime scene investigation by the Lee County Sheriff's office.

Status - False. A call to the Public Information Office of the Lee County Sheriff revealed that they didn't investigate a rape in Mobile Manor nor was their Crime Scene unit dispatched to Mobile Manor. They did respond to a call for assistance for an elderly woman around that time, but it was not of a criminal nature.

Rumor - The Board violated the by-laws by not mentioning the status of the Nominating Committee at the December Community Meeting.

Status - False. In the minutes of the meeting under the title *Board of Director's Update* it says, "Ms. Huff reported that President Gilliland appointed Tim Burchfield to the nominating committee to choose the slate of officers and directors for 2016." **Furthermore**, if you are still skeptical, Ms. Huff's tape of the meeting is available for you to hear this comment for yourself.

Rumor - We need to get the EPA involved in testing our water quality.

Status - Unnecessary and beyond EPA's scope. The EPA sets some drinking water standards, but testing and enforcement is pretty much left up to the states and localities. In any event our water comes straight from the Lee County Water Utility Company thus undergoing their purity checks before it gets here. Then, 5 days a week, we test at two varying locations, record our testing, and report it to the Lee County Board of Health. In turn, at least twice per month, the Lee County Board of Health randomly and without notice takes samples of our water, tests them, and immediately reports any problems to us. If there's ever been a problem, none has been reported to us for more than two years.

To Bonnie Gilliland and Judy Griffith for hosting coffee and donuts. **To** the Holders for their fun night of dancing and karaoke. **To** Melody Fightmaster for organizing Big Richard's memorial. **To** the Fightmasters who graciously opened their home to all for the 4th straight year to celebrate the season.



"The Way We Were"



Jan., 1936 - 1st broadcast of "Green Hornet" radio show. Jan., 1941 - Joan Baez, Faye Dunaway, Bobby Goldsboro, Neil Diamond, Buddy Baker born. Jan., 1946 - CIA established. Jan., 1951 - Michigan won Rose Bowl and Kentucky won Sugar Bowl. Jan., 1956 - Elvis released "Heartbreak Hotel", recorded "Blue Suede Shoes", made his 1st national TV appearance, and his single, "Don't Be Cruel/Hound Dog" went to #1 and stayed there for a record setting 11 weeks. Jan., 1961 - JFK inaugurated, "Sing Along with Mitch" premiered. Jan., 1966 - Simon and Garfunkel's "Sounds of Silence" reached #1.



"Heads Up"

Lady K & DJ Watson will perform at the New Years Eve Dance at the Community

Center from 8 pm to midnight.

The Directors' Dinner on New Year's Day at 4 pm is sold out. Sorry there couldn't be more tickets, but the kitchen prep capacity for this meal is 60.

Ladies' Bible Study is resuming on Jan. 4th at 9 am in the Community Center.

Dorthea Adams of SkyMed will make a presentation at Coffee & Donuts on Jan. 9th. They provide emergency air transportation services. You might qualify for a dream vacation for two.

Church Services will not reconvene on Jan. 10th as previously announced due to Wilma Gentry's change in plans. Stay tuned.

MMSC is sponsoring several other Jan. events in the clubhouse unless otherwise stated: Chili Dogs will be featured the 9th at noon outside the clubhouse. Bring your own chairs and drinks. The monthly Ice Cream Meet and Greet is the 10th at 2 pm. A Chili Cook-off will be held the 16th at noon. A North Fort Myers fireman will be the judge. You can sample the chili in small bowls for 25¢ apiece. The judging starts at 12:30. A Movie Night is set for the 23rd at 7 pm. The movie has yet to be decided, but you can vote for what you want when you sign up. There will not be a charge, but you can buy a bag of popcorn for \$1.

On Jan. 22nd from 8-10:30 pm Kathy & Tom Holder are providing another evening of fun featuring music, dancing, and karaoke.



Just a reminder to be careful about breaking waterlines by parking on them or digging in your yard. More than likely you will be held responsible for the damages.

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. No need to be present to win.



"Rummage Sale"

March is sneaking up on us. Take smaller items to the clubhouse. For larger items or to volunteer contact Nancy McGrath at 239-652-0485.

"It's a Funny Life"

Here are the answers from last month's Christmas carol quiz.



1. Quadruped with crimson proboscis=**Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer** 2. 5 p.m. to 6 a.m. without noise=**Silent Night** 3. Miniscule hamlet in the far east=**O' Little Town of Bethlehem** 4. Ancient benevolent despot=**Good King Wenceslas** 5. Adorn the vestibule=**Deck the Halls** 6. Exuberance directed to the planet=**Joy to the World** 7. Listen, aerial spirits harmonizing=**Hark the Herald Angels Sing** 8. Monarchical trio=**We Three Kings** 9. Yonder in the haystack=**Away in a Manger** 10. Assemble, everyone who believes=**Come All Ye Faithful** 11. Hallowed post meridian=**O Holy Night** 12. Fantasies of a colorless December 25th=**I'm Dreaming of a White Christmas** 13. Tin tintinnabula=**Silver Bells** 14. A dozen 24-hour Yule periods=**The Twelve Days of Christmas** 15. Befell during the transparent bewitching hour=**It Came Upon a Midnight Clear** 16. Homo sapien of crystallized vapor=**Frosty the Snowman** 17. I merely desire a pair of incisors=**All I Want for Christmas is My Two Front Teeth** 18. I spied my maternal parent osculating a fat man in red=**I Saw Momma Kissing' Santa Claus** 19. Perambulating through a December solstice fantasy=**Walking Through a Winter Wonderland** 20. Aloft on the acme of the abode=**Up on the Rooftop** 21. Bantam male percussionist=**Little Drummer Boy** 22. Frozen precipitation commence=**Let It Snow**.

(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.)