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PEOPLE WORKING TOGETHER FOR THE FUN OF IT!



Business

The Mobile Manor Social Club Meeting is March 3rd at 2 p.m. and the Mobile Manor Community Meeting is March 5th at 2:30 p.m. Board of Directors' Meeting is March 31st at 2 p.m., a week later than normal. All are in the clubhouse. Please make an effort to attend all of these meetings.

The maintenance fee for 2015 is \$28 per month or \$336 per year.



*Voting for the Board of Directors concluded just prior to the start of the Annual Meeting on Feb. 5th. 187 ballots were distributed and 122 ballots were returned. Of those, 1 ballot was left blank. The results were as follows: For President, **Bob Gilliland**, 69 votes and **Ralph Schioppa**, 52 votes; for Vice-president, **Richard Griffith**, 80 votes and **Glenn McGill**, 41 votes; for Director-at-large, **Pauleen Lacourse**, 78 votes and **Darrell Grogan**, 43 votes. **Kathy Holder**, running for Treasurer, and **Maureen Huff**, running for Secretary, as they were unopposed, were declared automatic winners. The other three Director-at-large positions, held by **Butch Sims**, **Rick Gillispie**, and **Tim Burchfield**, didn't require a vote this year.*

*To **Ralph**, **Glenn**, and **Darrell**, even though the election did not go your way, thanks for participating in this important process. You are all to be commended.*

March Events

S=Signup, P=Pay at door

T=Tickets, F=Free, D=Donation

- 27th - Rummage Sale Set-up 9 am
- 28th - Rummage Sale 8 am - 2 pm
- 8th - Ice Cream Social Meet/Greet 2 pm **F**
- 14th - St. Patrick's Dance 8-10:30 pm \$6
Music by **Birdie Lee S,P**
- 19th - Spring Luncheon @ Mel's 1 pm **S**
- 21st - Chili Dog Shuffle 12 noon \$3 **S,P**
- 25th - Tea Party 1 pm **S,F**
- 28th - Spaghetti Dinner 5 pm \$5 **S,P**
- 31st - Board Meeting 2 pm



Rumor - Property owners in Mobile Manor own to the middle of the street.

Status - True. There is also a "granted easement" which allows the "community association", i.e. Mobile Manor Inc., to undertake road improvements.

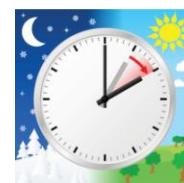
Rumor - Mobile Manor has lost its status as a 55+ Community.

Status - False. The 55+ status is secure with at least an 80-20 ratio of 55+ to under 55.

Rumor - Paul Gentry "passed".

Status - Greatly exaggerated. I sent a community-wide email which began, "Paul Gentry passed this important information to....". At least two skittish readers quit reading after the first 3 words and contacted me in a panic.

Daylight Saving Time begins at 2 a.m. Sunday, March 8th. Please don't forget to set your clocks one hour ahead.





Please welcome the following new owners to Mobile Manor: **Steve & Joyce Combs, Danny & Dianne Armstrong, and Kyla Lindsay.**



“The Way We Were”

March 1935-Bank of Canada opens; **Herb Alpert** born. **March 1940**-Univ. of Indiana wins the 2nd ever NCAA basketball championship; **Willie Stargell, Chuck Norris, Jerry Lucas** born. **March 1945**-**Jimmy Stewart** is promoted to full colonel, one of a handful of Americans to rise from private to colonel during WWII; **Mickey Dolenz, Eric Clapton** born. **March 1950**-Silly Putty invented; FBI's "10 Most Wanted" list begins; **Karen Carpenter, William H. Macy, Martin Short** born. **March 1955**-"Ballad of Davy Crockett" is the #1 song; **Steve McQueen** makes network TV debut on Goodyear Playhouse; **Bruce Willis** born. **March 1960**-Elvis ends 2-year hitch in the Army; Ohio St. wins the NCAA basketball championship; **Ivan Lendl, Joe Carter** born. **March 1965**-The movie version of "The Sound of Music" opens; UCLA beats Michigan for the NCAA basketball championship; **Sarah Jessica Parker** born. **March 1970**-U.S. lowers voting age from 21 to 18; **Queen Latifah, Vince Vaughn** born.



“Rummage Sale”

Last chance to donate to or volunteer for the Rummage Sale this year. To donate smaller items go to the clubhouse. For larger items or to volunteer call **Melody** at 239-997-6625.

THANK YOU



To Mick & Myrna Gray and Dee Saupp for hosting Coffee and Donuts in Feb.

To the owners in the East Park who don't pay maintenance fees, but who contributed to the cost of resealing Lamp-lighter Lane.

To Bonnie Gilliland and her crew (Bob Gilliland, Margaret & Rusty Campigotto, Denise & Norman Gregoire, Jane Bedwill, Ron Kirk, Bev Moore, Greg McAdam, Darrell Watson) for hosting the New England and Canada Pancake Breakfast.

To Helen Gillispie and her crew (Rick Gillispie, Don Morrison) for the work they've done so far at Veterans' Park. Also, to Gene & Phyllis Confalone for purchasing the flagpole light.

To Carol Stevens and her crew (Ethel Carter, Debbie McGill, Brenda Rattray, Helen Gillispie) for working in the library.

Nancy McGrath and the rest of the MMSC Board want your input re: activities. What do you like, what don't you like, new ideas? What type of New Years Eve party would you be willing to attend? Are the prices for meals reasonable? Call **Nancy** at 239-652-0485 or use the questionnaire available in the Community Center.



The MM Worship group is collecting items to help the McGregor Baptist church reach out to the less fortunate during the Easter season. The offerings from Feb. 22nd and March 1st will go toward this ministry. Also, they are collecting food items as follows: 14 oz cans of corn, green beans, & fruit cocktail; 10 oz cans of mushroom soup, Jello (3 oz), instant potatoes (13 oz) and corn muffin mix (7 oz). Contact **Wilma Gentry.**

Church is each Sunday at 9 a.m. and everyone is welcome! The March 22nd service will be the last service of the season.

"Heads Up"



Nancy McGrath and Melody Fightmaster will host Coffee and Donuts this month.

In the near future Rural Waterworks of Florida will be testing for water leaks in the East Park. As they find leaks, they will mark them with little flags. Please help by ensuring that nothing happens to any of the flags. Thank you.

There are a couple of new features on the website that you might want to take advantage of. One, there is a communication page where we'll publish your views regarding park issues, thoughts, information, notices, requests, etc. Two, there is a page to advertise real estate sales and rentals, garage sales, and miscellaneous sales. Send pertinent data to timburch22@gmail.com.

If you are the last one out the door after a Community Center function, please make sure that the lights are out and the AC/HV unit is set appropriately.

If you plan to attend the Spaghetti Dinner on March 28th please remember to bring your own table service.

Have you noticed how many vehicles are parked on grassy areas throughout the park? Just remember, if one of them ruptures a waterline the property owner is responsible for any expenses incurred.

According to Lee County Ordinance #14-22 it's illegal to tie up an unattended pet outside.

And, speaking of pets, why do we need to use space in the newsletter to remind dog owners to clean up after their pets? It's just common courtesy to do so, isn't it? There was an ugly incident in our neighborhood over this issue recently which upset several people. This is a no-brainer!! **CLEAN UP AFTER THEM!!**



One of the best known benefits of volunteering is the impact on the community. Unpaid volunteers are often the glue that holds a community together. Volunteering allows you to connect to your community and make it a better place. Even helping out with the smallest tasks can make a real difference to the lives of other people and volunteering is a two-way street: It can benefit you, too, by helping you make new friends, expanding your network, and boosting your social skills. One of the best ways to make new friends and strengthen existing relationships is to commit to a shared activity together. Volunteering is a great way to meet new people, especially if you are new to the park. Volunteering also strengthens your ties to the community and exposes you to people with common interests and fun and fulfilling activities. We are trying to make more opportunities to volunteer. For more information, contact **Tim** at 239-543-5708 or 740-972-9445.



"It's a Funny Life"

At a recent outing of the Ladies' Bible Study group one of the ladies asked for some advice on how to get rid of a bird that had been trapped under her trailer for several days. The constant chirping was robbing her of much needed sleep but the noise was lessening and she feared the bird was dying. Several suggestions were given, even to calling the Animal Rescue League. It was a relief when a friend informed her that the problem was a dying battery in her smoke detector!

(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.)