

# Mobile Manor Monthly

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150 Lantern Lane

Social Club Pres: Nancy McGrath Tues – Garbage 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

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*PEOPLE WORKING TOGETHER FOR THE FUN OF IT!*

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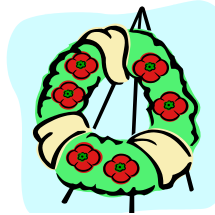
## Condolences

To the families and friends of:

**Nancy Arbuckle**

**Don Morrison**

**Jerri Vincent**



**Don West**

## Business



*Social Club Meeting*

*November 4<sup>th</sup> at 2 p.m. in the clubhouse.*

*Community Meeting*

*November 6<sup>th</sup> at 2:30 p.m. in the clubhouse.*

*Board of Directors Meeting*

*November 25<sup>th</sup> at 2 p.m. in the clubhouse.*

*The maintenance fee for 2014 is \$28 per month. The fee for 2015 will be determined by Dec. 20<sup>th</sup>.*



## Veterans Day

Nov. 11, 2014

*The brave men and women who serve and protect the U.S.*

*come from all walks of life, they are parents, children, and grandparents. They are friends, neighbors, and co-workers, and an important part of their communities. There are a little over 23 million veterans in the U.S., 9.2 million are over 65, 1.9 million are under 35, 1.8 million are women, 33% (7.8 million) are Viet Nam War era vets, 5.2 million served from the Gulf War to the present, 2.6 million are WWII vets, 2.8 million are Korean War vets, and 6 million served in peacetime. God bless them all.*

# Welcome

*The MMSC board will host an Ice Cream Social Meet & Greet on Sunday Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup> at 2 p.m. in the Community Center. Come visit with old friends and meet new friends. All new owners and residents, including renters, are welcome. As of this writing the following is a list of new owners. (Please contact me about corrections or omissions. Note: contact information appears at the end of the newsletter.)*

## Fall Back!!



*Don't forget to set your clocks back one hour when Daylight Saving Time ends on November 2<sup>nd</sup> at 2:00 a.m.*

**Bruce Dewitt**

**Alfred Drouin**

**Robert Gavaghan**

**Cheryl Lee**

**Joseph Talamo**

# November Dates

S=Signup, P=Pay at door  
T=Tickets, F=Free

Oct. 29<sup>th</sup> - 31<sup>st</sup> - Halloween Parade 6:45 pm  
1<sup>st</sup> - Clubhouse Cleanup 9 am  
2<sup>nd</sup> - Ice Cream Social Meet&Greet 2 pm F  
4<sup>th</sup> - Election Day - Please Vote!  
4<sup>th</sup> - MMSC Meeting 2 pm  
6<sup>th</sup> - Community Meeting 2:30 pm  
11<sup>th</sup> - Veterans Day - Thank a Vet!  
15<sup>th</sup> - Sloppy Joe Games 12 N \$5 S,P  
27<sup>th</sup> - Thanksgiving Potluck 5 pm \$5 S,P  
28<sup>th</sup> - Decorate Community Center 9 am  
29<sup>th</sup> - Decorate Community Center 9 am  
29<sup>th</sup> - Holiday Dance 8-10:30 pm \$7.50 S,P  
w/ **Birdie Lee**. Pop & chips provided.

To **Margaret, Don** (R.I.P.),  
and **Donnie Morrison** for  
donating the new flag and  
flagpole in front of the office with special  
thanks to **Donnie** for installing the pole.  
To **Gene Confalone** for providing a solar  
light for the new flag. To **Agnes Long** and  
**Elaine Morris** for all the gardening they  
did around the front entrance. To the  
**Gillispies, the Grays, Ralph Schioppa,**  
**Carol Stevens, and Bob Taylor** for all  
their landscaping work in front of the  
office. To the many year-round residents  
who keep Mobile Manor looking good and  
keep it safe while snowbirds are away.

Speeding - Another season  
begins and another warning  
from yours truly about speed.  
But, please, please take this  
very seriously. From what I  
observe, I think we've been very lucky.  
So, please slow down before it changes.

**Speed  
Limit  
15**



## "The Way We Were"

Nov., 1934 - Bank robber  
"Baby Face" Nelson dies in  
a shoot-out with the FBI.  
Nov., 1939 - WGY-TV in  
Schenectady, NY begins service becom-  
ing the 1<sup>st</sup> commercial TV station.  
Nov., 1944 - Auschwitz begins gassing  
prisoners. Nov., 1949 - "Rudolph the  
Red-Nosed Reindeer" appears on music  
charts for the 1<sup>st</sup> time. Nov., 1954 - Iwo  
Jima Memorial dedicated in Arlington  
National Cemetery. Nov., 1959 - After  
losing \$100,000,000 Ford manufact-  
ured Edsels for the last time. Nov.,  
1964 - Incumbent President Lyndon  
Johnson defeated Barry Goldwater  
with over 60% of the popular vote.

## "Heads Up"



The Board of Directors has de-  
cided to fill their two vacant pos-  
itions created by the resignations of **Ralph  
Schioppa** and **Everett Carter** with **Butch  
Sims** and **Tim Burchfield**.

Help! The clubhouse needs a good  
cleaning, so, please, show up Saturday  
morning, Nov. 1<sup>st</sup>, at 9 a.m. for an hour  
or two. Better yet, come for coffee hour  
at 8 a.m. and then stick around to help.

Bingo resumes at 7:00 p.m. on Mon-  
day night, Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup>. **Rick Gillispie** will call  
the numbers.

Several volunteers are needed to  
coordinate the Thanksgiving potluck,  
Coffee and Donuts, and Chili Dog Shuffle.  
Contact MMSC President **Nancy McGrath**  
at 239-652-0485.

**Darrell Grogan** and his gremlins are  
at it again. Meet at **Darrell's** 10/29-31 at  
6:45 p.m. for the Halloween Parade.



**Bob and Dorie Bonhoff** started this iteration of a Mobile Manor newsletter a little over 10 years ago. It was called the "Mobile Manor Mindsweeper". I think it would be interesting to reprint some of their articles from time to time. In their 2<sup>nd</sup> edition, April 2004, the following historical items appeared:

The clubhouse was at one time the residence of Mr. S.T. Jones and was located on the south side of Bayshore Road; however, before the area became Mobile Manor, the house was moved to its present location. The oldest organized group to make use of this building was the Hobby Club. While it was not given that name then, it met December 22, 1962, for the first time. It has continued to be one of the highlights of the park and meets every Tuesday. Another of the older activities is the Bible Study Class. It meets every Thursday afternoon with 15 to 35 in attendance.

It was in early 1966 that the Landowners Association was organized to serve as a liaison between the residents and the owners of the park.

There has been a growing interest in shuffling and bridge. The park has a bowling team which provides fun and exercise for at least 20 men and women from the manor. Field Day and Bicycle Parade has become an event of early spring. The activities are varied enough to meet the wishes of all park residents.

As the park was developed, names for the streets became necessary. The theme 'light' was carried out in choosing those names. This accounts for the added charm which the street names suggest. Thus, the names Flame, Fireball, Gaslight, Lantern, Torch, etc. were used.



## "It's a Funny Life"

From 1966 to 1975 I worked for the Ohio Department of Liquor Control as a computer programmer. In the spring of 1969, another programmer and I decided to form a softball team to compete in one of the various leagues run by Columbus Ohio's Division of Parks and Recreation. We solicited sponsor's money from another programmer who ran two part-time businesses from his home. He had a small print shop and raised chinchillas. He agreed and we became the "The Valley of the Sun Chinchilla Ranch Softball Team". My job was to design our shirts. I came up with a circle around which our team name appeared with a cartoonish chinchilla standing on its hind legs in the circle's center. His right arm was extended with a clenched fist and index finger pointing skyward. Unfortunately, the sporting goods store which made our shirts extended a different finger when they translated my design. Our shirts were like a red flag to a bull which brought out the fighting spirit in every team we played. We finished 1-13. Side note: We had the same sponsor for six years. He never gave us anything but \$20 bills for expenses. Several years later he was arrested and convicted for counterfeiting....yes, you guessed it, \$20 bills.

(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](mailto:timburch22@gmail.com).)