# **Mobile Manor Monthly**

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**PEOPLE WORKING TOGETHER FOR THE FUN OF IT!** 



#### Condolences To the family and friends of

**Marilyn Carver-Gilliland** 





Community Meeting - Mar. 1<sup>st</sup> at 230 pm at the CC. Mobile Manor Social Club - Mar. 6<sup>th</sup> at 2 pm at the CC. Board Meeting - Mar. 27<sup>th</sup> at 2 pm at the office.

The maintenance fee for 2018 is \$28.00 per month or \$336 annually.





\* \* \* \* \* The results of the election for the Board of Directors follow: In the contest for President. Bob Gilliland

received 76 votes to Glenn McGill's 43. In the contest, for two Director at Large seats Rodney Waryasz and Sondra Hale received 107 and 71 votes, respectively, while John Horan received 50 votes. Falk Ware, Vice President; Pauline Lacourse, Secretary; and Kathy Holder, Treasurer; unopposed and were elected were bv acclamation. Congratulations to the winners and thanks to everyone who participated. Note: One Director at Large position is open because Pauline Lacourse vacated it when she became Secretary. The new Board will pick someone to fill that slot for the remaining year of its term.

Regarding changes to the By Laws, only four of the proposed changes failed to pass. They were changes to Art. IV, Sec. 8; Art. V, Sec. 9; Art. IX, Sec. 3; and Art. IX, Sec. 4 (D). Of these, Art. IX, Sec. 3 is probably the most significant. It would have said that: "All non-voting members may attend Community Center activities." This By Law change failed by 1 or 2 votes. Ironically, several owners quit paying maintenance because they felt everyone in the community should be able to attend Community Center activities. Had just 2 of them retained their voting privileges, this would have passed. Significant changes that passed are as follows: Art. III, Sec. 4: "To be a voting member for all meetings of the Corporation, all fees must be current." Art. III, Sec. 5: "Fulltime renters of non-voting properties may pay maintenance but are not permitted to vote." Art. IV, Sec. 1: ".....All lot owners (voting and non-voting) and renters may attend the monthly and annual meetings." Art. IV, Sec. 5: ".....Proxy forms can be obtained at the office or online on the Mobile Manor Inc. website. Proxy forms can be mailed, emailed or faxed to the office or mailed to a designated PO box to the attention of the Secretary." Art. IV, Sec. 6: "A quorum for the transaction of business at the annual meeting shall be 35 voting memberships. Proxies will not be used to constitute a quorum." Art. IV, Sec. 7: "A quorum for the transaction of regular monthly meetings or special meetings shall be 25 voting memberships. Proxies will not be used to constitute a quorum." Art. VI, Sec. 2(A): "The President and/or the Vice President should be a fulltime resident." Art. IX, Sec. 1: "All lot owners and renters of voting properties may attend community center activities".

You can see the new By Laws on our website www.mobilemanor.net, but, if you would like to have a printed copy, they will be available at the March Community meeting while they last.



There seems to be some confusion on what our Community Maintenance Fee covers. Everybody's \$28 monthly Maintenance Fee includes:

Property taxes, insurance, accounting, employee wages, pumps for ponds, tree trimming, road repair, bridge repair, security street lights, upkeep of common grounds, and full use of amenities including the Community Center and all activities. The \$28 monthly fee has nothing to do with: who is president, who is employed by our community, and whether or not you use the Community Center. When someone gets upset at someone else and decides to get even by not paying the \$28 maintenance fee, they are only hurting the ones who do pay by putting the full load on them. This park belongs to all of us! Let's take care of it together - as a community. If non-payers continue to not do their part, this park will suffer because of it.

A concerned neighbor, Kathleen Watson.

## <u>"Rummage/Bake Sale"</u>

The rummage sale is set for March  $3^{rd}$  from 8 am to 2 pm. The setup will begin on March  $2^{nd}$  at 8 am. All



large items will be accepted and/or picked up on the 2<sup>nd</sup>. There are many, many opportunities to volunteer, so please contact Joann Housel at (502) 937-8718 as soon as possible. To donate smaller items drop them off at the clubhouse. For large items contact Joann to arrange for pick up. Don't forget baked goods for the Bake Sale.

## Raffle for Annual Fees!!



Visit the office for tickets (1/\$5 or 3/\$10) to win a year's maintenance fees (\$336) starting 05/01/2018. The drawing will be at the Community Center after the meeting on 04/05/2018. You don't need to attend to win.

Daylight Saving Time begins at 2 am Sunday, March 11<sup>th</sup>. Please don't forget to set your clocks one hour ahead.





- 1<sup>st</sup> Community Meeting-**CC** 230 pm
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Rummage & Bake Sale Setup-CC 8 am
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Rummage & Bake Sale-**CC** 8 am 2pm
- 6<sup>th</sup> K.B. Watson Book Signing-**CC** 1130 am
- 6<sup>th</sup> MMSC Meeting-**CC** 2 pm
- 10<sup>th</sup> N.E./Canada Pancake Breakfast-CC 8 am \$5
- 11<sup>th</sup> Daylight Saving Time Begins
- 17<sup>th</sup> Happy St. Patrick's Day!!!
- 17<sup>th</sup> St. Patrick's Dance-**CC** 7-930 pm (Donation)
- 27<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting-**CC** 2 pm
- April 1<sup>st</sup> Easter Dinner-**CC** 4 pm \$8

#### "Heads Up"

**The MMSC** takes responsibility for sending out get well and sympathy cards. So, if you know of a deserving



resident, please contact one of the officers. Carol Stevens has decided to give up leadership of the Sewing-Craft Club; however, Judy Pencherek is going to take over. The day (Monday) and time (10 am) are unchanged. Thanks to Carol for her service and to Judy for volunteering. Helping Hands is adding another day while changing its operating hours a bit. Now they'll be open from 10 until noon on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. B's Market is also adding another day to its services. They're now open from 9 to noon on Saturdays as well as Wednesdays. Kathleen Ballantine Watson will be signing her book, Destination Unknown, A Tale of Time Travel in the Community Center at 1130 on Tuesday, March 6<sup>th</sup>. It's also my pleasure to announce that Kathleen has agreed to succeed me as the writer and editor of the Mobile Manor Monthly next season. I don't feel that I could have left it in any better hands than hers. Joann Housel has agreed to ensure that the MMSC will print and distribute the newsletter for her. Movie Night is going to be a permanent fixture on Friday nights from now on. There are signup sheets in the Community Center for the New England/Canadian Pancake Breakfast (March 10<sup>th</sup>), St. Patrick's Dance (March 17<sup>th</sup>), and Easter Dinner (April 1<sup>st</sup>). Special "Thank yous" to Joann, Brian, Brenda, and Charlene for stepping up and revitalizing the MMSC. Well done!!



#### "The Way We Were"

Mar. 1933 - FDR was inaugurated for his 1<sup>st</sup> term, Mount Rushmore was dedicated; The 1<sup>st</sup> *King Kong* 

movie debuted. Mar. 1938 - The American Bowling Congress held its largest event ever with 24,765 competitors, Charlie Pride born. Mar. 1943 - Rodgers and Hammerstein's Oklahoma premiered in NYC. Mar. 1948 - Supreme Court ruled that religious instruction in public schools was unconstitutional, Stop the Music with Bert Parks premiered on radio, James Taylor born. Mar. 1953 - Dr. Jonas Salk announced vaccine to prevent polio, Joseph Stalin died, Indiana won the NCAA basketball championship. Mar. 1958 -Elvis inducted into the Army, Charles Van Doren finally lost on TV game show 21, Perry Como's Catch a Falling Star became the 1<sup>st</sup> certified gold record. Mar. 1963 - Alcatraz closed, Beatles released their 1<sup>st</sup> album, *Please Please Me.* Mar. 1968 - LBJ announced that he wouldn't seek reelection, GM produced its 100 millionth car.

(As I near the end of my tenure as editor of *Mobile Manor Monthly,* I'm reprinting some of my favorite "It's a Funny Life" stories. I hope you enjoyed them as much as I enjoyed writing them. This is from April, 2013)

#### "It's a Funny Life"

When our youngest son, Matt, was 15 he had a bad sledding accident



which almost ruptured his spleen. As a result, he spent a week in our local hospital. Near the end of his stay, everything was going well until all of a sudden the alarms at the nurses' station erupted. Surprised and concerned, the nurses rushed to Matt's room only to find the source of his "distress" was Courtney, a 15 year-old girl, who had stopped by to visit. The nurses were relentless in reminding him of this episode for the rest of his stay.

(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 <u>timburch22@gmail.com</u>.)