

ACTIVITY BOOKLET 2018/2019

The goal for this publication is to give you an overview of the many activities that happen here at Trails End. Feel free to join in to any and all that are of interest to you. Please keep this booklet and the Board calendar for the season. Watch for our monthly newsletters and check all the many bulletin boards for more details on special events and schedule changes.

Anniversary Birthday Parties

Every year during the months of January, February and March, Trails End celebrates the birthdays and wedding anniversaries of its residents. Events start at 7:00PM in the Main Hall. Entertainment for each evening will be announced. Volunteers will be needed. Mark your calendars for January 16th, February 20th and March 20th. Please watch for further announcements. For more information please contact Ellie Scott @ 651-777-1000

Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting takes place on the 2nd Monday in February, with final call for nominations for new directors that day. Elections are held the following Monday.

Aquatic Exercise

Join us for a 45 minute, low impact, cardio workout. Classes will be canceled only if it is raining or when the outside temperature is below 50F. All sessions are held every day except Sunday.

Classes available are:

8AM – Led by Sue Coleman or Sue Walker. They include a variety of stretching and aerobic movements.

9AM – Led by Clayton Zimmerman. *On Mondays only* the session will begin at 9:30AM, immediately following the Monday morning meeting. This is a moderate aerobic program.

10:15AM – Led by Linda Wuethrich, our Aerobics Chairperson. Please note the new time. This is a moderate aerobic program on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. The program on Wednesday will be leg stretches, and on Saturday, arm stretches.

Water Volleyball equipment is available in the small kitchen by the pool.

Come out and join us for fun and better health.

Baby Items Available

We have several items available for you to borrow when you have those special little people come to visit you. Some items are stored in the old kitchen area lockers, and some with Judy Perras-Lenz. Please contact Judy @ 555 Vera Cruz

Beading

Join us Thursdays at 1:00PM in the Main Hall to make jewelery – bracelets, necklaces and earrings. It is lots of fun and not difficult to learn. It is only as hard as you want to make it!! Beginning Nov 29th. For more information, contact Dolores Dame @ 956-968-8572 or Marion Meyers @ 863 Yucatan

Bean Bag Toss

There is currently no organized group for this activity. The equipment is in the Card Hall and is available for your use at any time. For more information, please contact a Board member.

Bible Study

Time is reserved in the Library on Monday mornings at 9:30 AM for bible study, starting January 7th. For questions, please text or call Betty Thompson @763-291-1459 or stop by 546 Vera Cruz.

Bingo

Bingo is played every Monday and Thursday at 7:30 PM in the Main Hall. We start selling cards at 7:00 PM, at 50 cents each.

“Special Bingo” will be held Saturday, January 5th, February 2nd March 2nd. Each player must purchase a minimum of 4 cards for \$3.00, extra cards are 75 cents each. Prize payouts are higher than regular Bingo. For more information please contact Doris Karlstedt @ 543 Vera Cruz, 956-520-7160

Birding Information Group

Local Birding and Butterfly Links

The Rio Grande Valley has a variety of habitats that support a large number of species of birds and butterflies which in turn provide great opportunities for view wildlife. The following destinations are listed in order of proximity to Trails End Park. Each is somewhat unique and provide a different nature appreciation experience. All of these locations have really great staff and programs so check them out yourself or ask me about these or other prime locations.

- 1) Frontera Audubon is a 15 acre sanctuary two blocks north of Trails End just off 18th Street. There are quiet trails that meander through the ponds and lush vegetation on this property.
<http://fronteraaudubon.org/>
- 2) Valley Nature Center at 301 Border Street here in Weslaco has a new interpretive center and many trails within this original south Texas mesquite habitat.
<https://www.valleynaturecenter.org/>
- 3) Estero Llano Grande State Park off 1015 Hwy on the East side of Weslaco is a premier wetland birding location in the RGV. Their staff have regularly scheduled bird and butterfly walks and tram rides by appointment.

http://tpwd.texas.gov/state-parks/estero-llano-grande/park_events

Entrance Fee \$ 5.00

- Wednesday Bird Walks 8:30 to 10:30 AM
- Night Hikes Some Fridays 8:00 to 10:00 PM (full Moon)
- Friday Butterfly Walk 1:30 to 4:00 PM
- Sunday Bird Walk 8:30 to 10:30 AM
- Tram Tours 2:00 - 4:00 PM

4) Quinta Mazatlan World Birding Center in McAllen is located on a gorgeous restored property. They have regularly scheduled presentations and walks.

<Http://theworldbirdingcenter.com/Quinta.html>

5) Santa Ana National Wildlife Refuge on military hwy to McAllen has trails and ponds for walking or taking a tram ride with interpretive staff.

https://www.fws.gov/refuge/santa_ana/

6) Laguna Atascosa National Wildlife on the gulf coast provides tram rides and walking trails that cover a very large tract of coastal habitat.

Http://www.stateparks.com/laguna_national_wildlife_refuge_in_texas.html

For more information, contact Lewis Cocks @ lcocks@mymts.net

Bocce Ball

Wednesdays 6:30 pm

With just one court available, the aim for this season is to introduce the game of Bocce to Park residents. All skill levels are welcome, so come down to the Bocce Court. We will make up teams that consist of more experienced and less experienced players. This format will enable the less experienced players to learn the game and the rules of play while actively participating.

To accommodate as many players as possible, and to reduce waiting time, games will be limited to 9 points and hopefully we will have enough participants to have 8 players (2 teams of 4 players each) playing at a time.

Residents are welcome and encouraged to use the court at will. Game balls are in the Shuffle Shack; please return them to the Shack when you are finished playing.

If less experienced players would like some instruction, they can put together a small group, call Dave, and we will do our best to arrange a time to meet.

Bring your enthusiasm, refreshments, etc, and have fun!

Dave Baldwin 956-520-7403

Bridge – Contract & Duplicate

Contract Bridge is open to both men and women and you do not need a partner. Come to the Library at 12:30 PM on Tuesdays, to the Main Hall at 7:00 PM on Wednesdays (beginning November 28th) and to the Library at 7:00 PM on Saturdays . Please arrive 15 minutes early so play can start on time.

Duplicate Bridge begins on Monday December 3rd at 12:30 PM in the Library.

Bridge lessons will begin in January. If you enjoy cards, you will love bridge, so come.

Beginners must sign up on the sheet in the Library. Lessons will only be given if there are 3 signed up. We will arrange a time and place in January.

Intermediate lessons will be on Wednesdays from 1:00 PM – 2:30 PM. in the Library, beginning January 2nd. You do not have to sign up , just come. We have a good time and learn at the same time. For more information, please contact Cliff Lenz @ 956-520-7203 or Peggy Anderson @ 218-343-4053

Bunco

Bunco is a dice game played every Wednesday in the Main Hall. It costs \$2.00 and starts at 12:30 in the afternoon. Prizes are given for Most Bunco's, Most Wins and Most Losses. The rest of the money is for the \$2.00 draws. At half-time, we have desserts. For more information, please call Warren Hart @ 956-854-4361

Canada Day February 16, 2019

This year's theme is *YOUR FAVORITE DRINK*.

Looking for a coordinator for this event. Call Corrine Lenz @ 956-520-7203 if interested.

Card Games

The following is a list of card games played here in the park. These games are routinely played as shown.

In the Card Hall

Hand & Foot – Monday, Friday and Sunday @ 1:00PM

Men's Texas Hold 'Em – Monday and Thursday @ 6:30PM

Mixed Texas Hold 'Em – Sunday @ 6:30PM

Ladies Texas Hold 'Em – Wednesday @ 6:30PM

Sticks – Thursday @ 1:00PM

“65” - Saturday @ 7:00 PM

Bid Euchre – Saturday @ 7:00PM

Ten Point Pitch – Sunday @ 7:00PM

In the Main Hall

Mixed Contract Bridge – Wednesday @ 7:00PM

In the Library

Duplicate Bridge – Monday @ 12:30PM

Euchre – Wednesday @ 7:00PM

Cribbage – Thursday @ 1:00PM

Mixed Contract Bridge – Tuesday @ 12:30PM and Saturday @ 7:00 PM

Christmas Concert

Each year our talented residents put on a Christmas concert with wonderful music, singing, skits, and even a visit from Santa. Concert will be held on Saturday, December 15th. The practices will begin at 3 o'clock on Wednesdays and the coordinators are Susie

Vanderzyden and Peggy Anderson. Local artists will be featured.

Church Service

Starting on December 2nd, non-denominational church services will be held every Sunday morning at 8:30AM in the Library. Deacon Bob Waters will lead worship each Sunday and everyone is welcome. Submitted by Cliff Lenz 554 Vera Cruz

Computer Club

The computer club has time set aside in the Library each Wednesday morning at 9:00AM and is open to all Club members. Whether you are a novice or an experienced user you are welcome to attend. We are still seeking someone interested in leading the group's regular weekly session. For the time being, we will continue to sponsor various related sessions occasionally throughout the year. Watch for notices about these. If you are interested in leading the group, please contact Linda Stainer @ 765 N Bermuda

Crafts

We have time set aside on Thursdays in the Card Hall at 1:00PM for crafts. We will make announcements at the Monday Morning meetings when we have something scheduled. If you are interested in leading a craft, or would like more information, please contact Rosa Collier @ 705 or 956-684-5458

Cribbage

Come out to the library on Thursday afternoons at 1:00 PM to play cribbage, beginning November 29th. Tournaments are held in January, February and March so watch for details.

ENTERTAINMENT on TUESDAY EVENING

Tuesday night entertainment begins on the first Tuesday evening in January and continues through to mid March with a variety of great shows for you to enjoy. Shows are presented in the Main Hall at 7:00 PM and admission is from \$8.00 to \$10.00 per person depending on the individual show. You will find posters advertising the next scheduled performance on the "Entertainment" bulletin board in the Main Hall or the Laundry Room Hallway and at the Shower Building on Durango St. There will also be a listing of the Tuesday Evening Entertainment Schedule on the club website at <http://www.trailsendclub.com/>. The list on the club website will include links to the artist's websites where you can learn more about each of them by (Ctrl + click) on the links.

Two additional sources of entertainment information are the Winter Texan Times website at <http://www.wintertexantimes.com> or Winter Texan Info website at - <http://wintertexaninfo.com>.

If you have any questions regarding the Tuesday Entertainment program, please feel free to contact me.

Brad Magnusson @439 Tampico St. or email - bjmaggie@sasktel.net , (956) 351-5701 or cell (306) 540-4004

Exercise/Rehab Room

The Exercise/Rehab Room is open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. It has both cardio and strength training equipment.

- Please sign in so we can track usage, which is helpful for funding.
- Please wear clean shoes and wipe sweat off of machines.
- Since the next person might not be as strong as you, please return weights to the rack when you are finished.
- Remember that stretching and balance exercises are also important.

Contact Hank Vanderzyden for help, or leave a message on the white board.

Fishing

In the past, there have been three fishing trips from January to March. Advance sign up is needed, and there must be 25 signed up for each trip in order for it to proceed. Carpooling is organized. The cost has been \$100 per person per trip, and that includes the fish fry which is generally planned for the day following the fishing trip. Please watch for announcements.

Friday Happy Hour

Happy Hour will be held each Friday in the Main Hall from 3:30 to 5:30PM. Bring your own beverages and snacks and come enjoy the company of friends. For questions contact Floyd & Ellen Neal @956-351-5465 or Eugene Smith @ 956-351-5395

Genealogy Group

We meet the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays in the Library from 9-11AM. Bring a laptop if you have one. Possible topics: Internet sites, Non-tech research, DNA, Brick Walls, Using Facebook, Lineage groups. There will be a board in the card hall with further information. Kathy Anderson @ 1057 or 763-486-3708 kmanders55@msn.com

Golf

There are many organized days and time for golf so please check the bulletin boards in the card hall for more details.

Tony Butler – Course is located at 2640 South M Street, Harlingen. Trails End have 8 tee times, starting at 11:00AM Monday. We may start earlier depending on the Park ahead of us not filling their slots. Rates for 9 holes walking is \$14; 18 holes walking is \$17; 18 holes with cart is \$28. Sign up sheet is in the card hall on the golf bulletin board. It is picked up Thursday pm for the following Monday. Contact Keith Wellock @ 956-351-5636

Tierra Santa – 18 Holes every Tuesday Once again we have 12 four person tee times. Five-somes are allowed. Eight tee times from 8:47 to 9:36AM and four tee times from 11:00 to 11:21AM. The cost is \$39.72 + tax = \$43.00 for 18 holes, with cart. Winter passes may be available – you will need to check this at the course.

Dress code: Collared shirts, *no* denim jeans.

The sign up sheet is in the card hall and you must sign up by the preceding Friday evening. If you have questions, contact the name on the sheet or Lou Stang @ 631 Trinidad or call 956-520-8222

Executive – every Wednesday. We meet at the course at 8:15 for an 8:30 tee off. This is a fun league only. Everyone is welcome. Sign up sheet is in the card hall. Cost is \$10.00 for 9 holes. For more information please call Sue Brown @ 956-373-4879

Tierra Santa – 18 Holes every Thursday. We have 5 tee times – 8:38, 8:45, 8:52, 11:19 and 11:26. This is a mixed league and open to everyone. The cost is \$43 including cart. You can purchase a players card for reduced per game cost. Sign up sheet is in the Card Hall. The deadline is Tuesdays at 4:00 PM. For more information, please call Maurice Gaudet @ 780-436-2884

Llano Grande Golf Course – 9 holes mixed every Friday starting at 9:12AM. We alternate between the front and back nine holes. Cost is \$14 walking or \$20 with cart, per person. Every week you and your spouse will be paired up with a different couple to make new friendships. Singles are welcome too. Majority of us then go for a snack and refreshments. Sign up sheet on the golf bulletin board. For more information, contact Randy Demyd @ 956-520-8348

Treasure Hills – 18 Holes every Friday. Course is located at 3009 N Augusta Drive in Harlingen. Tee times start at 8:30 AM. Cost is \$25 with cart for 18 holes, Veterans rate is \$20. Sign up sheet in the card hall is taken down Thursday morning for Friday golf. For more information, please contact Ron Stark at 903-870-8095

Annual Duffers Tournament

Origin and history: The first tournament was 22 -3 person teams held @ Llano Grande golf course. It was held on Feb 28, 2004. Drinks and lunch followed at the golf course. The size of the tournament grew and a new venue at Mid Valley golf course became home. Lunch & prizes were held at Trails End hall. When Mid Valley was closed, the tournament was moved to Tony Butler golf course. The present tournament is an in-park mixed scramble format, 4 person teams and

at least 1 of the opposite sex. It is scheduled for Tony Butler on February 2nd, 2019. Notices of time line for entries will be posted in early January.

Many Park residents are involved in facets of running this tournament, from solicitation of donations, purchase of prizes, food & drink, organization & preparation of the meal, draw & tee times, organizing & running the bar, M.C., prize draws etc.

Last year was the first time we used a shotgun start format and it was a great success as it allowed all participants to take part in the after tournament festivities at the same time. More changes are planned for this year's format.

For more information, please contact Frank Vande Graaf @ 265 Jamaica

Half A Chance

This is our newly named 50-50 draw. Funds go into the Club coffers to help support our programs. Look for it at our Monday Morning meetings and at our Thursday evening dinners. For more information, please contact Marilynne Martin @ 643 Trinidad or Peggy Hulteen @ 715 N. Bermuda.

Health

The chairperson is Donald Chatterton @907 or 509-939-1709

- Loan of medical equipment including wheel chairs, crutches, walkers, raised toilet seats, and shower chairs. Also space heaters
- Blood drive twice a year, usually early December and March
- Vial for life, emergency information for Ambulance and Hospital
- Blood Pressure checks twice a month before Thursday night dinner
- Automatic defibrillators located in library and Main Hall on south side
- CPR classes as needed
- Other programs as desired or come available. Possible disaster preparedness this year
- Stroke prevention ultrasounds for a fee
- Emergency phones located in Main Hall, Exercise Room, and Card Hall.

Ice Cream Social

Ice cream socials are held in the Main Hall once a month starting in January. The dates for this season are January 13th, February 10th and March 17th. Music starts at 5:15PM followed by the serving of the ice cream at 6:00PM. *Please bring your own bowl and spoon.* The March social is held in conjunction with the Veterans Recognition Program. Please contact Terry & Judy Neal @ 925 or 956-351-5145

Jam Lunch

We serve every Friday from 12:00-1:00PM. We will have a variety of foods, and our menu is located on the dry board above the water fountain in the Main Hall. For question call Terry & Judy Neal @ 956-351-5145

Jam Sessions

Jam Sessions will be held Fridays 1:00PM in the Main Hall but a start date has yet to be determined. Please watch for announcements. Jam will be more of a musical show than a chance get together. All performers will be scheduled in advance. By doing so, we hope to increase the quality of the singers and song selection. Amplifiers will not be used. ACOUSTIC ONLY. All music will be from the stage. We will have 10 to 16 musicians on stage each Friday.

The Music played will be:

- 1) Folk Music
- 2) Appalachian (Old Time Mountain Music)
- 3) Gospel

Our goal is to entertain the average Trails End resident. Submitted for Ray Martin @ 918 or 618-499-4813

Karaoke

We will have evenings of karaoke singing. Come out and sing as a single or join in a group singing popular rock & roll and country songs. Dates will be announced at the Monday meetings. Wil McCallum @ 269 Jamaica or 403-638-2954

Kitchen

The kitchen is humming right along. The dinners have started up. Yucatan/Durango had our first dinner. It went very well although there was a shortage of volunteers, but a great job was done ... thank you supper crew hosted by Dave & Maureen Colburn, Fred & Margaret Lammiman and Jim & Carolyn Mulock. Next dinner will be Nov 29th hosted by Betty & Jon Gross and Ray & Bev Buechele.

In December, there will be a Brunch put on by the Park under the supervision of Ron Watson and his wonderful Brunch helpers. There will be 5 more Brunches in the new year.

If you would like to be included but do not know how, please contact Ron Watson, Brunch coordinator, 306-868-7899, Jim Mulock for breakfasts on Saturday, 956-351-5561 or cell 902-523-3577, Bev Buechele for Thursday night dinners, 956-684-7221 and /or Tom Dame, 956-968-4756, and Terry Neal for Friday Jam lunches, 956-373-0907.

If it is your block's turn to host a dinner, just volunteer to help as it is a great way to meet your neighbors and have some fun. Bev Buechele, Kitchen Coordinator @ 956-684-7221

Library

We have a great assortment of books available in our library. Please feel free to come and browse for something that interests you. Please do not put books you are returning on book shelves. Place them on the shelves by the door or on the back table. I do not keep catalogs, maps or most fiction more than 10 years old. Books I don't keep will be donated to the Public library. Thank you. Betty Gross @ 612-802-1627

Line Dance

Come down to the Main Hall and shuffle your feet to music both old and new. Never danced before? Beginner line dance is just for you. It's all about having fun and maybe even learning your left foot from your right. If you've got a bit more experience, and are still quick on your feet, the advanced class is what you're looking for! We dance twice a week on Tuesday & Thursday mornings from 8-9AM for beginners & 9-10AM for advanced. Please contact Ellen Neffgen @ 766 N Bermuda or 956-969-0298

Mah Jong

Mah Jong is played on Tuesdays in the Card Hall at 1:00PM. We welcome anyone wishing to learn. If you have any questions, please call Betty Gross @ 560 Vera Cruz or 612-802-1627

Mexican Train Dominoes

We play Mexican Train dominoes every Wednesday evening starting at 7:00PM. in the Card Hall. Please be there by 6:45 so we know how many tables to set up for. Rules are available. November 7th is our first night. No money needed, just bring a smile. For more information please contact Vicki Chatterton @ 907 Leisure Lane

Monday Morning Meetings

Meetings are held in the Main Hall on Monday mornings at 8:30AM. Club business, activities and events are reported and discussed. Come for coffee, chat with friends, old and new, and keep informed.

New Year's Eve Dance

Put your dancing shoes on and come out to the New Year's Eve Dance. Music by" Dr J " this year. See Marie Mackey @ 639 Trinidad; Floyd Neal @ 660 Trinidad; Terry Neal @ 925 Leisure Lane

New Year's Eve in the Card Hall

Many Park residents get together to play cards and share a meal amongst friends as we ring in the new year. Snacks and refreshments are shared at 6:00 PM with cards to

follow.

Painting/Art

Painting/Art is done in the Card Hall at 9AM on Fridays. Coming together as artists helps to develop skills and creativity. The Club has books, brushes, paints (water, acrylic and oil) and drawing supplies. You are also encouraged to bring your own art supplies. Several painting project/lessons are planned. Whether you are experienced or a beginner, you will benefit from these projects/lessons. The beginning date will be announced at a Monday Morning club meeting. Eleanor Gauthier is the contact .

Paper Tole

Paper Tole is a wonderful way to make a 3D effect. Your pictures turn into beautiful 3D pictures and small gifts. Mondays at 1:00 PM in the Main Hall if there is interest . Please contact Dolores Dame @ 956-968-8572

Park Beautification

There is a small wildlife habitat in front of the park. If anyone would like to help with it, please contact Betty Gross @ 560 Vera Cruz or 612-802-1627

Patio Sales and Craft Sale

Our first Park wide patio sale of this season will be held on December 1st from 7 AM to noon. A second sale may be held in the spring, date to be determined. Tables will be available and sign up information will be announced at the Monday Morning Meetings. For more information, please contact Ken Tanula @ 570 Vera Cruz

Our annual craft sale will be on January 26, 2019. This is an ALL craft sale with tables for home crafted items only. In hopes of filling our hall with a variety of sellers, we have opened our sale to allow outside crafters to come in and reserve a table. All table for this sale have been reserved, and there is a wait list. Please note that we will be adding a fee of \$3.00 per table for residents and \$5.00 per table for out of park participants in 2020. There are some awesome and talented crafters lined up for this year and it will be an exciting sale. For more information please contact Jim & Shelley Grandstaff @ 572 Vera Cruz or 574-702-0103

Pfeffer

Come out to the Library Monday and Thursday evenings at 6:30 to learn and play this new card game. For more information, contact Bob Schneiderhan @ 919 Leisure Lane

Ping Pong

Currently, there is not an organized group for this activity. For more information please contact a Board member.

Peter Piper Pizza Buffet Luncheons

Trails End residents and 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. First lunch of the season will be Tuesday, December 4th. Come enjoy the fun and friendship! Sign up ahead on the kitchen sign-up board (next to the Thursday night dinner sign-up sheet) and arrive at Peter Piper between 11:30 and 11:45. Ray Maanika @ 138 S Bermuda or 906-399-1144

Pegs and Jokers

Watch for announcements about practice sessions and/or a weekly play schedule for this game. A tournament will be held sometime in the winter. Contact Judy Perras-Lenz @ 555 Vera Cruz or 306-529-7012.

Pickleball

Regular pickleball playing times each day are 10AM, 2PM, & 7PM, weather permitting. Simply show up at any of these times to play. Everyone is welcome, even if you are a beginner. If you have any questions, or would like to inquire about beginner lessons, please contact Judy Perras-Lenz @ 555 Vera Cruz or 306-529-7012. See you out at the courts!

Pool Room

Ladies Pool

The Trails End Ladies Pool play on Mondays and Tuesdays from 3:00 to 5:00 PM and on Wednesdays from 6:30 to 8:00 PM. You can play or just practice if you like. This is very informal and all are welcome. We will help you get started, learn some rules, and have fun.

Mixed Pool

Mixed Pool will be held on Friday evenings from 7:00 to 9:00 PM every week, starting Nov 9, 2018. Please arrive 15 minutes early to make up the mixed teams. Because of popular interest, mixed pool players are on a rotation list. Maximum 12 teams will play on a Friday evening. Contact Muriel to get your name/s on the list. For further information, contact Muriel McCallum @ 269 Jamaica or 403-638-2954

Men's 8 Ball Pool

The 8 ball pool league is played on Mondays @ 6:30 PM. 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 pool coordinator, George Dame, @ 659 Trinidad.

Quilting

Tie Quilting

The tie quilters meet Wednesday morning in the Main Hall. We make and donate quilts for anyone in need and mainly use items the people of Trails End donate to us. We welcome all donations of thread, fabric, sheets, crochet cotton, bed skirts, pillow cases, etc. etc. If you have donations or questions, or know of someone in need, contact Kay Markes @ 847 Yucatan or Donna Stang @ 631 Trinidad.

If you would like to help, you can show up on Wednesday morning. You don't have to be a sewer. We have jobs for one and all.

Note from Brenda: This wonderful group completed 205 quilts last year, each one a blessing to make, a blessing to give and a blessing to receive. Of these, 40 were given to Ronald McDonald House in Harlingen. Imagine the joy on 40 little faces! Kudos to each and every one of you who helped make this happen.

Monday Afternoon Quilting

Monday Quilting is held in the Main Hall 1:00PM - 4:00PM. Everyone is invited to bring your

work in progress and enjoy the afternoon with seasoned quilters!

Raffle

Stay tuned for more information on our Park's annual raffle. Raffle prizes are all donated, and include many new items donated by our own Park residents. It is an excellent fund raiser for our Club. Currently we do not have a coordinator, so if you are interested, please contact a Board member.

Recycling

We can no longer take any Styrofoam that is colored or has any colored design on it. Any recyclables can be put in the containers for plastic bottles.

Foil pans and tin foil cannot be recycled, they must go into the trash.

There are separate containers for Styrofoam – white only as noted above, for aluminum cans, and for glass. All other recyclables go into the main bin. That includes tin cans, paper and plastic. Please save your drink can tabs and bring them to the container in the main hall. They will be collected and donated. For more information, contact Forrest Zemlicka or Jon Gross

Red Trailettes

Calling all Trails End Ladies!

This group is organized for the sole purpose of holding fun events of special interest to

ladies. Membership is extended to all Park ladies. We meet twice monthly (first and third Wednesdays) in the Card Hall, at 8:30 AM with coffee hour to plan events of social, educational, cultural, historical, and general interest for the ladies of our Trails End community. We have lots of activities for all.

You do not have to attend all events – *choose what is of interest to you* – but we know you won't want to miss too many. Our group has a bulletin board in the Card Hall on the west wall which keeps you informed of coming events. Usually the sign up lists for events is circulated at a meeting and then posted on our bulletin board. Some events have a limited participation so sign up early.

You will enjoy meeting new people and making friends while working on small committees to plan events, or while attending the various planned functions.

This year, “Queen Mother” is Verna Boss @ 827 Yucatan, 507-456-7895 .

Secretary/Treasurer is Delyne Schultz @ 1027 Durango. Feel free to just come out to a meeting or find a neighbor who is headed to a meeting, and join her! (There is a yearly membership fee of \$3.00) New members are always welcome. You'll enjoy our fun-loving group!!! First meeting is November 21st. Hope to see y'all there!

Show & Tell

Show & Tell, held in early March, is an opportunity for our talented residents to display their many talents. Open to all sewers, knitters, crafters, quilters, wood workers, painters, carvers, builders, etc. Show & Tell allows the rest of the Park residents to ooh & aah in appreciation! Mark your calendars for Saturday March 2nd and watch for further announcements. For more formation or questions please contact Gail Baldwin @ 956-520-7404 or Wendy Montizambert @ 956-246-3264

Shuffleboard

Welcome back to another fun filled season of shuffling. Newcomers please come and join us, it's a great sport and a great way to meet new people and make friends. Residents are welcome to use the shuffle courts at anytime. There are some organized times and activities as well.

ORGANIZED ACTIVITIES

Shuffle Lessons - Free shuffle lessons every Saturday at 9 am given by world famous expert shuffler - RICHARD BOSS. Please sign up in the shuffle shack.

Open Shuffle - Shufflers are welcome to gather daily for open shuffle. Teams will be created based on who attends. Weather can sometimes dictate how many turn out so a few daily times are available – 8:30am, 1:00pm and 8:00 evenings (except Sundays due to Hosscollar)

Hosscollar – For all levels of shufflers! Just a lot of fun. Every Sunday at 7pm. Bring a dollar to join and you will likely take it home again once the scores are tallied!

Monday Morning League - Orval and Jean Larson will be organizing MONDAY MORNING IN PARK LEAGUE which will start January 7th 2019. Signup sheets will be posted in the shuffle shack. Experienced shuffles will be paired with inexperienced for the season.

Friendly Shuffle - Trails End is part of a new "Friendly Friday" group consisting of Rancho, Country Sunshine, Southern Comfort and Siesta Village. There will be a schedule posted in the shuffle shack along with a sign-up sheet each week if you plan on attending.

Referee school will be held at Country Sunshine at 9:30 am on December 15, 2018 and February 19th, 2019. Please register with Chris at 1-306-570-5513 or R.D. 1-608-346-6912.

CARE OF THE COURTS AND EQUIPMENT – There are shuffle sticks available in the shuffle shack for anyone’s use. Please return them when done. The disks are available and are ready for use. Please wax the disks once you are done play. Ask for assistance if you are unsure how. Please DO NOT walk on the court surfaces other than at the ends where it is required to. Volunteers for weekly court maintenance are needed. Please sign up in the shack.

COSTS – There is no cost to play within the Trails End Park. Life time membership in The Texas State Shuffleboard Association (TSSA) is now \$5.00. Membership is required if you want to play in any tournaments. Contact R.D. to submit your fee. Should you decide to enter some Texas State Shuffle Association (TSSA) tournaments you will be required to pay \$5.00 each season. This covers insurance costs, stationary and other expenses no longer covered by sponsors. . Please put the \$5 in the envelope of the first tournament you play each year. Thank you.

TOURNAMENTS - Sign up for the upcoming weekly tournaments must be done before noon on Friday in the shuffle shack. The fee is posted on the weekly flyer (usually \$3 p/p). Please put your money in the envelope provided and write the players names on the outside of the envelope and place it in the drop box. The Trails End Tournament is scheduled for January 15, 16 and 17th. Volunteers will be needed for parking cars, food service, court and equipment maintenance, referees, and misc.

EXECUTIVE AND VOLUNTEERS for 2018/2019 season are:

Chair person R.D. Wuethrich

Vice Chairperson Wayne MacGillivray

Secretary Chris Kurtz

Tournament Draws R.D. Wuethrich, Maureen Colburn, Dorothy Textor

Referees	Marlene Clews
Hoss collar	Ross Harman and Ivy Harrison as back-up
Monday League	Orval Larson and Jean Larson
Sat Instruction	Richard Boss and Neil Ramsay
Ivan Watts	Glenda Kehoe and Bill Cusitar
Maintenace	Richard Mehtala
Friendly Friday	Rita Norlander and Jim Carnes
Sweet Treats	Ivy Harrison

See you on the courts!

Sing-a-Long

This program will begin Tuesday, November 27th and is open to both men and women who want to stretch their voices for an hour. We sing from 3:30 to 4:30 each week on the stage in the Main Hall, and do not perform anywhere unless asked and agreed upon. I'm not planning any outside performances this year. In December, we will sing Christmas songs, and in January, we pick songs from a sheet of about 60 songs. Please come and join us. The more the merrier. Please contact Peggy Anderson @ 218-343-4053

Soft Ball Slo Pitch

Trails End Bulldogs are our slo-pitch team. Practices are every Tuesday @ 9:00 AM at Isaac Rodriguez Park (hospital diamonds) off 6th Street west of Knapp Medical Centre. It will be decided at the park if there will be Thursday practices. League will start January 8th. Cost per player will be determined. Everyone is welcome. For more information, call Sue Brown @ 956-373-4879

Spanish Lessons

Spanish lessons may be offered starting in January if there is sufficient interest. Please contact Ginger Dougherty @ 218-966-9771

Special Events

There are many special events happening in our Park, including but not limited to Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners and New Year's Eve galas. There is a Christmas decorating contest, and a Christmas concert complete with a visit from Santa. More information will be made available as the events are approaching.

Stained Glass

Our Stained Glass group has wowed us in the past with their beautiful creations. Please watch for announcements. Time is reserved on Tuesdays at 1:30 PM in the Card Hall.

Sunshine

I will have cards available as needed in the Main Hall (south wall) for everyone to sign. 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 me by letting me know of anyone who needs or would appreciate a card signed by the folks here at Trails End. You can't begin to imagine what a good feeling such a card brings to its recipient. Beth Feckter @ 349 Acapulco, 651-792-5798

Tours – Tours - Tours

Our Activity Director is Val Gauthier. All tours, gambling trip dates, and any pertinent information for travel destinations are posted in the Card Hall on the bulletin board. Interest has been expressed in organizing a cruise this winter. If you are interested, please contact Val (cell) 204-792-8885 or email gauthier22056@gmail.com

Trail Blazers Men's Choir

This is open to all men in the park. We are always looking for new members. If you find yourself singing in the shower or when you're doing the dishes please share your talents and come join us. We will begin practices on the stage in the Main Hall Wednesday, January 2, 2019 at about 2:45. Normal practice will be each Wednesday from 3:15 to 5:00 . We'll start early the first week to get music and put in our books. Please contact Peggy Anderson @ 171 S Bermuda, 218-343-4053

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 the Monday Morning meetings. Numerous jackets, polo shirts, caps, etc are available with the logo embroidered or silk screened on them. Individual items are not ordered unless you wish to pay the shipping. Contact Betty Gross at 612-802-1627 if you want something and I can let you know when I will be placing an order.

Trails End Directory

The newest Trails End Directory is now completed. I will bring them to the Monday morning meetings for pickup, or you can stop by my place and get yours. One per household is complimentary if you had your picture taken, otherwise available for purchase at \$10.00 per copy. Joyce Kujda @ 353 Acapulco

Trails End Newsletter

The newsletter seems to be an ever evolving entity as I strive to not only customize it to meet the needs of all Park residents, but to collect and organize information as efficiently and accurately as possible.

All submissions for the newsletter can be made either to newsletter@trailsendclub.com or dropped off to me at 857. There is a dropbox just inside the Texas room door. The deadline for each publication is the 20th day of the previous month. I am always happy to have your submissions as early as possible.

I will continue to publish name, address and contact information changes as they are needed.

There are many ways to stay informed about Park activities – come out to the Monday Morning Meetings, check one of the many bulletin boards in the main or card halls and the library, and check the Club website regularly as updates are posted there.

As always, your feedback is very important, since the newsletter and activity booklet are for your benefit and I am striving to include the information most important and useful to you. Brenda Shearer @ 857 Yucatan, 1-204-730-4338

Trails End Website

Please check out www.trailsendclub.com for a wealth of information on all aspects of our Club, and much more. Linda Stainer is our Webmaster.

USA Day February 9, 2019

Past years events have included parades, trivia contests, dances, great meals, and lots of camaraderie. A chairperson and committee volunteers are needed. For more information please contact Linda or R.D. Wuethrich @ 621 or 608-346-6912

Variety Show

The annual Variety Show will be held January 19, 2019 @ 7:00PM. Past shows were well attended and contained a variety of music, skits, readings and jokes. Remember this is a variety show, not a talent show so start working on your act now. Sign up forms will be available in December. The show coordinator is Hank Vanderzyden.

Veggie Truck

The vegetable truck from Weslaco Farmers Market will be in the Park on Fridays from 11AM to noon. See them by the shuffle board courts.

Veteran Recognition

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 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 @615 Trinidad. There is a program once per season

to honor our veterans. It will be held on Sunday, March 17th at 4:30 PM in the Main Hall.

2018/19 Welcome Committee

The Welcome Committee, under Linda Wuethrich, is very active greeting newcomers and returnees to the Park. Each newcomer receives a Welcome packet with useful park and community information. Name tag information is obtained at the initial visit.

Committee members are:

South Bermuda	Kathy Maanika
Jamaica & Acapulco	Jackie Smith
Tampico	Karen Macking
Vera Cruz	Jane Glock
Trinidad	Linda Wuethrich
North Bermuda	<i>open, volunteer needed</i>
Yucatan	Verna Boss
Leisure Lane	Carol Schneiderhan
Durango (north)	Joyce Galbraith
Durango (mid)	Kathy Anderson
Durango (south)	Ellyn Auchampack

Contact Linda Wuethrich @ 608-346-6912 if you have any questions or concerns.

Wood Shop

Welcome back to Trail's 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 – 4:00 PM Monday through Friday. Hope to see you there. Submitted for Kurt Gagnon @ 729 North Bermuda