

The Trails End Way

March 2020

From Connie

Greetings! Well here we are at the end of our winter sojourn to South Texas and Trails End Park. I have completed my first season as editor of your newsletter with my sanity still intact, I think. I could not have done the newsletter without the support and help of Brenda, Linda, Maureen and Muriel. Thank you, ladies. I also need to give a big “Thank You” to the newsletter delivery people. Your dedication is very much appreciated. Until next season, good bye and have a great summer where ever the roads may take you.

From Trails End Board

Well once again our winter away from home is fast coming to an end. As of today’s, date some folks are beginning to pack up and decide what to take north. Boy how fast the season goes by. To those who are making the trek back north please drive carefully, we all look forward to seeing each other next season.

This season has been another busy one for your board. The new Multi-Purpose Projection system (MPPS) will most likely be up and running by the time you receive this newsletter. Installation began Tuesday February, 18th and training will commence once everything has been installed. The benefits of the new system have started. Future ZUMBA classes can take advantage of the new MPPS and Ellen can run line dancing on the system. I do believe is the start of the digital MPPS success.

To the successful nominees voted onto the board, congratulations to Joyce -Terry-Sherry and Candy. Your commitment is much appreciated. To those board members stepping down, Maureen – Tom– Jim, thank you all for the time and effort you have given to our social club. As outgoing President I’d like to thank all those who have served on the board during my tenure. A big thank you to our park manager, Dan. Dan has worked with the board making our job a lot easier to function.

Geoffrey, President, T/E Board.

Manager’s Report March 2020 Newsletter

As we enter into March, do not forget to stop by the office to make arrangements for summer lawn care. The park will maintain your lot for \$20.00 per month but due to liability issues, we do not water. We need a Lawn Care Contract completed from each of you identifying who will be responsible during your absence. If you do not make arrangements, the park will mow and weed eat for a cost of \$50.00 each time we have to do it. Just to remind residents to stop by the office to make arrangements on summer payments for your lot rent. We do offer EFT services-Electronic Fund Transfer-please stop by the office for more information.

If you are leaving sometime in April, we must know NLT mid-March. This applies to both RVers and Mobile Homeowners. Mobile Homeowners that are leaving in April will be charged for trash for April if you don’t tell us by March 15th when you are planning on departing. We can only pro-rate for the upcoming April departures for RVers if you let us know by March 15th as well.

If you wish to make a reservation for a different site, “Open Season” will begin on March 1, 2020. We require a \$200.00 deposit for all RV reservations which is reimbursable up until your date of arrival.

If you have questions regarding this policy, please see the office. Mobile home sites for an RV will cost an additional \$50.00 per month.

Park Model Rental Reservations – The policy is the same as for RV reservations except that we require a \$500.00 refundable deposit. The rates for rentals on Lots 112, 120, 160, 648, 725, 731, 749, 755, 1086, 1088, 1090, 1092, 1093, and 1094 are \$1420.00 for one month, \$1320.00 per month for two months and \$1220.00 for three or more months. If you are renting a park model with a washer and dryer, \$50.00 is added onto those prices. These prices include propane for cooking (if you have a gas stove), electricity, water, and trash. They do not include phone or cable.

Storage fees – If you own a mobile home, storage is free. If you do not own a mobile home, the cost is \$40.00 per month.

Thank you for sharing your winter with us. Dan & Rosa

Activity Director Report

The casino trip to Eagle Pass on February 5, 2020 was a lot of fun. There were 30 from our park and 21 from other parks in attendance. I would like to thank the people that helped me make this trip a success. There were even some lucky people who came home with “winnings”!! Eh Ivy?? Over all a fun experience!! Submitted by Val, Activity Director.

Annual Bridge Tournament

We had 29 tables take part in the bridge tournament, with 20+ parks represented. A big thank you to all helpers that made the tournament such a success. Also a special thank you to all the ladies who made and served the wonderful desserts. We realized a profit of \$138 for the club and the winners of the tournament were from Trails End Park. Congratulations to Judy and Cliff. Submitted by Cliff .

Bingo

Special Bingo will be held on Saturday, March 7th. Minimum number of cards is 4 at \$3.00 per person with extra cards at \$.75. The last Bingo of the season is March 26th. Contact is Doris @543.

Canada Day

Canada Day was held on Saturday, February 15th in the Main Hall. Thanks to Eugene & Jackie for organizing the sing-a-long, Nick and Linda for organizing the drink contest; Terry for organizing the hula hoop contest and Wil & Murial for providing a wonderful selection of music for dancing. One hundred and forty (140) people attended!

Thank you to Rosa and Julie for judging the table decorations.

First Place – Carolyn table

Second Place – Marg table

Third Place – Corrine table

Thank you to Derrick and Denise for judging the costumes.

Mens – “Miss” Jimmy

Womens – Bonnie

Drink Contest for best Margaritas went to Kevin & Glenda and Terry & Judy.

The Hoola Hoop contest was won by Judy.

Door prize winners were Linda, Denise and Derek .

Next year Canada Day will be on Saturday, February 20th with the theme of ISLAND PARADISE!!

So get out your grass skirts and coconuts and join us in 2021! Fran, coordinator.

Charity: St. Vincent De Paul

Thank you to everyone who has been so generous with donations and money to St. Vincent De Paul. All the newspapers go to Mexico to the pinata factory. Thanks to Bryan and Charles and Carolyn for taking loads of donations to St. Vincent's. Please get your donations together and drop them off by March 1st, our deadline date for this year. May God Bless You! Gene and Kay @847.

Crafts

We are excited to announce a great line-up of crafts for the remainder of this season.

Paper Flower Pictures: Rosa will be leading us in painting a background mat and then we will be creating and attaching paper flowers to the mat. Cost will be \$2 to cover the cost of materials. February 27th at 1:00 PM in the Card Hall. Sign-up sheet in the Card Hall.

Turtles: We have two wonderful instructors lined up to help us make those gorgeous turtles we see in many yards in the Park. **You will have to get your own turtle.** They can be purchased at the last business before the parking area heading into Mexico, west side of the road. Sorry, can't seem to find a business name, but it is the one with all the pots out front. There are probably many other businesses that sell them also. There are many sizes to choose from. You can supply your own decorations for the turtles if you want, or you can purchase what you need from our instructors. The fee for supplies (not including the turtle) will be \$15 - \$20, depending on the size of your turtle.

Ann will hold her class on Wednesday & Thursday, March 4th & 5th, at 1:00 PM. You will need to attend both afternoons to complete the project. Maximum class size is 6 participants.@ 809.

Jeanette will hold her class on Thursday & Friday, March 12th & 13th at 1:00 PM. You will need to attend both afternoons to complete the project. Maximum class size is 12 participants.@ 869.

Sign-ups for both classes are on the board in the Card Hall.

Tree Jewelry: Kitty has shown us a great project to beautify your yard, trees, patio or windows. We will be attaching mirrored tiles and colorful gems to fishing line to create these wonderful hanging decorations. Cost to be determined but should be under \$5 each. March 19th at 1:00 PM in the Card Hall. Sign-up sheet in the Card Hall.

Please remember to bring your completed items from this season to the Park Show and Tell on Saturday, March 7th, to be displayed from 11 am until 1 pm. Set up will be right after the Saturday breakfast.

This will wrap up our crafts for this season. Thanks to those of you who gave us suggestions and ideas, and especially to our instructors and participants. We look forward to crafting with you again next fall. Have a wonderful summer and keep looking for fun crafts that we can do together here in the Park. Yvonne and Brenda.

Craft Show

We want to thank the Trails End residents for the awesome support they gave us at our 3rd Annual Craft Show. A big Thank You to the crew. A big Thank You to John and Sue for taking such good care of our vendors by running them food and coffee and carrying their merchandise in and out. They were so thoughtful. They helped to make the show a success. A big thank you to the crib players who took down the chairs and especially to Cliff for putting up the tables and chairs. A big Thank You to Eugene for the use of the microphone. If I missed anyone, Thank You.

Next year's show on January 23rd, 2021, will be even better. We are planning a Bake Sale and Half-a-Chance. See you all then. Jim and Shelley.

Entertainment

March 3, 2020: Rusty Rierson: Country singer/song writer. Rusty performed at Trails End last season. He has been invited back because his show was very well received. Admission \$8.00.

www.rustyrierson.com

Friday Jam Sessions

Every Friday our Jam Sessions attract an average of 60 Out of Park people and about 25 In Park residents to some of the best Old-Time Country music in the valley. The Friday Jam lunch has also become the # 3 fund raiser to our park club fund. See you on Fridays. Ray @918

Game Lending Library

We have had several games donated and they have been placed in a closet in the Card Hall. Look for the sign that says: Games. There is a variety of new games. Check them out.

If during the summer you find games at a garage sale, goodwill or thrift stores or you may be cleaning out a closet, bring them down and add them to the collection. Thank you for your donations. They are appreciated. Kitty, @ 734.

Golf

The annual Duffers Tournament was held at the Tony Butler Golf Course on February 1st. Eighty-four (84) residents took part in the event which started with a shotgun start and had everyone back at the hall by 12:30 pm. The afternoon event consisted of prize awards, perfume draws and live auctions. A lunch of brats with all the fixings made by Dennis was enjoyed by all. A thank you to our MC, Ellen and to all the volunteers who helped organize the event.

Next years tournament will be held on Saturday, February 6th. Sign up will again be by foursomes or twosomes with a team having at least one woman on it. Watch for details in next season's newsletters. Duffers Tournament Committee: Frank, Barry, Wil, Ken, Brad, Jim, Dave and Gary.

Happy Hour

The final Happy Hour for this season will be held on March 20th with a Saint Patrick's theme. So get out your "green" and come and join us in the Main Hall from 3:30 to 5:30pm.

Health

Blood pressures will be taken on Thursdays before the dinners from 4:00 to 5:00 pm in the Card Room. The next blood drive is on March 21st from 8-11am by the shuffleboard courts. The sign-up sheet is in the Card Room or contact Terry at 460.

Health/Medical Supplies Inventory

Canes – 6	Crutches- 4pr.	Elevated Toilet Seats – 4
Foam supports – Head 1	Knee Support Walker – 1	Lift/Gait Belts -3
_Knee 1		
Shower Stools – 3	Toilet – Bedside – 1	Walkers - 4
	_Support Bars – 2	
Wheelchairs – 2	Wheelchair Cushion – 1	

National Rules Mah Jong

We have completed another set of lessons for this fun and challenging game, and have some new enthusiasts joining us for regular play on Thursdays at 9:30 in the Library. We will continue to play this spring for as long as we have enough players.

Thanks to Yvonne for making our group the two great table covers. They muffle the sound of the tiles on the card tables, and allow the tiles to slide easily.

I will be offering classes again next year, hopefully in January, in hopes of increasing our numbers and also for those who would like a refresher.

Watch for information in the fall for details. Brenda

Open House

Open house will be held on March 1 and March 15. If you have a mobile to sell make sure your listing is turned in to Rosa at the office. Tie balloons on your "For Sale" sign or on your mailbox. Any questions contact Julie at 667 Trinidad or call 712 779 0685.

Park Show and Tell

The Park Show and Tell for all activities in the park will be held on March 7, 2020, from 11 am to 1 pm. in the main hall. Set up will be right after the breakfast on Saturday morning. Please bring all your items to display – wood workers, beaders, jewelers, stained glass, quilters, knitters, crafters, painters, paper toll, etc. All activities are encouraged to bring items. You do not have to stay the whole time. Drop off your items with your name on each item, possibly a brief description of the item, and return at 1:00 to pick them up. Although visitors love speaking to the crafter. There will be people in attendance the entire time. For more info contact Yvonne @148.

Quilting, Silver Stitchers

The Silver Stitchers Quilting group is making good use of the MPR (multipurpose room) We have 30 plus ladies coming out on Monday afternoons. Completed projects are displayed at the "show and tell" each Monday at 1:10pm, with demo's to follow. Tips, tricks and short cuts are shared (there is so much to learn!) Some ladies are working on their own UFO's (unfinished objects) PHD's (projects half done) and various other projects at all stages of completion. There is lots of chatter and exchange of ideas. Coffee break is always welcomed and the sweet treats are enjoyed by all. The raffle quilt for 2021 is under discussion as to which pattern, colors, size etc. This would make a great gift for the lucky winner, with all proceeds going to the general funds. Quilting is open to anyone of all skill levels, we get together to share our knowledge and help one another. If you are a beginner or even considering trying out quilting, join us, we have tools, and machines and patient guidance to get you started. This does come with the disclosure that quilting is addictive, can be done in a group or on your own and you will have something to show for your efforts. People like to see items that are made in North America! For more information contact Yvonne @148.

Raffle Update

Thanks to everyone who has contributed to the success of this year's raffles, to those donating the prizes, those selling tickets and those who created that lovely quilt. You still have a couple of days to buy your tickets. They will be available at Bingo; I am sure Pat will be selling them at the Thursday night dinner and the last chance will be at the brunch on Sunday. You can always see me at 709 North Bermuda. Thanks again and see you all at the draw on Monday, March 2nd after our weekly meeting. Sherry

Red Hat Trailettes

Many thanks for another wonderful season. We have enjoyed seeing and going a lot of different places. We also enjoyed each others company. We went to the following places: Downtown Weslaco Market Days, South Padre Island as an overnight trip, Christmas House, Festival of Lights, the HEB Warehouse Tour and many others. On February 25 we had a Mardi Gras Dance featuring Curt James for a night of music and dancing.

This year we had 45 members. If you are not a member, think about joining us next season. You can meet new people and see new places and enjoy lots of activities. I would like to thank everyone for a great year of fun. Our Red Hat Breakfast will be held on March 14th starting at 8:00 am. Hope to see you all next season. Queen – Verna Secretary/Treasurer – Delyne

Saint Patrick's Day Dance

On March 17th, Saint Patrick's Day come and "Dance with The Classics" from 7pm to 10pm, BYOB and snacks. Cost is \$7.00. Submitted by Dave.

Shuffle News

The Ivan Watts In-Park tournament will be held March 7th and 8th. This tournament is for all park residents and all level of shufflers are welcome! Shufflers are paired based on experience. More information will be posted.

The Trails End Shuffle annual meeting will be held after the March 9th Monday morning games are complete. The meeting will be followed by a wind-up lunch. Look for more info in the shuffle shack.

Congratulations to our Recent Trophy Winners!

Doubles - Magic Valley

- Amateur Main Event 3rd Place – Ross & Kevin
- Amateur Main Event 2nd Place – Ivy & Sharon

Mixed Doubles Ranchero

- Expert Consolation 4th Place – Evelyn & Frank
- Amateur Main Event 2nd Place – Glenda & Kevin

It's been a great season! Thank you to the many willing volunteers that made our shuffle season successful. Your efforts were appreciated.

Spanish Lessons

Spanish lessons will continue in the Library at 1:30 on Fridays till the end of the season.

Sunday Brunch 2020

Thank you to ALL the volunteers. Linda

Trailblazer Concert

There will be a Trailblazer men's choir concert on Sunday, March 8, 2020 in the Main Hall at 7:00 pm. There will be some 50's and 60's pop music, country music and a couple of extras for everybody to enjoy. Please come and support these great guys for a fun night of music. There will be coffee and goodies and socializing for you to enjoy after the concert.

USA Day

Just wanted to thank everyone who participated in USA Day. It was a lot of fun from start to finish. Hope you thought so, too! We have next year's date on the calendar, so mark February 13, 2021. We can always use more input and volunteers for the planning of this event. Please contact me with suggestions and/or your willingness to participate! Candy, @ 901.

Variety Show 2020

Four hundred and three (403) people attended the Variety Show this year. Over 60 of your friends and neighbours participated in 30 acts. We thank all who participated, attended and worked behind the scenes. Next year's variety show is scheduled for Saturday, January 30th at 7 pm. We will attempt to streamline and shorten the show for next year. Start working on your acts as it is now less than 340 days until the next show. Let the shenanigans begin again. Hank and Susie

Veterans Day

Attention veterans!! On Sunday, March 15 at 4:30 we will have a Veterans Program. Plan to arrive by 4:15 and please sit on the chairs in the front of the main hall. Your partner is welcome to sit with you. Along with some entertainment we will have a guest speaker from Texas Veterans Affairs Office. Any current temporary or permanent park resident who served for any length of time in the United States or Canadian Military Service is eligible to participate in our recognition program. National Guard and Reserve Members are included as well as RCMP Members assigned to Foreign Service. Please complete the form found in the black mesh box on the East wall of the card hall near the travel information. A 5x7 picture is needed to add to the Veteran Wall. TrailsEnd Club has the picture frames. Return the info and picture to Madonna @ 615. If you do not have a picture in military uniform, we will use a recent one of you. Contact me with your questions.

All park residents are invited to the program.

An Ice cream social will follow the program.

Thank You

Thank you to all the friends of this park that offered kind and caring sympathy after the loss of my sister, Darlene. Your support is deeply appreciated. Alyce

Upcoming Events for March

- Raffle draws after the Monday Morning Meeting, March 2nd
- Park Show and Tell March 7th, 11am – 1 pm
- Special Bingo March 7th
- Sunday Brunch March 1 and 15th
- Cribbage Tournaments March 13th at 6:30
- Red Hat Breakfast, March 14, 8am
- Ivan Watts In Park Shuffle Tournament March 7th and 8th
- Trail Blazer's Concert March 8th 7:00
- Friendly Shuffle in our Park March 11th
- St. Patrick's Day “Dance with the Classics”, March 17th, 7 - 10 pm, \$7.00
- Veteran's Program and Ice Cream Social March 15th 4:30