

Trails End Way Newsletter



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Season 2016/2017

Thanksgiving 2016 at Trails End



John Kujda lights it up for the holidays at 353 Acapulco



WELCOME BACK WINTER TEXANS

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Welcome everyone! The Trails End Board of Directors would like to welcome back all Winter Texans and say hello to the full time Texans who we left behind last spring. We would like to express our sympathies and condolences to those who have lost spouses and family members also get well wishes to those who are not here yet.

The Board would like to say Thank You to Bonnie and Dan, the park managers and the workers Angel, Juan, Josh for work that was done in the park this summer. The park and facilities are looking great with new paint, and all the other improvements that were completed over the summer. Kitchen and hall flooring and the newly painted floor, raised sink in kitchen all look great also the new bathroom entrances and the new pool and the Bocchi Court.

The Board has had only a few board meeting thus far and we have managed to start getting things done. The kitchen has been stocked and the events have started. The Board welcomes your input and suggestions and ask that you talk to any of the Board members or use the suggestion box. If you have concerns or issues that you want to discuss please bring them up at the General meeting or make arrangements with a Board member to attend a Monday morning Board meeting. There you can express your concerns and the Board can discuss and consider further action.

Volunteers have started to come forward to fill vacancies on the Activity List. We ask that you review the list and if corrections, additions or changes need to be made please do so and an updated list will be prepared in due time.

Bruce Scott our nominating chairman has replaced the two board members Geoff Walker, Duold Textor who could not return this year, they are Kathy Fraser and Jim Frost. We welcome them to the Board. Kathy will assume Duold's activity chairs and Jim will take over Geoff s activity chairs.

As this is the December Newsletter the Trails End Club Board of Directors would like to extend our best wishes for the upcoming holiday season and wish everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Floyd Neal– President, TE Club

Directors: Bonnie Moore, Maureen Colburn, Judy Perras Lenz, Charlie Taylor, Ray Maanika, Ellie Scott, Kathy Fraser, Jim Frost.

FROM OUR PARK MANAGERS...



Welcome to each of you that have returned to the park for the winter. We were getting lonesome so it's good to see smiling faces. The biggest project over the summer was the renovation of the swimming pool and deck. It took longer than we anticipated but was well worth the wait. Please don't forget to check in with the office when you return so we are aware that you are back. We have sent letters to everyone announcing the \$10.00 rent increase beginning in January. If you are unsure of what your rent will be, please don't hesitate to stop in the office for a new price sheet.

We ask for your cooperation in not holding the workers back from their assigned duties and want to remind you that any requests you have concerning maintenance should be addressed to Dan or the office.

Again, Dan, Bonnie, Anni, Rosa, Juan, Angel and our newest member of the team, Joshua all welcome you back. Let's have some fun this winter.

Bonnie, Dan, and Anni



FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

GREETINGS ALL AND WELCOME BACK TO TRAILS END! The winter season is well underway here at Trails End. Each day and every event or activity brings lots of hugs and handshakes as people happily renew acquaintances with old friends. About half of the park's population is back and it's great to be starting another year. Sadly though, a number of our long-time residents and close friends have passed away and others are staying back home this year to deal with serious illnesses or other personal difficulties. We think of them often. We remember the good times we shared, and wish well to those at home as they face their own personal challenges.

Welcome newcomers! We hope you're keeping busy discovering all the activities and features we enjoy here at the park. Please feel at home and enjoy your time here with us. **Looking good!** The many improvements throughout the park are really appreciated. The pool and the area surrounding it look fantastic! The floor of the Main Hall looks good too. Thank you to our dedicated managers and workers who were very busy over the summer months. Thank you to the full-time residents who kept watch on our winter homes during our absence. We are proud to call Trails End home. Thanks everyone.

Don't rely on rumors. An awful lot goes on around here and I strongly encourage everyone to attend the Monday Morning Meeting and check the activity and bulletin boards in the Card Hall at least once a week for any new, updated, or changed information. Things can and do change after the newsletter is printed, and the bulletin boards in the Main Hall and Card Hall generally are the first means of broadcasting that updated information. All the bulletin boards are now located in the Card Hall. For those of you who would like to become more involved in the park (i.e., be a volunteer), check this newsletter and check the list of activities and chairpersons posted on the Board's Bulletin Board. I can't stress enough how important and rewarding being a volunteer is. There are several volunteer positions needing to be filled and we urge everyone to consider getting involved. Volunteering is a great way to have fun and meet people.

Holidays. This is the month of the most celebrated holidays and celebrations. First and foremost is Christmas but there are other religious, symbolic, and seasonal celebrations this month. They are Winter Solstice, Hanukkah, Kwanzaa, and Boxing Day.

Think safety. For everyone who attends evening functions or activities, be especially careful when walking the streets at night. Please carry a flashlight or beacon to help you be conspicuous. Automobiles, golf carts, and bicycles all share the same streets with pedestrians. Please obey stop signs and observe the posted speed limit of 15 MPH. For those driving golf carts or riding bicycles, ensure you have working headlights and taillights.

In the true spirit of the season we urge you to give some thought to those who are less fortunate than we are and share some of your time and resources with them. There are opportunities to do that through initiatives here in our park, or through charitable groups in the Weslaco and surrounding area.

I wish you and yours a truly Merry Christmas and a blessed Happy New Year.

*Joe Moore, Trails End Way Editor
903 Leisure Lane, 937-416-5543*

FROM THE SUNSHINE LADY

Beth Feckter is our Sunshine Lady. Beth will have cards available in the Main Hall (south wall) for us to sign which she will forward to our friends. Generally, sympathy cards are sent to current and recent residents who have lost a close family member; get well cards are sent to those who have been in the hospital or are seriously ill; birthday cards are sent to those celebrating 80 years of age or older. Please help Beth by letting her know of someone who needs or would appreciate a card signed by the folks here at Trails End. Her contact information is 349 Acapulco or 651-792-5798. You can't begin to imagine what a good feeling such a card brings to its recipient.



FROM THE HEALTH COMMITTEE COORDINATOR



Important changes are coming with regards to medical emergency procedures and facility identification. For a brief summary, see page six of this newsletter. For more detailed information, see me or attend the Monday Morning Meetings.

As a reminder this time of year, following is a repeat from the December 2015 newsletter: "Get your "shots" while you can..a flu shot that will last this winter. While you are doing that you should get a PNEUMONIA SHOT...once every TEN YEARS is a good idea of how often you should consider this. If you have ever had CHICKEN POX you should also think about a SHINGLES SHOT."

- Point of Contact: Don Chatterton ,458 Tampico

NOTICES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please remember that **THE ONLY OFFICIAL CALENDAR FOR BOOKINGS OF CLUB FACILITIES IS MAINTAINED BY KATHY FRASER.** Do not pencil in your own events on calendars in halls, etc. **Bookings must be cleared with Kathy Fraser, 875 Yucatan.** For your information and reference, the *Use of Hall Policy* as passed by the Board on November 19, 2012 is posted on the Board's Board.

Visitors Always Welcome

If you have relatives or house guests visiting, feel free to include them in the park activities such as meals, entertainment, shuffling, card games, etc. We look forward to meeting your visitors and are happy to consider them part of our Trails End family for the length of their stay here.

INFORMATION UPDATES

You can update your information at any time of the year – even if you have a change in your summer home information over the summer! Updated information is printed in every newsletter. So if you have a new Trails End phone number, new Trails End address, or a new e-mail address contact Joe Moore:

by email at jmooregt@gmail.com

by telephone at 937-416-5543

or leave a note at 903 Leisure Lane.



2016-2017 WELCOME COMMITTEE

The Welcome Committee under the guidance of Linda Wuethrich is busy greeting new arrivals and returnees to the park for the 2016-2017 winter season. The committee tries to keep up with the moves and changes but if you know of someone who may not have been officially welcomed, don't hesitate to contact a committee member (list

below) or Linda at 621 Trinidad (608-346-6912). An informational booklet is available to all newcomers and park residents. Don't forget that a trip to the Weslaco Chamber of Commerce (<http://www.weslaco.com/>) on 275 S. Kansas will be helpful -- even for returnees.

Welcome Committee members are:

(South Bermuda)	Cathy Whitney	(Jamaica & Acapulco)	Jackie Smith
(Tampico)	Linda Markert	(Vera Cruz)	Jane Glock
(Trinidad)	Linda Wuethrich	(North Bermuda)	Pat McComas
(Yucatan)	Verna Boss	(Leisure Lane)	Sue St. Sauver
Durango)	North: Joyce Galbraith	South: Gerda Schneider	

NEW/CHANGED ADDRESSES and/or TELEPHONE NUMBERS

Following is a list of changes in individual street addresses, phone numbers or email addresses passed to us by park residents. Please write it in your current Park Directory and/or update your personal address/contact list. Blank spots indicate that the information hasn't changed or the resident requested it not be published.

NAME(S)	TE ADDRESS	PHONE NUMBER(S)	EMAIL ADDRESS
McNaughton, Don and Lynda	705 Bermuda Street North	956-520-7212	
McCallum, Wilbert and Muriel	269 Jamaica St.	403-638-2954	
Kuntz, Bernie and Gloria	745 Bermuda Street North	956-520-7265	
Lenz, Cliff and Corrine	554 Vera Cruz St.	956-520-7203 (Home) 956-272-3848 (Cell)	
Apperley, Evelyn and Frank	663 Trinidad St.	956-619-0563 (Frank) 956-619-0831 (Evelyn)	
Perras-Lenz, Judy	532 Vera Cruz St.	956-520-7242	
Neal, Floyd and Ellen	627 Trinidad St.	956-375-2173 (Home) 956-373-4479 (Cell)	
Karlstedt, Doris	543 Vera Cruz St.	956-520-7160	
Karlson, Patricia	464 Tampico St.	956-520-7162	
Seipel, Ken	843 Yucatan St.	651-468-4258	

IMPORTANT - Street Name Changes

For purposes of emergency response ONLY, several Trails End Park street names have been changed. Purpose of these changes is to facilitate fast and accurate 911 address identification and rapid EMT response. Please note: your mailing address is unchanged. South Bermuda is now Bermuda Street South, North Bermuda is now Bermuda Street North, Leisure Lane has been "extended" south to now include units up to and including 1039. The

street along the backside of the north end of Durango, along the fence extending from the garbage/recycling area to the intersection with Vera Cruz, is now separate from Durango and is named "Jalisco Street". By now, everyone has or will shortly receive a letter stating what your emergency, or 9-1-1 physical address, is. This is the address you must use if you need emergency medical response to your residence. Use of this address will ensure you receive prompt and accurate EMT response. Again, please note your mailing address is unchanged.

Christmas Decorating Contest

Get in the spirit and decorate for the season! The Trails End Club is once again sponsoring the annual Christmas decorating contest. Categories are the best mobile home and the best RV. Residents will be asked to vote for their favorite mobile or RV at a future Monday Morning Meeting. The votes will be tallied after the meeting and prizes will be awarded at the annual Christmas Concert on December 22nd to the first place and runner-up winners in mobile homes and the best decorated RV. If you have any questions, please contact Floyd Neal at 627 Trinidad.

Holiday Appreciation

Early December, board members will be collecting donations toward a holiday gratuity for our park workers Juan, Angel, Martin, and Rosa. This is the chance to show your appreciation for the hard work these folks do. When asked, please be generous.

PARK-WIDE PATIO SALE

Our first Park wide patio sales will be held December 10th from 7:00 to 11:00 am. Please sign up if you would like a table delivered to your patio the day prior to the sale. The signup sheet is hanging in the hall. The Flea Market will be included in our park wide patio sale. If you have any questions or concerns, contact Betty Thompson, Coordinator.

- Point of Contact: Betty Thompson, 546 Vera Cruz

ANNUAL CRAFT SALE

Our annual craft sale will be on Saturday. January 7th. As per request of our crafters we will attempt to limit the tables to home crafted items. In the hope of filling our hall with a variety of sellers, we have opened our craft sale to allow outside crafters to come in and reserve a table. If you have any questions, contact Betty Thompson at 763-291-1459.

- Submitted by Betty Thompson, 546 Vera Cruz

Birthdays and Anniversaries Celebration

Every year during the months of January through March, Trails End celebrates the year's birthdays and wedding anniversaries of its residents.

This season's Birthday/Anniversaries celebration dates are January 11, 2017 for residents celebrating birthdays and/or anniversaries in January, April, July, and October, February 15 2017 for the celebratory months of February, May, August, and November, and March 15, 2017 for the months of March, June, September, and December.

Events start at 7:00 pm in the Main Hall. Entertainment for each evening to be announced. Volunteers are needed -- sign-up sheets will be posted by the water fountain in the Main Hall. Volunteers are asked to arrive at the Main Hall no later than 6:30 pm.

If anyone has questions or has an interest in entertaining for this event, please contact Karen Morley at dmklmorley@gmail.com.

- Point of contact: Karen Morley, 1081 Durango

Blood Pressure Checks

Blood pressure checks will be held on the first and third Thursday of every month starting December 1st. Checks are done in the Card Hall from 4:00-4:30 pm before the dinner.

Trails End Logo Clothing

Clothing articles with the embroidered Trails End campfire logo are displayed and on sale in the Main Hall next to the kitchen before and after Monday Morning Meetings. Numerous jackets, polo shirts, caps, etc., are available with the logo embroidered or silkscreened on them. Contact Betty Gross at 612-802-1627.

- Point of Contact: Betty Gross, XXX Vera Cruz

2016-2017 Variety Show

Not to be confused with Tuesday Night Entertainment (which starts next month), the Variety Show is an annual park event scheduled for January 21, 2017 at 7:00 pm. Purpose of the event is to showcase the many talented Trails End residents we have in this park. Hank Vanderzyden (741 Bermuda St. North) is your activity coordinator for this event. Please help him with this event by:

- **signing up** and show the park your unique skills and talents
- **volunteering** to help with set up, help with food service during the show, or help tear down and restore the hall after the show.

Sign-up sheets will be posted in the Card Hall after Christmas. If you have questions or inquiries about this event, contact Hank at 741 Bermuda St., North.

- Submitted by Hank and Susie Vanderzyden 741 Bermuda St., North

Vegetable Truck

The vegetable truck will be in the park every Friday from 11:00 am to noon by the shuffle board courts.

BEAN BAG IS COMING BACK!

We want to start bean bag every Wednesday in December from 1:00 to 3:00 pm in the Card Hall. If the weather is nice, we will utilize the cement pad between the pool hall and the RV mailboxes. Please be there at 12:45 to make up the teams. Show up and have fun!

- Submitted by Randy Demyd, 714 Bermuda Street North (956-520-8348)

Non-Denominational Church Services

Starting on November 27th, non-denominational church services will be held every Sunday morning at 8:30 am in the Library. Deacon Bob Waters will lead worship each Sunday and everyone is welcome.

-Submitted by Cliff Lenz, 554 Vera Cruz



VETERAN'S RECOGNITION PROGRAM



Trails End Club has a Veteran Recognition Program to honor United States and Canadian residents residing at Trails End. If you served in the armed forces of the USA or Canada, you may have your picture and information posted to the wall. The Veteran Wall is for temporary or permanent park residents who have served in the United States or Canadian Military Services, including National Guard and RCMP members assigned to Foreign Service. Deceased veterans whose spouse still lives in the park may also have their photo on the wall. There is a form available in the Main Hall in a black mesh box on the counter next to the newspapers that you may fill out and with a 5x7 or smaller picture, deliver to Madonna Johnson at 615 Trinidad.

HELP WANTED

This is a volunteer opportunity alert! Trails End needs volunteers to fill the following positions:

- Tour Coordinator/Director
- Park Raffle Coordinator

This is a volunteer positions open to all who would like to offer their skills, help, and time to provide a service to Trails End residents. More information on this position and how to apply is available on the Help Wanted board in the Card Hall or you may contact Floyd Neal at 627 Trinidad.

Trail's End Cookbooks

Trails End cookbooks are still available and now are a bargain at only \$10.00 each. Anyone interested in a cookbook, please stop by Diane Mehtala's home (548 Vera Cruz) or Verna Boss's home (827 Yucatan). We have only limited quantities available so hurry.

- Submitted by Verna Boss (507-456-7895)

Card Games

Other than Bridge, the following is a listing of all the card games played here in the park. Because these games are routinely played on the days of the week shown, they are listed here rather than in the calendar at the back of this newsletter.

Games played in the Card Hall:

Hand and Foot - Mondays, Fridays, and Sundays at 1:00 pm

Men's Texas Hold' Em - Mondays and Thursdays at 6:30 pm

Mixed Texas Hold' Em - Sunday 6:30 pm

Ladies's Texas Hold' Em - Wednesdays at 6:30 pm

"65" - Saturdays at 7:00 pm

Ten point pitch - Sundays at 7:00 pm

Cribbage - Thursdays at 1:00 pm

Games played in the Library:

Euchre - Wednesdays at 7:00 pm

Bid Euchre - Saturdays at 7:00 pm

Times and places for Bridge games will be announced at the Monday Morning meeting.

For information on bridge games, please consult this newsletter, the activity boards in the Card Hall, or please consult the "big" board on the north side of the Main Hall

NEW YEARS EVE PARTY

Once again, there will be a New Year's Eve Party in the Main Hall. Tickets will be sold at the Monday Morning Meetings and Bingo evenings. Dress is casual, music will be by Wil McCallum, and a lite lunch will be served in the late evening. For more information, please contact Marie Mackey at 639 Trinidad

Thursday Evening Dinners

Thursday Evening Dinners are put on most every Thursday by a pre-designated Trails End Park street. The event is planned and staffed by volunteers from the host street(s). The first Thursday night dinner this winter season was on November 10th. For December, your host streets are:

December 1st - South Bermuda
December 8th - Jamaica & Tampico
December 15th - North Bermuda
No Thursday night dinners on December 22nd and the 29th

Dinner starts at 5:00 pm and is still a bargain at only \$5.00 per person.

2016 CHRISTMAS CONCERT PROGRAM

Friday, December 23rd

The Christmas Concert will be held Friday, December 23rd at 7:00 pm in the Main Hall. Santa will be landing his sleigh for a quick stopover. If there any visitors with young children, we ask that you supply a gift for them to receive from Santa. Please bring it to the Main Hall and put it under the big decorated tree.

I am also looking for a volunteer to coordinate the lunch which is served after the program. Please call me if you want to be that special person to help out.

The program will feature a choir. We have had such excellent response for the choir in previous years that I am confident we will again this season. All interested singers are welcome to be part of the choir.

Practices started on November 30th and will be held on December 7th, 14th, and the 21st at 3:00 pm in the Main Hall.

Thank you everyone.

- Submitted by Carol Watson (540 Vera Cruz)

Friday HAPPY/SOCIAL HOUR

Starting this year, the Friday Happy/Social Hour will now be held every other week on the first and third Friday each month in the Main Hall from 3:30 to 5:00 pm. Dates to circle on your calendars are December 2nd and 16th, January 6th and 20th, February 3rd and 17th, and March 3rd. Bring your own beverages and snacks if you wish.

- Submitted by Morris Zemlicka, 536 Vera Cruz, 952-232-9636

Genealogy/DNA Group Forming

Do you enjoy the thrill of discovery, solving puzzles of a personal nature? Want to figure out that DNA test beyond ethnicity? With the growing interest in finding our roots combined with lower cost DNA testing, I thought there may be others like me in the park who would enjoy getting together around these topics. I am by no means an expert but have been engrossed in this for several years and enjoy helping others. Experienced or novice, tested or not, all are welcome to come, learn and share. Our first session will just be a time to discuss our interests and needs and to clarify our direction.

For those contemplating a DNA test, the companies (Ancestry, 23 &Me, and Family Tree DNA) are known to offer discounts this time of year. The sooner you get a kit and get it sent in, the sooner the results, especially if a large number of kits are given as gifts, etc. The testing agencies can get backlogged. If you are trying to figure out which test to use, just talk to me and I can help you sort out the options.

Our first meeting will be announced when set. I want the library if at all possible, but as you know the schedule book is lost. I submitted various days and times, excluding Wednesdays.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or to share your discoveries, brick walls, NPEs, etc.: Kathy Anderson, 1061 Durango, 763-486-3708.

- Submitted by kathy Anderson, 1061 Durango

HEALTHCARE/MOBILITY EQUIPMENT

Trails End has available an assortment of mobility aids (crutches, walkers, etc.) available on loan to those who need it. If you should have a need for such equipment, please contact Floyd Neal at 956-520-7219.

Items for use with visiting children

If you have any children items you would not mind sharing, please give the list of items to Judy Perras, at 532 Vera Cruz or email them jperras@sasktel.net. Include your name and email address so people can contact you. I will put the list on the first bulletin board in the card hall. Please check there if you need items for family members to borrow while they are visiting in the park.

BLOOD DRIVE

A blood drive is being scheduled for December 15th. The bloodmobile will be in the park that day between the laundry building and the Main Hall. Exact times will be announced at upcoming Monday Morning Meetings when it is firmed up.

December bills are now due

The property rental bills for December are now due and payable. To do so, please see Rosa or Bonnie in the park front office.

Surrounding Community Activities

With the Christmas season upon us, there are a plethora of outside activities going on in the local Weslaco community and surrounding areas of the Rio Grande Valley every week. Two ways to know what's going on is (1) to attend the Monday

Morning Meetings and hear Sandy Robinson highlight the activities of potential interest for the current week, or (2) visit the activities bulletin board located in the Card Hall.

PARK NEWS and ITEMS OF INTEREST



BIBLE STUDY

Yes, we will have Bible Study this year but it will not begin until January 2nd so that those arriving after the holidays will not miss any of the study. We will do a 12 week study on "The Forgotten God" which deals with the role of the Holy Spirit in our lives. More information will be in the January newsletter.

- Submitted by Betty Thompson, 546 Vera Cruz



SHUFFLEBOARD NEWS

Welcome back to another season of shuffling. New comers please come and join us, Shuffling is fun and is a great way to meet new people and make new friends.

-**Chairperson** for this season is Ron Geiger and **Vice-Chairperson** is Duold Textor.

-**Monday Morning League:** Congratulation to the 2016 League Champions – Diane Mehtala and Peggy Anderson. Orval and Jean Larson are the Monday Morning Shuffle League coordinators, phone 956-375-2552 or email: ojl@eastlink.ca. League shuffle starts January 9, 2017 after the Monday Morning Meeting. The sign-up sheets are posted in the shuffle shack. There will be scramble shuffle every Monday morning after the

Monday Morning Meeting until the league shuffle starts.

-**Free Shuffle Lessons** every Saturday at 9:00 am. Please sign up in the shuffle shack.

-**Hoss Collar** is every Sunday at 7:00 pm. Check the board at the shuffle shack for changes.

-**Friendly Friday** is every Friday at 9:00 am. Check the board at the shuffle shack for changes.

-**Open Shuffle** is every day at 1:00 pm (Note: if the forecast is 90F or higher, play time will be at 9:00 am).

-**Sign up for the upcoming Weekly Tournament** before Friday noon. Sign-up sheets are in the shuffle shack. The fee is posted on the weekly flyer (usually \$3.00 p/p). Please put your money in the envelope provided and put your team name on the outside and place into the drop box.

-**Referee School:** will be held at Country Sunshine on Saturday December 17th. It is free. Anyone wishing to register, call Evelyn at 956-619-0831 or email: eapperley@hotmail.com

-**Hall of Fame Banquet** will be held February 19, 2017 at Pine to Palm.

-Volunteers for Weekly Maintenance of the shuffle courts are needed. Please sign up in the shuffle shack.

-Shuffle Tournament Winners for this season:

- Orval and Jean Larson placed 4th in the Amateur main event at Leisure World
- Gary and Marlene Clews placed 1st in the Amateur Main Event at Weslaco Park
- Harry and Sharon Bradford placed 3rd in the Amateur Consolation Event at Weslaco Park.

Everyone is welcome to participate in all the above events even if you haven't shuffled before.

Don't forget to watch the boards on the shuffle shack for changes.

- Submitted by Evelyn Apperley, 663 Trinidad

THE KITCHEN CRACKER BOX



Welcome back all Winter Texans! It is very good to have you back in the Valley.

The kitchen is in tip-top shape thanks to summer crew cleanup on Linda Markert's watch.

We also got a couple of things done too.

1. **Raising of the sinks.** A big huge thanks to Leo Heino, Butch Reijo and I think Dan Sell had his hands in it.
2. **Shelves** were made in work shop for the pantry by Bill Markert, Ray Buechele, and Jon Gross. It will be great having extra shelving in the pantry.
3. **Thursday night suppers** have begun so check out signup sheets.
4. **New breakfast crew** will be doing a breakfast as Crew 2. We are very happy that they volunteered under chef 's Ron and Ann Stark and their crew.

Bon-Appetit! 

TRAILS END COMPUTER CLUB (TECC)

The TECC Meets in the library each Wednesday morning at 9:00 am and is open to all Trail's End Club members. Whether you are a novice or are an experienced user you are welcome. We learn from each other. Some of the Club's goals are:

- To help us keep up to date with the world of computing.
- Help each other trouble shoot and solve our computer problems.
- Learn tips and about new applications.
- Keep our computers secure while on line.
- Make using your computing device efficient and enjoyable.

Note: Please arrive early enough to set up prior to start of meeting at 9:00 A.M. sharp.

The Trails End Computer Club sponsors a web site loaded with lessons and presentations concerning computer uses and the operating them. An easy to use, search is available on the home page tecc.apcug.org in the lower left corner. Enter the subject you want to review and all articles containing that subject will be listed for your review.

- Submitted by Bill Cusitar, 902 Leisure Lane

A WORD FROM THE CLUB LIBRARIAN...

As librarian I have to cull books to make room for the new ones people bring in. I do not keep duplicate copies of anything and this year nothing published before 2006 will be kept except for mysteries and adventure, romance or novels.

I am pleased to see that several people have brought in westerns and large print books.

All books that I pull out are donated to the hospital or the Weslaco library.

If you have any questions call me at 612-802-1627.

- Submitted by Betty Gross, XXX Vera Cruz



COUNTRY MUSIC JAM SESSIONS

The country music jams will start up again for the season on Friday, December 2nd and will run until Friday March 17, 2017. The jams will run every Friday from 12:30 to 3:00 pm in the Main Hall. A lunch will be served from 11:30 am to 12:15 pm for a small cost. This is my last year as jam host, so if you want to see the jams continue, please contact Eugene Smith at 257 Jamaica or call 956-520-7246. If no one comes forward to take over the country jams, they will shut down at the end of the season. Thank you for all the support the jams have had all the years that they have ran.

- Submitted by Jackie Smith, 257 Jamaica

THURSDAY AFTERNOON CRAFTS

Carol Sever (1091 Durango) is the craft activity coordinators for this season. A schedule of craft activities will be posted as soon as Carol arrives in January. Check bulletin boards in the Card Hall for updates.

- Point of Contact: Carol Sever, 1091 Durango



USA DAY

February 11, 2017



This year's theme is Deep In The Heart Of Texas.

We encourage **all** Trails End's Residents to start thinking how to decorate their golf carts, truck, bike, hoverboard, hay wagon, roller skates, or motorcycle for this event. Anything goes from the wild wild west to blue bonnet flowers, long horn steers and bucking broncos.

Your USA Day committee members for 2017 are Kitty and Clayton Zimmerman, Sue Coleman, and Bev Buechele. If anyone would like to help, contact one of these committee members.

Events and times to be announced in the January newsletter.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation. More information will be coming in the January newsletter and will also be announced at the Monday Morning meetings.

- Submitted by Ray Buechele, 933 Leisure Lane



THE WOOD SHOP

Welcome back to Trails End for another season.

The wood shop is open to all members of the Trail's End Club. If you have a wood working project, the shop is the place to do it. There is a monitor on duty each day to assist you should help be required.

Should you be new to Trail's End or have never been to the shop, please drop in for a tour of the facility. It's located at the east end of the Main Hall near the mailboxes.

The shop is open for your use from 9:00 am to Noon and from 1:00 to 4:00 pm Monday through Friday.

Hope to see you there.

- Submitted by Kurt Gagnon, 729 Bermuda North



CANADA DAY 2017



February 18, 2017 is the date for this year's Canada Day. The theme for this year is HATS so start thinking about ideas for your hats, costumes if desired (costumes are optional), and table decorations. More info to follow in January's newsletter.



RED TRAIETTES

(Red Hat Ladies)

The Red Trailettes meet the first and third Wednesday of each month at 8:30 am in the Main Hall. Ellie Scott is the Queen Mother for the 2016-2017 season with Verna Boss serving as her assistant.

The group is organized for the ladies of our park to get to know each other, have fun filled events and get-togethers, and meet our neighbors. See you at the meetings!

- Submitted by Verna Boss, 827 Yucatan

SUMMER NEWS

Summer 2016 was very hot with 80 days of 100+ temperatures. Our eighty-five (85) summer residents still had lots of fun aquacizing, line-dancing, golfing, playing cards and games, playing Bingo and, of course, as members of the LEO* club, enjoying the area restaurants every Wednesday.

Management was busy with a major repair of our swimming pool, re-doing the floor in the main hall, constructing outside entrances to the men and ladies bathrooms and installing a Bocce Ball court.

We are happy to report there were no monetary costs for repairs to any of our kitchen appliances. Yes!

We welcomed six (6) new residents to Trails End: Bill & Sharon Wright (359), Dennis & Sue Cole (567), Larry & Mary Behsman (623), Jim & Ivonne Carnes (672), Gary & Candy Spiker (901), and Steve & Bernie Puckett (932).

Remember: 'We may not have it all together, but together we have it all.'

Welcome back, Friends.

*Let's Eat Out

From your Summer Board

Linda Markert-Summer President

Joyce Kujda-Summer Secretary

Richard Capps-Summer Treasurer

- Submitted by Linda Markert, 447 Tampico

BOXING DAY



(A little "Did you know..." for us Americans who typically may not know!)

Having nothing to do with sports, boxing gloves, or a boxing ring, December 26th, Boxing Day is a holiday traditionally celebrated the day following Christmas Day, when servants and tradesmen would receive gifts, known as a "Christmas box", from their bosses or employers in the United Kingdom, Barbados, Canada, Hong Kong, Australia, Bermuda, New Zealand, Kenya, South Africa, Guyana, Trinidad and Tobago, Jamaica and other former British colonies. Today, Boxing Day is the bank holiday that generally takes place on 26 December.

In Canada, Boxing Day is a federal statutory holiday. Government offices, banks and post offices/delivery are closed. In some Canadian provinces, Boxing Day is a statutory holiday that is always celebrated on 26 December. In Canadian provinces where Boxing Day is a statutory holiday and it falls on a Saturday or Sunday, compensation days are given in the following week.

In the United States, Boxing Day is celebrated as a public holiday in some, mainly southern states: Kansas, Kentucky, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Texas.

In the UK, Canada, and some states of Australia, Boxing Day is primarily known as a shopping holiday, much like the day after Thanksgiving in the United States.

Boxing Day sales are common in Canada. It is a time when shops have sales, often with dramatic price reductions. For many

merchants, Boxing Day has become the day of the year with the greatest number of returns!

- Various sources

AQUASIZING...

...is a popular term for water exercising. Aquasizing refers to two ways to exercise in the pool. The first is freestyle swimming held on Mondays, Thursdays, and Fridays from 8:00 to 9:00 am. Everyone should know that swimming is an excellent form of exercise because it exercises almost every muscle in your body.

The second form of water exercising is water aerobics which is going strong at Trails End with both 9:00 and 10:30 am classes available to everyone in the park. On Mondays, the classes are 9:30 and 10:30 am. Class will be held if the air temperature in the pool area is 50 degrees (Fahrenheit) or higher. Classes will not be held if there is heavy rain, lightning and/or thunder in the area.

See you at the pool!

- Submitted by Linda Wuethrich (608-346-6912) and Clayton Zimmerman (651-633-3142)

MONDAY AFTERNOON QUILTING

The quilting group meets every Monday from 1:00 to 4:00 pm in the Main Hall. We are going to work on using a "Quilt Smart" method of quilting. You can go on line and order any one of the quilt smart patterns. Go to "quiltsmart.com". You will need the pattern and interfacing with the pattern printed on it. If you need assistance, please either check with Bonnie or come to the Monday afternoon quilting sessions.

If you are new to quilting and would like to learn to quilt, please see Bonnie and we will work on a simple quilt, placemat, or table runner to get you started. Many in the quilt group are eager to share their knowledge.

We obtained two new sewing machines last year, so we now have four machines for the group to use.

We are working on creating a quilting library. Thanks to Ginger Dougherty and a couple others, we have a start on the library. For now I have the books on a shelving unit at my house until we have a place to put it. If you have good quilting magazines, books, or patterns that you would like to donate, please see Bonnie Moore at 903 Leisure Lane.

- Submitted by Bonnie Moore, 937-657-0635



PETER PIPER PIZZA BUFFET LUNCHEONS

Normally, Trails End friends meet for a lunch time pizza buffet on the first and third Tuesdays of each month at Peter Piper Pizza, 3101 E. Expressway 83, Weslaco TX 78596. For December 2016 only, there will be just one pizza luncheon, and that's on Tuesday December 13th. Sign up ahead on the kitchen sign-up board (next to the Thursday night dinner sign-up sheets) and arrive at Peter Piper at/about 11:45 am.

- Point of Contact: Ray Maanika, 138 Bermuda St. South, 906-399-1144.

TUESDAY NIGHT ENTERTAINMENT

The new season of Tuesday night entertainment begins on the first Tuesday in January. Shows are presented in the Main Hall at 7:00 p.m. and admission is either \$6.00 or \$7.00 per person depending on the individual show. The shows scheduled for January are listed below along with links to the artist's websites where you can learn more about each of them by (Ctrl + click) on the links.

January 03, 2017 / **Goldwing Express** / 7:00 PM / \$7.00
<http://www.goldwingexpress.net>

January 10, 2017 / **Paul Eve** / 7:00 PM / \$6.00
<http://www.legendsinconcert.com/paul-eve-johnny-cash>

January 17, 2017 / **Ralph Kuster** / 7:00 PM / \$6.00

<http://www.ralphkuster.net/>

January 24, 2017 / **Tim Hadler & Katrina Campbell** / 7:00 PM / \$7.00

<http://www.timhadler.com/>

January 31, 2017 / **J C Harrison** / 7:00 PM / \$7.00

<http://www.wintertexaninfo.com/Bands/JCHarrison.html>

Information about other entertainment occurring in the valley can be found on the Winter Texan Times website at <http://www.wintertexantimes.com> or Winter Texan Info website at - <http://wintertexaninfo.com>.

- Submitted by Brad Magnusson 439 Tampico

PICKLEBALL



Pickleball is played every day at 10:00 am, 2:00 pm, and 7:00 pm, weather permitting. Simply show up at any of these times to play.

If you have any questions, my contact info is jperras@sasktel.net, phone: 956-520-7242.

See you out at the courts!

- Submitted by Judy Perras-Lenz, 532 Vera Cruz



LINE DANCING

Ever wanted to learn to line dance? If the answer is yes and you want to mix in a little exercise and some country music with it, come to the Main Hall and learn how it's done. Classes are on Tuesdays and Thursdays, 8:00 - 9:00 am for beginners, 9:00 - 10:00 am for advanced. You WILL have a great time. See you there!

- Submitted by Ellen Neffgen, 766 N. Bermuda

BINGO

Bingo is played every Monday and Thursday night at 7:30 pm in the Main Hall. Cards go on sale for 50 cents each beginning at 7:00 pm. Typically, 18-20 games are played plus there is a winner-take-all special game at the end of each evening. There are also several 50/50 drawings just before the intermission. We will have a special bingo on New Year's Day. For that evening, cards will be at a special slightly price of three for \$2.00 and the jackpots will also be larger.

- Point of contact: Doris Karlstedt, 543 Vera Cruz

CONTRACT & DUPLICATE BRIDGE

Contract bridge began for the season on Wednesday November 30th in the Main Hall. Saturday Night Bridge will be held in the Library. Please arrive by 6:46 as play will begin at 7:00 pm. Duplicate Bridge began for the season on Monday November 28th at 12:30 pm in the Library. A partner is required. Duplicate is similar to Contract Bridge except in Duplicate the hands are dealt and placed in boards which are then played and rotated from table to table. With everyone playing the same hands, this gives you a good comparison of skill levels between partners. For more information, please contact Cliff Lenz at 956-520-7203 or Peggy Anderson at 218-343-4053.

- Submitted by Cliff Lenz, 554 Vera Cruz

LADIES/MIXED POOL



The Trails End Ladies Pool play on Mondays and Tuesdays at 3:00 to 5:00 pm and on Wednesdays from 6:30 to 8:00 pm. You can play or practice if you like. This is very informal and all are welcome. We will help you get started, learn some rules, and have fun. Those who want to participate in league play with other parks on Wednesday mornings can do so.

Mixed Pool will again be held on Friday evenings from 7:00 to 9:00 pm every couple of weeks depending on Park activities. Watch for the sign-up sheet in the pool hall. For further information, contact Muriel McCallum at 403-638-2954 or George Dame (659) at 956-968-4756.

-Submitted by Muriel McCallum, 269 Jamaica

MEN'S 8 BALL POOL

The 8 ball pool league is played on Mondays at 6:30 p.m. Players need to arrive 15 minutes early to make up teams. Players will be categorized as either A or B, based on skill level, and then matched up with a draw that pairs an A or B player together. This

method of making teams, along with the alternate shot rule, makes for a pretty even playing field. A round robin format followed by playoffs determines the winner. This is a popular and fun night for the men. For more information, contact the activity coordinator George Dame at 659 Trinidad.

- Submitted by Cliff Lenz, 554 Vera Cruz

EVENTS & calendar highlights for December 2016

*(*Remember to check the regularly scheduled activities on the big "Trails End Events" board in the Card Hall and to read all bulletin boards throughout the club facilities periodically during the month. Keep in mind that holidays and some other one-time events may alter the routine. This list may not be complete as things sometimes do change.)*

December 1st -- (Thursday) Line dancing classes, 8:00-10:00 am, Main Hall
 Beading, 1:00 pm, Main Hall
 Blood pressure checks, 4:00 - 4:30 pm, Card Hall
 Thursday Night Dinner hosted by South Bermuda, 5:00 pm, Main Hall
 Bingo, 7:30 pm, Main Hall

December 2nd -- (Friday) **Friday Jam Lunch** 11:30 am to 12:15 pm, Main Hall
 Country Music Jam Session, 12:30-3:00 pm, Main Hall
 Happy/Social Hour, 3:30 to 5:00 pm, Main Hall

December 3rd - (Saturday) **Saturday Morning Breakfast**, 8:00 to 10:00 am, Main Hall

December 4th -- (Sunday) **Sunday Brunch** at Trails End, 9:00 am - 12:00 pm, Main Hall

December 5th -- (Monday) **Monday Morning Meeting**, 8:30 am, Main Hall
 Paper Toile, 1:00 pm, Main Hall
 Quilting, 1:00 to 4:00 pm, Main Hall
 Bingo, 7:30 pm, Main Hall

December 6th -- (Tuesday) Line dancing classes, 8:00 - 10:00 am, Main Hall
 Ladies Pool, 3:00 pm, Pool Room

December 7th -- (Wednesday) **Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day**
 TE Computer Club, 9:00 am, Library
 Bean Bag Toss, 1:00-3:30 pm, Card Hall
 Christmas concert choir practice, 3:00 pm, Main Hall

December 8th -- (Thursday) Line dancing classes, 8:00-10:00 am, Main Hall
 Beading, 1:00 pm, Main Hall
 Thursday Night Dinner hosted Jamaica and Tampico Streets,
 5:00 pm, Main Hall
 Bingo, 7:30 pm, Main Hall

December 9th -- (Friday) **Friday Jam Lunch** 11:30 am to 12:15 pm, Main Hall
 Country Music Jam Session, 12:30-3:00 pm, Main Hall
 Pinochle, 7:00 pm, Library

December 10th - (Saturday) Park wide patio sale, 7:00 to 11:00 am
 Saturday Morning Breakfast, 8:00 to 10:00 am, Main Hall

Veggie truck visit, 11:00 am - 12:00 pm, on Trinidad next to shuffleboard courts
Bridge, 7:00 pm, Library

December 12th -- (Monday) Blood pressure clinic, 8:00-8:30 am, Card Hall
Monday Morning Meeting, 8:30 am, Main Hall
Paper Toile, 1:00 pm, Main Hall
Quilting, 1:00 to 4:00 pm, Main Hall
Ladies Pool, 3:00 pm, Pool Room
Men's 8 Ball Pool, 6:30 pm, Pool Room
Bingo, 7:30 pm, Main Hall

December 13th -- (Tuesday) **Peter Piper Pizza Luncheon**, 11:45 am
Line dancing classes, 8:00 - 10:00 am, Main Hall
Ladies Pool, 3:00 pm, Pool Room

December 14th - (Wednesday) TE Computer Club, 9:00 am, Library
Bunco, 1:00-3:00 pm, Main Hall
Bean Bag Toss, 1:00-3:30 pm, Card Hall
Christmas concert choir practice, 3:00 pm, Main Hall
Contract Bridge, 7:00 pm, Main Hall

December 15th -- (Thursday) Line dancing classes, 8:00 - 10:00 am, Main Hall
Blood drive, in the morning at the bloodmobile parked between the laundry room and the Main Hall. Times to be announced.
Red Hat Christmas Party, 11:30 am, Nanas at 18th Street and International Boulevard (FM 1015)
Beading, 1:00 pm, Main Hall
Blood pressure checks, 4:00 - 4:30 pm, Card Hall
Thursday Night Dinner hosted by North Bermuda Street, 5:00 pm, Main Hall

December 16th -- (Friday) **Friday Jam Lunch** 11:30 am to 12:15 pm, Main Hall
Country Music Jam Session, 12:30-3:00 pm, Main Hall
Happy/Social Hour, 3:30 to 5:00 pm, Main Hall

December 17th - (Saturday) **Saturday Morning Breakfast**, 8:00 to 10:00 am, Main Hall

December 18th -- (Sunday) **Sunday Brunch** at Trails End, 9:00 am - 12:00 pm, Main Hall

December 19th -- (Monday) **Monday Morning Meeting**, 8:30 am, Main Hall
Paper Toile, 1:00 pm, Main Hall
Quilting, 1:00 to 4:00 pm, Main Hall
Bingo, 7:30 pm, Main Hall

December 20th -- (Tuesday) Line dancing classes, 8:00 - 10:00 am, Main Hall
Ladies Pool, 3:00 pm, Pool Room

December 21st - (Wednesday) **WINTER SOLTICE** (first day of winter)

TE Computer Club, 9:00 am, Library
Bean Bag Toss, 1:00-3:30 pm, Card Hall
Christmas concert choir practice, 3:00 pm, Main Hall

December 22nd -- (Thursday) Line dancing classes, 8:00-10:00 am, Main Hall
Beading 1:00 pm, Main Hall
No Thursday night dinner
Bingo, 7:30 pm, Main Hall

December 23rd - (Friday) **Friday Jam Lunch** 11:30 am to 12:15 pm, Main Hall
Country Music Jam Session, 12:30-3:00 pm, Main Hall



Christmas Concert, 7:00 pm, Main Hall

December 24th - (Saturday)



CHRISTMAS EVE



No Saturday morning breakfast
Hanukkah Begins at Sundown

December 25th -- (Sunday)



CHRISTMAS DAY



December 26th -- (Monday) **Boxing Day (Canada, UK, New Zealand, and others)**
No Monday Morning Meeting
No Monday Afternoon Quilting
Paper Tole, 1:00 pm, Main Hall
Bingo, 7:30 pm, Main Hall

December 27th - (Tuesday) Line dancing classes, 8:00 - 10:00 am, Main Hall
Ladies Pool, 3:00 pm, Pool Room

December 28th - (Wednesday) TE Computer Club, 9:00 am, Library
Bean Bag Toss, 1:00-3:30 pm, Card Hall

December 29th -- (Thursday) Line dancing classes, 8:00-10:00 am, Main Hall
Beading, 1:00 pm, Main Hall
No Thursday night dinner
Bingo, 7:30 pm, Main Hall

December 30th -- (Friday) **Friday Jam Lunch** 11:30 am to 12:15 pm, Main Hall
Country Music Jam Session, 12:30-3:00 pm, Main Hall

December 31st -- (Saturday) **No Saturday morning breakfast**



Main

NEW YEARS EVE DANCE AND PARTY,
Hall, music by Will the DJ, times and cost TBA. Contact Marie Mackey at 639 Trinidad St. for details and tickets.
Board games and card party in the Card Hall Saturday evening

Upcoming Events in January 2017

January 1st -- (Sunday) **HAPPY NEW YEAR 2017**
Hanukkah ends at nightfall
Special Bingo, 7:30 pm, Main Hall

January 2nd -- (Monday) **Monday Morning Meetings** resume, 8:30 am, Main Hall
Paper Toile, 1:00 pm, Main Hall
Quilting, 1:00 to 4:00 pm, Main Hall
Bingo, 7:30 pm, Main Hall

January 3rd - (Tuesday) Tuesday night entertainment featuring **Gold Wing Express**.
Show starts at 7:00 pm, cost is \$7.00.

Editor's note: Changes are coming with the January newsletter. Look for new features and items of interest to all park residents, starting with a "Cook's Corner" feature. The January 2017 newsletter will be out the end of December 2016.