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MM Board Pres: Bob Martin

Tues – Garbage

150 Lantern Lane

Social Club Pres: Bonnie Gilliland

Wed – Recycles & Greens

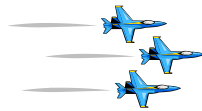
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Hayden and Assoc: 489-4890 (Emergencies, too) Aluminum cans at office shed

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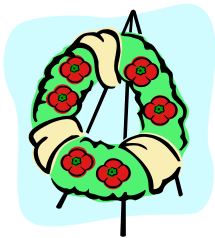
PEOPLE WORKING TOGETHER FOR THE FUN OF IT!

Our Veterans



Here is another Korean War veteran that we'd like to acknowledge: **Jessie Fancher** was in the Air Force Special Services from 1952 to 1955. Thank you so much for your service **Jessie**.

Please let me know if you, or someone you know in the park, is a Vietnam vet. We are overdue for recognizing you.



Condolences

To the family and friends of:

Bob Smeal

I greatly regret that I missed Mr. Smeal's passing last summer. His name should have been on the list in November's newsletter. I implore everyone to be on the lookout for such mistakes and to inform me right away. I'm very sorry.



Business

At the January Community Meeting **Denise Sabatini** from Lee County's Municipal Services Taxing/Benefit Unit (MSTBU) made a presentation regarding the cost to everyone in the community should we have to abandon the water company. Her title is MSTBU Coordinator. The MSTBU assists citizens in the unincorporated areas of Lee Count-

ty to obtain services which aren't provided by Lee County, in this case, the overhaul of our park's water system. In our situation, the opinion of the MSTBU is the only one that counts. Lee County Utilities can't tell us what the costs will be unless they get it from MSTBU. Your best friend's cousin who is in construction can't tell us. And, what happened in another park last year doesn't really matter. MSTBU working with an independent engineer studied our case and estimated that it would cost \$2,693,886. (That's construction costs plus administration costs plus capitalized interest costs.) That translates to \$8,392 per property. This can be paid at one time or amortized over 15 years. The latter would require interest which is estimated to be \$5371 at current rates. **Denise Sabatini** mentioned a couple of other costs as well. Each property owner would be responsible for connecting their water pipes to the updated system. She didn't estimate what that would be; however, she did say that there would be a \$4000 to \$5000 "capacity cost" per property that needed to be paid to Lee County Utilities. Subsequently, we have been informed that the bulk of this latter amount has previously been paid. Thus, the "capacity cost" has been reduced to \$320 (Water Deposit-\$60, Water Tap/Drop-in Fee-\$260). We'd like to thank **Ms. Sabatini** for her efforts.



Business (cont.)

*Mobile Manor Social Club Meeting
February 5, 2013, 10 a.m. Everyone
is welcome.*

*Mobile Manor Community Meeting
February 7, 2013 @ 2:30 p.m. This is going
to be an important and informative meet-
ing. Most importantly, the results of the
recent park-wide voting will be revealed.
All residents are invited to attend.*



Feb./Early Mar. Events

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

*Feb. 2nd - Taco Salad Bar w/Dessert
Potluck 12 N \$5 **S,P***

Feb. 5th - MMSC Meeting 10 a.m.

Feb. 7th - Community Meeting 2:30 p.m.

*Feb. 8th - Sloppy Joe Games 12 N \$4 **S,P***

Feb. 9th - Chocolate Bake Sale 8:30-1:00

*Feb. 11th - Fashion Show 1 p.m. **F***

*Feb. 12th - Men's Pancake Breakfast
9 a.m. \$5 **S,P***

*Feb. 14th - Cindy's Spaghetti Dinner
w/Trike Drawing 5 p.m. \$7.50 **T***

Feb. 15th - Bingo 1 p.m.

*Feb. 16th - Valentine DJ Dance 8-11 p.m.
\$7.50 **S,P***

*Feb. 23rd - Chili Dog Shuffle - 12 N \$3 **S,P***

*Mar. 2nd - N.E./Canada Pancake
Breakfast 9 a.m. \$5 **S,P***

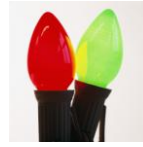
Mar. 6th - Spring Luncheon 12 N

Mar. 9th - Rummage Sale 8 am-2 pm

Bonnie Gilliland (239) 543-
8625, **Karla Gentry** (765)
606-5983, **Kathy Sims**
(239) 543-5708, or **Debbie**
Burchfield (239) 543-5708.



We recently received a nice
letter from the Red Cross ac-
knowledging our gift to help
in the aftermath of Hurricane
Sandy. To donate, call them at 1-800-
RED CROSS or visit RedCross.org.



Rick & Helen Gillispie won
the 1st prize of \$25 in the
Christmas decoration comp-
etition while **Bob & Bonnie Mullins**
took 2nd (\$15) and **Cheryl Slack** got 3rd
(\$10). Good job everyone.



"The Way We Were"

The Sixties were transitional years
for many of us. We graduated
from high school, went to college,
joined the service, started a business, got
our first significant job, got married, start-
ed our family, etc. What follows is a slice
of that experience. **1960** - Sprite is intro-
duced, Civil Rights Act signed, Kennedy
elected, Polaris missile is test-launched,
Flintstones on TV. **1961** - Vietnam War
officially begins, Berlin wall built, 1st man
in space, Peace Corps, Barbie meets Ken,
Maris hits 61. **1962** - Beatles' 1st record
released, Cuban Missile Crisis occurs, term
"Personal computer" first used, pull tabs
introduced, Diet Rite is the first sugar-free
soda, John Glenn in space. **1963** - Kennedy
assassinated, ZIP Codes introduced, "equal
pay for equal work", Marilyn Monroe
found dead, Patsy Cline is killed, "Dr. No"
is 1st Bond film in USA, Beatlemania be-
gins. **1964** - 1st Mustang sold, New York
World Trade Center planned, 1st Black
Nationalist party formed, in early April
the top 5 songs are all by the Beatles.

(To be continued next month)



8 a.m.

*Thanks to **Maureen & Jim Huff** for hosting Coffee and Donuts in Jan. **Carol & Bob Fontaine** will host in Feb., and **Rusty & Margaret Campigotto** in March. Should we continue in April? Let us know.*

***Helen & Rick Gillispie** are our new Welcoming Committee. I frankly don't know what we'd do without them. Whenever anything needs to be done they are right there to lead or to help.*



*Raffles, raffles, raffles!!!
Buy more tickets, please.*

WELCOME

Please join us in welcoming the following to the Mobile Manor community:

Cesar Lecca

Raymond & Melody Tosch



*You may have seen them pedaling through the park, two buddies, **John Young** and **Darrell Grogan**. **Darrell** riding the first trike of one of his trike/wagon/trike units that he has fitted out for his wonderful parade extravaganzas and **John** riding the second trike. Throughout the ride, if you watch and listen, you'll see **Darrell's** lips moving and hear him describe the trip. They'll occasionally stop altogether to focus on something*

*like the ficus tree in front of our place. **John** mentioned that **Darrell** has been encouraging him to take the lead, but, so far, that hasn't happened. He quickly added that he didn't think that was one of **Darrell's** best ideas. You see, **John** has been blind since a childhood illness claimed his sight. Ask **Darrell** what they are doing and he'll tell you that they're practicing for the Valentine Parade. Ask me and I'll tell you that it's a mutually beneficial example of brotherhood and goodwill that is wonderful to see...and hear.*



"Heads Up"

The Wednesday afternoon activity experiment lasted one month. As far as we know no one showed up for any of the activities.

Exercise now starts at 9:30 a.m.

Also, note that Line Dancing will be at 1 p.m. on February 5th and 12th.

Please take notice that Coffee and Donuts on February 9th will start at 8:30 a.m.

***Darrell Grogan** and his team ask you to participate in the Valentine Parade on Feb. 9th, 10th, 14th, 16th, and 17th. Please be at **Darrell's** place just before dark.*

The Dress Barn Fashion Show at 1 p.m. on Feb. 11th will also feature the Boutique and Hair Salon which will be doing the models' hair and will have hair products for sale, so be sure to bring some cash.

*During Cindy's Spaghetti Dinner on Feb. 14th, we'll be serenaded by the romantic offerings of **Andre' & Pauline Drouin**, so be sure to bring your #1 Valentine.*

On Friday, February 15th, we will attempt a new afternoon experiment when we introduce Afternoon Bingo. The turnout will determine what happens in March.

Miscellaneous

Worship Service - On January 13th 17 people attended services and on the 20th there were 16. It starts at 9 a.m. and lasts about 45 minutes. **Wilma Gentry** delivers the message, **Grace Harshman** plays the keyboard, **Linda Bracken** leads Praise and Worship, and **Karla Gentry** welcomes and fills in as needed. Everyone is welcome.

Christmas Potluck - 45 attended. Thanks to **Ronnie Harvey** and her helpers: **Velma Martin, Louise Smith, Helen Gillispie, and Mary Ward.** **New Year's Eve Dance** - 23 attended. **Tom Hawkins** provided the music. Thanks to **Karla Gentry** and her helpers: **Helen & Rick Gillispie, Kathy Sims, and Debbie Burchfield.**

Country Dance - 32 attended. **Tom "Roll Me Up and Smoke Me When I Die" Hawkins** was the DJ. Thanks again to **Karla Gentry** and her helpers: **Betty Durham and Helen & Rick Gillispie.** Also, thanks to **Tom** for donating his time. **Birthday Bash** - 38 attended. Thanks to **Debbie Burchfield, Kathy Sims, Velma Martin, Grace Harshan, and Helen Gillispie.** **Sloppy Joe Games** - 66 attended. Thanks to **Rick & Helen Gillispie** and their helpers: **Bonnie Gilliland, Debbie & Tim Burchfield, Margaret Campigotto, and Kathy Kwik.** **Midwest Pancake Breakfast** - 45 attended. Thanks to **Rick Gillispie and Tim Burchfield** and their helpers: **Butch & Kathy Sims, Gary Schaeffer, Maureen Huff, Helen**

Gillispie, and Debbie Burchfield.

Hamsteak Potluck Dinner - 52 attended. Thanks to **Bob & Bonnie Gilliland** and their helpers: **Ronnie Harvey, Helen Gillispie, Judy Pencherek, and Margaret & Rusty Campigotto.** **Chili Dog Shuffle** - 55 attended. Thanks to **Tim Burchfield** and his helpers: **Rick & Helen Gillispie, Ted Randolph, Butch Sims, and Debbie Burchfield.**



"It's a Funny Life"

In 1966 I went to work at the Ohio Dept. of Liquor Control. The person I replaced was a fellow named **Tom Falconi** and, thus, began a coincidental pattern that followed me the rest of my working career. Eleven years later I started work at the State of Ohio Data Center where I replaced **Tom Martin**. In 1981 I applied for a job at the City of Columbus Data Center. They informed me that I was their 2nd choice and that they had hired **Tom Falconi**. Yes, the same one. Two weeks later they called and said that he hadn't shown up on his first day and offered me the job. I replaced a guy named **Tom Barton**. Ten years later I replaced **Tom Reynolds** at the Public Utilities Comm. of Ohio. I retired in 1997 and a year or so later got a part-time job at Applied Business Systems. I thought my "Tom-curse" had ended when I learned I was replacing somebody named **Bob**; however, I eventually found out that his last name was **Tomazevski**.

(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.)