

# TRAILS END CLUB

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## FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

Happy New Year!

Things are really starting to happen in the park with most of our winter Texans back for another season. Activities in the park are in full swing and there are lots of one day excursions on the horizon as well, more details on Page 7 of this Newsletter.

## FROM THE BOARD

Welcome to everyone!

We would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a very Happy New Year. We hope your new year is filled with happiness, prosperity and good health.

Monday morning meetings are held at 8:30 in the main hall. Come out and get firsthand what is happening in the park and voice any concerns you may have.

Current board members are as follows,

Ron Stark - President  
Dennis Linn – Vice President  
Mark Sobania – Treasurer  
Sherry Rogers - Co Treasurer  
Candy Spiker – Secretary  
Joyce Galbraith – Director  
Steve Stacey – Director

We do have a suggestion box in the main hall for your convenience, please remember to include your contact info in case the board has questions or looking for clarification.



In accordance with our Constitution, we will be electing 4 new members to the board, at the Annual meeting in February 2023. Please consider becoming a board member and help us to make a difference. Contact a member of the nominating committee, Jim Frost, Dennis Peche and Lois Tanula if you are interested or have questions. You may also contact any Board Member as well.

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## TRAILS END CHRISTMAS PROGRAM



The Trails End Christmas Program was Sunday evening, Dec. 18. The program featured many enjoyable Christmas songs like Frosty and Jingle bells featuring the choir and the audience. Following was a telling of the Christmas Story in word and song. There are many thank-yous to be made for all those who participated.

First the singers: Hank & Suzie Vanderzyden, Sherry Rogers, Gail Baldwin, Val Gauthier, Linda Appleby, Terry Neal, Cliff Lenz, Chris Kurtz, Andy Rassier, Lewis & Roberta Cocks, Brad Magnusson, Marilyn Monaghan, Donna Garth, Julie Sobania, Char Kerelko, Janet Carter, Kate Barker, Mickey Harden as well as the accompanists: Peggy Anderson and Carol Watson and our very own special singer/instrumentalist: John Kudja. Who could forget the announcer and readers: Mark Sobania, Linda & Denny Linn. The Sound Crew: Mike Harden and Gary Spiker. Cookies baked with love by Ivy Harrison and served by Judy Lenz and Jeannie Magnusson.

A big thank you to Gene Marks for always keeping us supplied with fresh coffee. Thank you all for helping to make the program a success and thanks to all those who attended and helped us celebrate the season.  
Submitted by Candy Spiker

## WELCOME COMMITTEE

With Covid 19 fading into the background, things are slowly returning to normal. Trails End Welcome Committee is back and these ladies will be out and about the park welcoming newbees and answering any questions about the area. They will be distributing a welcome package with tons of useful information. Park volunteers are as follows:

Elaine Moody	Donna Garth
Diane Paquette	Alyce Hunt
Linda Wuethrich	Kathy Maanika
Verna Boss	Cindy Frost
Joyce Galbraith	Carolyn Chips

Submitted by Linda Wuethrich  
Big shout out to Candy Spiker and Linda Wuethrich for all their hard work in bringing back this worthwhile endeavour.

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## BINGO

Join us on Monday and Thursday evenings in the main hall at 7:00 pm for a fun evening of Bingo. There are ice cream treats available for purchase at the half time break. Cards are 50 cents a piece, and there is an extra game for the finale available, 3 cards for \$ 1.00 Please note – park rules state that you must be wearing your name tag to claim your prize.

## SPECIAL BINGO

Please join us for a Special Bingo session on Saturday January 7, 2023 at 7:00 pm in the main hall. Minimum of 4 cards for \$ 3.00 must be purchased and extra cards will be .75 cents each. There will be 2 extra games played during this special event at 3 cards for \$ 1.00. As always, ice cream will be available for purchase at the half time break. Please note – park rules state that you must be wearing your name tag to claim your prize.

## TRAILS END SHUFFLE NEWS

Hey Shufflers! Lots going on in January!

Our Monday morning league will kick off Jan. 9th. Games will be each Monday at 9:30 or following the meeting. This is an in-park league for experienced and new to shuffle residents. You will be paired according to your experience! Please sign up in the shuffle shack by Jan 5th. Don't forget to come out on Sunday evenings at 7:00 pm for a rousing game of Hoss Collar! Cost is \$ 1.00 per player but the laughs and fun are priceless.

Trails End will host a Shuffle Tournament on January 17, 18th and 19th. This is open to Mixed Double shufflers throughout the Rio Grande Valley. We will be calling on our residents to help us in various areas. Will need help with parking, court maintenance, puck cleaning/waxing, & kitchen staff for lunch. Announcements and posters will follow!

Reminder, there is shuffle each day at 9 and 1 o'clock. If you want to learn the game just stop by and many will be happy to guide you!

## TRAILS END SHUFFLE NEWS – CONTINUED

Trails End shufflers have been doing quite well in these fall tournaments.

Congratulations to RGV tournament winners

Oct 11<sup>th</sup> – Main Event - 1<sup>st</sup> Place to Derek Weber & Sharon Bradford

Nov 17<sup>th</sup> – Main Event - 3<sup>rd</sup> Place to Ivy Harrison

Main Event - 4<sup>th</sup> Place to Kevin McBride

Consolation - 3<sup>rd</sup> Place to Larry Harrison

Nov 26<sup>th</sup> – Main Event - 1<sup>st</sup> Place to Ivy & Larry Harrison

Dec 2<sup>nd</sup> – Consolation - 2<sup>nd</sup> Place to Ivy Harrison & Sharon Bradford

Consolation - 3<sup>rd</sup> Place to Derek Weber & Larry Harrison

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## CRAFTS

Crafts – Thursdays from 1 – 4 in the card hall

Recent “draft dodgers” project tackled by the Trails End crafters.



## SPECIAL EVENTS

### SILVER STITCHES QUILTING GROUP– QUILT RAFFLE

The group completed another raffle quilt. It is called “Chandelier”. The size is (oversized) queen 95” x 95” this quilt is hanging on display in the main hall. Tickets are 3 for \$5.00. Gals from the Silver Stitches have tickets for purchase. Draw will be at the Monday meeting February 13, 2023.

### CRAFTS SHOW AND SALE

January 21, 2023 from 8:00 am to 12 Noon in the Main Hall

Open to all creative activities in the park, art, crafts, jewelry, wood working, sewing, quilting, knitting etc. Please reserve your table (no charge for residents) as soon as possible.

There will be outside vendors and breakfast available. Set up is from 6:30 am. Sign up forms are available in the card hall.

### CRAFTS SHOW AND SALE – CONTINUED



The Aurora House will have a bake sale table at the Craft Sale January 21, 2023 Anyone wishing to donate baked goods, please have the items on a paper plate wrapped with plastic wrap and brought to the hall by 7:45am  
Example 6 cookies, or 6 pieces of a slice of cake, a pie, a loaf etc.  
All proceeds go to this end of life hospice care facility in Weslaco

The baking will be “sold” for a donation to the cause. Thank you for your donation of baking and for your support.

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## CANADA DAY 2023



Mark your calendar! Saturday February 4<sup>th</sup> 2023 This years theme is the Wild Wild West!!  
Open to all Trails End residents, no matter your nationality, the more the merrier!  
Table decorations and costumes are optional but there will be prizes – prizes – prizes available to be won. Wild Wild West theme could be cowpokes, sheriff, settlers, pioneers or perhaps a dance hall girl!

### Itinerary

10:30 am – Decorate tables – Judging will be at high noon.  
5:00 pm – Happy Hour – bring your own drinks and snacks  
5:30 pm – Supper Time! Wipe off them cowboy boots and hang up six shooters, time to belly on up to the table for some grub.  
Please note – each table is responsible for their menu (potluck or take out etc)  
6:30 pm – Drink Tasting Contest begins! This year’s drink is a “shooter” of any kind. If you would like to enter your special concoction in the contest, please call or text Fran –



(Please note – you must supply samples of your shooters to those in attendance who will then vote for their favourite spirit! - Prizes will be won!)

7:30 pm – Swing your partner round and round – Dance the night away to your favorite songs. Some snacks will be available, however, please free to bring your own.

All of the above mentioned activities for the low, low price of \$ 2.50 per person!

Watch for posters, sign up sheets and more information to come.

## ANNUAL VARIETY SHOW – SATURDAY FEB 11<sup>TH</sup> 7:00 PM



Only 44 Days Left!! No Talent Required !!!!!

Songs, skits, stories or jokes – Share a fun filled night for all!

Sign up sheets are on the North Wall of the Card Hall and must be turned in by Saturday Feb 4<sup>th</sup>



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## WORSHIP

Sunday mornings there will be a non-denominational church service at 8:30 am in the Library. All are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Sunday mornings there will be a church service (Methodist) at 9:30 am in the Main Hall. All are welcome and encouraged to attend.

## NEW YEARS EVE

Saturday Dec 31<sup>st</sup> – New Years Eve – time to get your tickets for New Years Eve. There will be door prizes, spot dances and a light snack. Come ring in the New Year with all your winter friends. Please see Marie Mackey for tickets. Tickets are \$5.00 per person

## NEW YEARS EVE CONTINUED

6:00 to 8:00 - There will be socializing activities in the card hall beginning with finger foods/snacks, bring something to share.

8:00 - Card games will begin along with Blackjack Poker, Texas Hold'em, and "Pass the Ace" tables

## XMAS DINNER – 2022

An estimated crowd of 175 + residents enjoyed an absolutely amazing pot luck xmas dinner in the main hall on xmas day, there was a lot of talk about afternoon naps afterwards.....



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## UPCOMING EVENTS

Encore has announced they are planning several events for Trails End Residents this season. They may be combined with other Encore parks in the area depending upon participation numbers. Please note sign up sheets for these events will be posted in the main hall Entertainment Board.

**BUS TRIP TO SPACE X.**

NEED 45 TO 48 PEOPLE TO SIGN UP


\$50 BUYS A SEAT ON BUS AND TOUR OF Rocket Ranch, Space X, return to Rocket Ranch for a video presentation.

Sign-Up for the **Port of Brownsville Cruise** aboard the **Osprey!**

**\$35 per person**  
Shrimp tasting included  
Regular price \$42

Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Time: \_\_\_\_\_




Sign-Up for an **8 hour Red Snapper Deep Sea Fishing** aboard the **Osprey!**

**\$105 per Fisherman**  
Regular price \$125



Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
7:30am- 3:30pm  
Organizer: \_\_\_\_\_  
NAME & PHONE NUMBER



Sign-Up for a **Pirate Adventure** aboard **The Black Dragon!**  
"Be A Pirate!!" cruise  
Fun for ALL ages!

**\$25 per person**  
Regular price \$38

Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Time: \_\_\_\_\_  
Organizer: \_\_\_\_\_  
NAME & PHONE NUMBER


Sign-Up for the **Sea Life Safari Dolphin Watch** aboard the **Osprey!**

**\$15 per person**  
Regular price \$20

Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Time: \_\_\_\_\_  
Organizer: \_\_\_\_\_

Osprey Cruises presents

**Port of Brownsville**  
Fiesta Cruise



A fun & fast filled journey from South Padre Island

## UPCOMING EVENTS - ENTERTAINMENT



The Howlers will be performing in the Main Hall on Tuesday January 10<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 – 9:00 pm. Advance tickets are \$ 8.00 ea or purchased at the door \$ 10.00 We are a three-piece variety band and play anything from Elvis Presley to Amy Winehouse, from Cumbia Please keep an eye out for more entertainment events coming up, posters will be placed in strategic areas around the park.

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## UPCOMING EVENTS – ENTERTAINMENT – SAVE THESE DATES

January 19<sup>th</sup> 2023 – Welcome Back Party – Details to be announced, check the main hall board

January 31<sup>st</sup> – Fresh Breath Band – Main Hall

Josh & Katie Pascoe are the husband and wife group 'Fresh Breath'. Songs by The Allman Brothers, Tom Petty, Fleetwood Mac & more.

Types of Music

70's - Blues - Classic Rock

Country - Folk Music

Rock & Roll



## THURSDAY NIGHT DINNER

Thursday January 5<sup>th</sup> – Dinner will be hosted by Trinidad/Acapolco

Thursday January 12<sup>th</sup> – Dinner will be hosted by Yucatan/Durango

**Please remember to bring your plates & cutlery to the Thursday night (dinners)**

## MOVIE NIGHT – MAIN HALL

January 17<sup>th</sup> – Top Gun Maverick will be playing

January 24<sup>th</sup> – check the board in the main hall for updates on future movie titles



## HAND – KNEE – FOOT

This new activity will be starting in early January in the Card Hall. Please check the bulletin boards for more information and contact information.

## CRIB TOURNAMENT – JANUARY 13<sup>TH</sup> · MAIN HALL – 6:30 PM

Sign up sheets are in the card hall. You can still sign up even if you don't have a partner.

## BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

Come to the main hall on Saturday December 31<sup>st</sup> from 1:00 – 3:30 pm to help Rita Norlander, celebrate her 95<sup>th</sup> birthday. Cards and best wishes only please.



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## SILVER STITCHES QUILTING

Monday 1-4 pm in the Muti Purpose Room

The Silver Stitches Quilting group has 25 plus ladies coming out on Monday afternoons. Completed projects are displayed at the “show and tell” at 1:10pm. The Silver Stitches also have a Facebook page where most of these items are posted each week. This keeps our out of park friends in the loop! You must be invited to see this page. The Christmas Brunch was a tasty affair! The two sewing groups joined together for this celebration of food and fellowship. The pot luck offering had the best dishes, sweet and savory with a punch for the beverage. Secret Santa left everyone a brown sack with a yard or more of our favorite – fabric!! Not sure what will become of them all, but it was a great gift for this group. Ladies continue to work on their own UFO’s (unfinished objects) PHD’s (projects half done) and various other projects at all stages of completion. The group effort for the veteran’s quilts has completed 5 and there are many more under construction.

We enjoy a coffee break with sweet treats and lots of chatter and exchange of tips and ideas. Quilting is open to anyone of all skill levels, we get together to share our knowledge and help one another. If you are a beginner, seasoned quilter or just considering trying quilting, join us, we have tools, and machines and patient guidance to get you started. This comes with the disclosure that quilting is addictive, can be done in a group or on your own and you will have something to show for your efforts. People like to see items that are made in North America! For more information contact

### Tie Quilting

Wednesdays at 9:00 am in the MPR

Come out and give your time and meet new ladies. The quilts are made and donated to those in need when the colder weather comes or stored for a crisis. If you have fabric, sheets or any sewing notions to donate

Submitted by Yvonne Bamlett

## NEW PARK RESIDENTS

We would like to welcome the following new members to our Trails End Club  
There are currently no new members that have come forward.

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**NOTE: THOSE WITHOUT EMAIL CAN PICK UP THEIR HARD COPY OF THE NEWSLETTER AT THE OFFICE.**

## Club Member Contact Information

Thank you for filling out and forwarding the Resident Information Sheets to me. The Club keeps a data base of members' contact information including names, addresses – Trails End and home (if different), phone numbers and email addresses. We keep this solely for the use of our Club, for sending out newsletters and other information sanctioned by our Board. If you are new to the park or have changes, we should know about, please ask me for the form sheet. Thanks.

Contact – Steve Stacey – 956-629-7003 (cell) or [steveattrailsend@gmail.com](mailto:steveattrailsend@gmail.com)

