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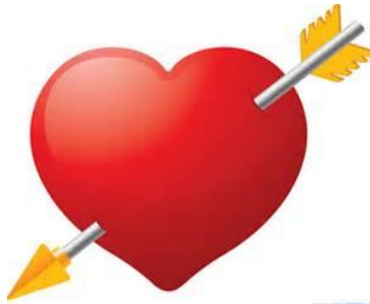
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PEOPLE WORKING TOGETHER FOR THE FUN OF IT!



Business



Social Club Meeting - Feb. 2nd at 2 pm in the clubhouse.

Annual Community Meeting - Feb. 4th at 2:30 pm in the clubhouse.

Board of Directors' Meeting - Feb. 23rd at 2 pm in the clubhouse.

The maintenance fee for 2016 is \$28.00 per month (\$336 per year). If you are one of the approximately 200 owners who pay maintenance fees, thank you so much. You may do so at the Mobile Manor office during regular office hours or through the mail. If you are one of the approximately 100 owners who do not pay maintenance fees, please consider doing so. We are in the process of upgrading security in Mobile Manor and can really use the additional help. For those who help pay for the security street lighting, thank you because our electric bill alone exceeds \$12,000 annually. However, the need for additional funds goes beyond more security. For instance, other expenses which include accounting, legal, payroll, office, telephone, and administrative costs exceed \$20,000 annually; grounds, building, street, bridge repair and maintenance plus pest control also exceed \$20,000; and taxes, insurance, licenses/permits, and workers comp exceed \$16,000. So, again, we can use more help.



Please make every effort to attend the Annual Community Meeting on Feb. 4th. We will need a quorum of at least 60 eligible maintenance paying households in order to officially conduct business.

You may have noticed that the Board of Directors sponsored the New Year's Dinner last month and they are also offering a spaghetti dinner this month. These events are in addition to events presented by the Social Club. The proceeds from these dinners and future ones are being deposited into a Benevolent Fund which will only be used to help residents in need. For instance, a resident with a very restricted income recently had a plumbing problem on their property. It was their responsibility to fix, but they didn't have the money to do it. The Board was able to help. Other than using the clubhouse and kitchen for these events, no Mobile Manor Inc. or Mobile Manor Water resources are or will be used and the proceeds won't be used for any other purposes. Also, this help will be kept strictly confidential regarding who receives it.



Rumor-The Board is trying to form an HOA.

Status-False. The Board formed a committee in order to gauge the community's interest in implementing deed restrictions. They can be enforced by using an HOA, but that's not the only way. Committee chairman, Butch Sims, wrote a letter which you should have received with the newsletter explaining three options regarding whether the community wants deed restrictions and the possible methods of enforcement. The committee values your input and hopes you will respond regarding your preferences. You will not be bound in any way by your responses.

February Events

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

- 2nd - MMSC Meeting-CC 2 pm
- 4th - Annual Community Meeting-CC 230 pm
- 6th - Canada & N.E. Breakfast-CC 8 am \$5 T
- 13th - Mic & Myrna Gray's Sausage Gravy & Biscuits Breakfast 8 am S,D
- 14th - Happy Valentine's Day!!
- 14th - Directors' Spaghetti Dinner-CC Welcome Hour 4 pm Dinner 5 pm \$8.50 T
- 23rd - Board Meeting-CC 2 pm
- 24th - Newsletter Distribution
- 27th - Kathy & Tom Holder's Fun, Music, Dancing, & Karaoke-CC 730-1030 pm S,D
- 27th - Last day to donate for the Rummage Sale
- 28th - Ice Cream Social-CC 2 pm F
- Mar. 3rd & 4th - Rummage Sale Set-up 9 am
- Mar. 5th - Rummage Sale 8 am - 2 pm



Don't forget that we're trying to build a file of email addresses in order to promote better communication in Mobile Manor. So, please send an email to timburch22@gmail.com. Thanks.

To Nancy and Darrell for hosting coffee and donuts. To the Holders for their fun night of music, dancing and karaoke. To the Board for the New Year's Day dinner. To Richard Griffith and his helpers for all the hard work they do to improve Mobile Manor. To Helen Gillispie and her delivery ladies who distribute the newsletter every month. To the Watsons for performing at the New Year's Eve dance. To Rick Gillispie, Maureen Huff, and Butch Sims for running Bingo every Monday night at 7 pm. To Velma Martin who leads the Ladies' Bible Study group every Monday morning at 9 am. To Sharon Conyers and Betty St. Andrews who lead Line Dancing Tuesdays and Thursdays at 10 am. To Dick Eurit, Roger Gaskill, Carl Thom, and anyone else who has been repairing the shuffleboard court. To Butch Sims for judging the Chili Cook-off even though his taste buds failed him.



"The Way We Were"

Feb., 1936 - NFL conducts 1st draft, 1st Volkswagens built, NFL legend Jimmy Brown and NHL legend Henri "Rocket" Richard born. Feb., 1941 - Very 1st Gold Record awarded to Glenn Miller for *Chattanooga Choo Choo*, Duke Ellington records *Take the A Train*, Jimmy Stewart and Ginger Rogers win Academy Awards. Feb., 1946 - "Lucky" Luciano is deported, never to return, 1st commercially designed helicopter tested. Feb., 1951 - 1st telecast of atomic explosion (Nevada test site), 22nd Amendment to the Constitution ratified limiting presidential terms to two. Feb., 1956 - The Coasters sign with Atlantic Records, *My Friend Flicka* premieres on CBS, Ike says he'll run again. Feb., 1961 - 1st test of Minuteman ICBM is successful, JFK names Henry Kissinger a special advisor. Feb., 1966 - Willie Mays signs a season record contract of \$130,000, U.S. launches 1st operational weather satellite.



Luciano



"Heads Up"

Be on the lookout for Canadians and New Englanders. They are on the prowl selling \$5 tickets for the breakfast they'll be serving on Feb. 6th. On Feb. 13th Mic & Myrna Gray are serving up a luscious sounding breakfast of sausage gravy and biscuits. No charge, but donations are OK. And, the Board members are selling \$8.50 tickets for the Directors' Spaghetti Dinner on Valentine's Day.

On Feb. 27th from 7:30-10:30 pm Kathy & Tom Holder are providing another evening of fun featuring music, dancing, and karaoke.

Bonnie Gilliland and Judy Griffith are planning a Spring Luncheon for March 8th at noon. Location is Cactus Jack's, 3448 Marinatown Lane. The theme is Hawaiian and there will be prizes for best dressed and many other prizes, as well. Tom Holder will provide music. There are 3 entree' choices: turkey breast, pork loin, or salmon filet; 2 dessert choices: chocolate brownie w/ ice cream or key lime pie; 3 beverage choices: soda, tea, or coffee (all w/ refills); plus soup, mashed potatoes, and a veggie. The cost is \$16, gratuity included. You can make your choices and pay your \$16 by contacting Bonnie or Judy. The deadline to pay is March 1st at noon.

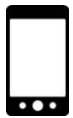


"Rummage Sale"

February is the month to really get serious about preparing for the annual rummage sale. This year is going to be a little different. There will be extra emphasis on preparation in order to improve the presentation of sale items. As a result, all donations need to be turned in by Feb. 27th. Also, instead of allowing for one day to setup the sale, an extra day has been added. So, March 3rd and 4th will be devoted to preparing for the sale on March 5th. To donate items or to volunteer contact Nancy McGrath at 239-652-0485.

Raffle for 43" Vizio HD TV

You can still get tickets for a chance to win the Vizio D43-C1 43" 1080p LED TV. MMSC Board members have them for 1/\$5 or 3/\$10. The drawing will be at the March 3rd Community Meeting. No need to be present to win.



Smart phone owners can get an app called Nextdoor which allows communication among neighbors who are registered as well as with the Lee County Sheriff's office.

The app is classified as an anti-crime tool which not only may prevent crime but promote cooperation among residents and with law enforcement. The sheriff's office stresses that this app is not meant in any way to replace 911. For more information check www.nextdoor.com.

Larry & Sharon Conyers won first prize in the recent Christmas decorations contest. Bob Taylor & Joe Murray were 2nd and Darrell Grogan was 3rd. In order the prizes were \$25, \$15, and \$10.



The winner of the 1st annual chili cook-off was Judy Griffith. 2nd place went to Margaret Morrison. Nancy McGrath was 3rd. Other contestants were Mic Gray and Tim Burch-

field who both, after getting over the shock of losing and making rude remarks to Judge Butch Sims, very graciously congratulated the ladies. A good time was had by all.



Here's a simple chili that even Judge Sims could appreciate. And, no, this was not one of the "loser" recipes.

Chili

1 lb. ground beef	1 1/2 t. chili powder
1/2 C. diced onions	1/2 t. ground cumin
1 jar (16 oz.) salsa	2 t. Worcestershire sauce
1 can (10 oz.) diced tomatoes w/ chiles	1 T. sugar

Brown the meat with onion. Drain well. Add all remaining ingredients. Cover and cook on low for at least 4 hours. Stir occasionally.

"It's a Funny Life"



On New Year's Day I worked in the clubhouse kitchen helping prepare the Directors' New Year's Day Dinner. No problem.....except my beloved Ohio State Buckeyes were playing the legendary Fighting Irish of Notre Dame at the same time. I, and others, decided that we'd try to shield ourselves from the results and watch recordings of the game later. That worked fine until some loud mouth (to go unnamed) shouted out that Ohio State had won. This reminded me of a similar situation regarding the British Open golf championship in 2010. I had watched the first 3 rounds as they occurred. A South African, Louis Oosthuizen, had been contending for the lead the whole tournament and when the third round ended Oosthuizen had at least a 4 shot lead over golfers with more familiar and more pronounceable names, such as Woods, Casey, Johnson, McIlroy, etc. For some reason, I couldn't watch the final round live, so I recorded it. When I got home I sat down and started to watch. My loving bride, Debbie, teased me a bit by saying, "I know who won. Are you sure you don't want to know?". To which I, of course, replied, "No, thanks!!". Then she said, "Ok, I can't pronounce his name, anyway."

(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.)