

“HIDDEN HIGHLIGHTS”

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WORKING TOGETHER WE CAN MAKE HVR THE BEST PARK IN THE VALLEY !!

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Thanks to everyone for their contributions to HVR during this past season and for their support and confidence in the current Board of Directors. We will continue to do our best to maintain the quality and excellence established over the years to make Hidden Valley Ranch "The Best Park in the Valley!"

To those members traveling to their respective homes, we wish them a safe journey home and a safe return to the Valley in the fall. Have a great summer!

Vern Drescher, President

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HVR GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

March 13, 2010 9:00 a.m.
H.V.R.P.O.A. Clubhouse

PROPOSED AGENDA*

Verification of Quorum
Call to Order
Pledge of Allegiance
Invocation
Introduction of First Time Attendees
Introduction of Board Members
Approval of Minutes of February Meeting
Treasurer's Report
Unfinished Business:
Development of Land North of Clubhouse
New Business:
Announcements
Adjournment
Open Discussion (if requested)

(*Since the Hidden Highlights is published prior to the first of each month, it is not possible to have a complete agenda ready at this time. Please check the bulletin board for an updated agenda.)

*This is a proposed agenda and is subject to change. Proxy forms are available from the business office during regular business office hours or by mail or fax.

PLEASE NOTE: ALL old proxy forms are obsolete; please stop by the office to pick up the new form if you wish to appoint a proxy for one or all meetings.

After completing the proxy form, take it to the business office to have an adequate number of copies made -- one for office records as well as enough copies so that a copy can be given to the Credentials Desk at each meeting. Then deliver the original and copies of the proxy form to the person named thereon. Individual members may hold only four (4) proxies each.

ATTENTION !! **NEW OWNERS AND FIRST-TIME RENTERS !!**

The HVR "Welcome" packets are now available at the association office. Please stop by during business hours to pick up yours. It contains important information about Hidden Valley Ranch plus gifts and other things.

Also, if you have not already done so, please complete the required information forms, including proof of age 55, which is required by the Federal government.

H-I-G-H-L-I-G-H-T-S OF MINUTFS OF **GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING**

February 13, 2010

The meeting was called to order with 320 members present; number required for a quorum was 264.

The treasurer's report as of January 31, 2010, was read by Tom Forbish: Checking account balance \$124,284.00; funds in bank reserve account \$102,692.00; January income \$141,811.00; January expenses \$23,035.00; January net income \$118,847.00.

The Audit Committee report was given by George Grothe. No major findings or discrepancies were found

in the records reviewed. The Committee consisted of George Grothe, Carol Barnes, George Smith and Pat Frederick.

President Drescher announced that the work on the swimming pool would be finished on Monday, February 15, and that the sleeve for the handicapped lift had been installed.

Discussion was held regarding the replacement of the trees along Long Drive; following discussion members were asked to mark their ballots.

An informational presentation was made by Jack Bradshaw in regard to the development of the property north of the Clubhouse; discussion followed.

Ray Fink announced that the HVR website is operational and was designed as an informational center for everyone. The website address is HVRPOA.com and will be improved upon as more information is added.

Information regarding an HVR pictorial directory was presented by Judy Hamilton; a show of hands indicated a lack of interest. Glenda Yost volunteered to take pictures of the members to update the current directory.

John Crawford, Heart Rangers Chairman, presented information regarding the Heart Rangers program. The "File of Life" packet was made available to all members free of charge.

Lucy Cagler announced that the date of the park picnic is March 6 and date for the golf cart race is March 27. Watch the bulletin board for details on both events.

Mary Harbek, Activity Director, announced that MASA (Medical Air Service Association) was sponsoring a free chicken dinner on Tuesday, February 23, at 4:30 p.m.; a sign up sheet will be posted.

TALLY RESULTS

Replacement of trees on Long Drive: Yes 12; No 352.
(Motion failed.)

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H-I-G-H-L-I-G-H-T-S OF MINUTES OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING

January 29, 2010

General information and announcements:

>>John Armitage updated the Board of the swimming pool lift; the total cost will be \$5400.00; one-half of the cost up to \$3,000.00 will be paid by HVR and the balance will be covered by the Ludolphs.

>>Bobbie Bradshaw presented the proposal submitted by the Long Range Planning Committee;
>>Ken Ludwigsen and Jan Coon will obtain information regarding the tree replacement on Long Drive;
>>Attorney Ochoa will be contacted regarding the operation of business in the park in violation of the covenants;
>>Discussion was held in regard to the purchase of a small trailer to haul aluminum cans;
>>Restroom floors will be cleaned by HVR members;
>>Golf cart parking only signs have been posted on the west side of the HVR Clubhouse;
>>The flag pole light needs to be put in an individual's name to cut costs; several members have offered to pay the cost of lighting the flag;
>>Discussion was held in regard to maintenance of the dryers during the summer months.

Motions made, seconded and carried:

>>To contact Hamlin Pools in regard to the installation of the swimming pool lift to obtain a labor estimate;
>>To replace the remainder of the ceiling light ballasts in the main hall at a cost of \$686.00;
>>To rescind the motion previously made concerning the disconnection of the light on the flag;
>>To waive the \$25.00 hall rent fee for the Bicycle's Club chicken dinner;
>>To include sales tax in all sales effective February 1;
>>To approve the appointment of Barbara Moore as HVR in-house accountant; also, Jim Moore has bookkeeping and computer skills and will be a financial assistant;
>>To allow the purchase of cake mixes for the Jam's February 19 Appreciation Night;
>>To authorize the appointment of Ann Neuenschwander to work on the computer software off-site when necessary at a cost of \$35.00 per hour;
>>To allow the golf cart race to be held on the lot on the north side of the HVR Clubhouse.

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HIGHLIGHTS OF MINUTES OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING
February 12, 2010

General announcements and information:

>>Discussion was held regarding authority of Board to overrule Architectural Committee; attorney Ochoa will be contacted regarding same;
>>A proposal regarding the development of the land to the north of the Clubhouse was presented and discussed; it will be presented to the membership at the February meeting;
>>Discussion was held regarding the purchase of coffee urns for the pool hall; adequate coffee pots are available in the kitchen; no action taken.

Motions made, seconded and carried:

- >>To approve Mary Harbek as Activity Director;
- >>To approve the purchase of four small round tables and four large round tables to be kept in the library and the annex;
- >>To approve a worksheet for maintenance and repairs;
- >>To approve the purchase of a new computer and two monitors for the HVR office, not to exceed \$1,000.00.

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REQUEST By Activity Chairman: Please complete the required forms for the Activity Director which are available at the office so that your activity and space has been confirmed for the fall season. Also, if a new chair- person will be handling the activity that information is also needed.

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HVR TELEPHONE NUMBER: 956/580-4477
HVR FAX NUMBER: 956/580-4478
HVR E-MAIL ADDRESS: hvr78572@yahoo.com
HVR WEBSITE: HVRPOA.com

**NEW Hidden Valley Ranch Website:
HVRPOA.com**

Webmaster: Ray Fink
(402/733-8972)

Contains HVR bylaws, covenants, daily activities, special activities, "Hidden Highlights" newsletters, notices, property for sale or rent and just about everything else members and/or prospective owners/renters need or want to know about Hidden Valley Ranch.
Check it out!!

ACTIVITY AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

All future Tuesday morning "Coffee Talks" have been cancelled due to poor attendance.

The annual park picnic will be held March 6. Hot dogs, burgers and all the fixins will be served. Participation is limited to HVR members, visiting family members and renters. No out-of-park guests are allowed.

The annual corned beef and cabbage dinner has been scheduled for March 18 at 4:00 p.m. Tickets are \$6.00 each and may be purchased at the HVR office. Questions? Contact Eileen Smith at 519-6674. Bring your own table service.

Anyone holding an activity in the Clubhouse should contact a member of the Maintenance Committee in advance of the event so that the air conditioning/heat can be adjusted accordingly. Also, anyone desiring use of the audio system should contact a member of the Audio Committee in advance so that arrangements can be made. Names of the committee members are posted at the thermostats and the audio system.

The Creative Sewing group would like to invite HVR members to view our work. As a class we have been creating Stack 'N Whack fabric tops, quilted sweatshirts and other quilting projects in a variety of patterns and colors since December. A presentation of the machine-pieced work done this season will take place the HVR Clubhouse on Wednesday, March 4, at 10:00 a.m. Lasting about one hour, this presentation will not only display the projects but also describe the techniques unique to each. Come join us at this Show 'N Tell. Instructor Nancy Flaherty. Questions, contact Karen Eck.

The Architectural Committee wishes to again remind members who wish to develop or make improvements to their lots that they **MUST COMPLETE ALL** necessary paperwork and submit it to the office before it will be considered by the Committee. The Committee meets at 8:30 a.m. each Tuesday. Members submitting proposals **MUST** be available at the Tuesday morning meeting to answer any and all questions posed by the Committee. Questions should be directed to Mary Ann McElheron at 584-2308.

NOTICE: All proposed summer developments or changes **MUST** be submitted to the Committee for approval prior to **April 1, 2010**.

All proposed activities must be approved by the Activity Director, Mary Harbek, in order to ensure that it does not conflict with previously scheduled activities. Request forms are available at the office.

The annual "HVR Talent Show" has been scheduled for Monday, March 8, at 7:00 p.m. Sign up sheet has been posted in the Clubhouse. Join the fun!

Our Tour and Travel Committee has arranged for a bus to pick up members here, take them to a great local restaurant and then on to Dodge Arena to attend a Vipers basketball game and then bring them home. The date is Friday, March 5, and the cost is \$25.00 per person. A sign up sheet has been posted in the library. Join in with other park members for an evening of fun and fellowship!

A number of HVR residents have already signed up for a four-day, three-night bus trip to Club Macra (an all-inclu-

sive resort on the beach) at Tampico, Mexico. The bus will pick us up here at HVR on March 15 at 6:00 a.m. A special reduced price for this trip only has been arranged. A limited number of seats are still available. If interested, see detailed information and sign up sheet posted in the library. Cut-off date for signing up and making payment is 8:00 p.m. Friday, March 10.

Missouri Days will be held on Tuesday, March 11, at 11:30 a.m. at the 492 BBQ. Directions: Turn south from Three Mile Road to F.M. 492; restaurant will be on the east side of the street. Questions? Call Bettye Boswell (573/429-5756) or Myrna Craft (660/424-4527).

Women Together are still accepting donations such as women's clothing, children's clothing, household items, and personal items. Questions? Contact Peggy Beckham (580-2010) or Sandy Hurst (584-8610). Donated items may be dropped off at 2413 Lost Greens Drive.

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THANKS !!!

...To the members of the Board of Directors for their dedication and hard work throughout the year;

...To everyone who has volunteered as committee chairs, committee members, activity chairs, office personnel, maintenance personnel and in general contributed their time and effort to further the well-being of Hidden Valley Ranch;

...To John Armitage, Don Beller, Jerry Clint, and Laurie and Keith Ludolph for all their research and work on the procurement of the swimming pool lift;

...To Jan Coon and Louie Cagler for the recent cleaning and polishing of the HVR Clubhouse;

...To Charlotte Coon, Lorraine Armitage and Doris Clint for maintaining the library and to those many members who have donated books;

...To members who make arrangements for activities outside the park, i.e., bowling, golf, tours, etc.;

...To Mel and Shirley Keszler for providing donuts for the monthly meetings;

...To the Credential Committee members who have handled the check-in procedure for the meetings, as well as the members of the Tally Committee;

...To Ray Fink for all his work on the HVR website and for his assistance in training website volunteers to use it;

...To Ken Sutter, Ruthie Sutter and Bill White for handling the big job of cleaning both bathrooms, the hallway and part of the pool area. (Ken and Bill used a scrubber and a mop and Ruthie spent three hours on her hands and knees getting into all the corners and around the stools -- definitely above and beyond the call of duty!!)

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

A wine and cheese social has been scheduled for Tuesday, March 16, at 4:00 p.m.

It is also the day to celebrate the accomplishments of St. Urho. Surely most of you have heard of St. Patrick whose accomplishments we celebrate on March 17th; perhaps some of you have heard of St. Joseph whose day of celebration is March 19th; but how many of you know about St. Urho? This is your opportunity to learn!

Besides the usual food that we enjoy for wine and cheese we would also like to have some authentic Finnish foods. If you have a favorite Finnish food and would like to share please do so; or if you want to experiment and find a Finnish recipe, that would be great. If it can be arranged this event will be highlighted with Finnish music and jokes.

Don't miss out on this educational event. Green is the color for St. Patrick's and red is the color for St. Joseph. What is the color for St. Urho? Purple and green!

To volunteer to assist or if you have questions, please contact Vera at 956/581-2867 or veraludwigsen@sbcglobal.net OR Linda at 612/518-1265 or lasalmi@gmail.com.

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CLOSE UP TIPS FOR MOBILE HOMES, PARK MODELS, RVS AND SHEDS

1. Cover all furniture and beds with lightweight plastic sheeting; Mexican blankets or sheets work as well.

2. Cover toilet bowl and tank with plastic wrap after filling with water, then close lids. Turn water off on stool. (DO NOT put cooking oil in your toilet -- it makes a mess!)

3. Fill a large container with water (at least five gallons, if possible) and leave in bathtub and other rooms to provide moisture during the hot summer.

4. Put zip lock bags one-half full of water and place over each drain (sinks, tubs, showers and washer drains, etc.) -- keeps the sewer gases and critters out.

5. Take batteries out of clocks, smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors.

6. Put mothballs and possibly Decon under your house.

7. Remove air furnace registers, wrap with foil and then

replace.

8. Crinkle newspapers and put in refrigerator and freezer along with charcoal; close doors.

9. Turn water off going into mobiles, park models, permanent RVs and sheds. Turn off hot water heater at breaker box if you leave the power on. Water heater may be drained.

10. Make arrangements to have your property and yard cared for (weed control, plant watering, cutting of lawn, etc.) Complete form to advise association office as to who is responsible for your property during the summer. Consider insect/termite control around the perimeter of your buildings.

11. Lock outside electric boxes; put spare key in place where it can be located upon your return or in case of an emergency.

12. Ensure that your telephone and electricity providers have summer addresses for billing purposes.

13. Consider having telephone service put "on vacation" to ensure getting the same telephone number for next season. For vacation, you must first contact your long distance provider, then SBC. This will also expedite telephone service upon your return. A call to SBC's 800 number in advance will allow telephone service to be in place prior to or at the time of your arrival back in the Valley.

14. Secure your property; i.e. security doors and windows and motion detector lights.

15. Turn off all propane; storing propane gas grills in your shed with the bottle partially or completely full may be risky. Consider other options.

16. Forward mail, if appropriate. Place a note in or on your mailbox, then tape your box closed to prevent a temporary carrier from leaving mail. Cancel your newspaper.

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CHRISTMAS ANGEL VOLUNTEERS

On February 12 nineteen Hidden Valley Ranch "Christmas Angel" volunteers attended a 2010 Winter Texas Appreciation Luncheon held at LaJoya High School. Entertainment was provided by LaJoya High School Con- junto and music teacher, Don Chilo Garza. Those attend- ing and receiving certificates of appreciation were: Buck and Sandy Davis, Rose Kirschbaum, Howard Ammerman, Mary and Stan

Kirschbaum, Judy and Bill White, Don and Rita Cepass, Louie Cagler, Karen and Arnold Jochim, Charlotte Coon, Linda Kling, Ceil Shillair, Edith Baltzell, and Roger and Janet Hinds.

Volunteers unable to attend but also received certificates of appreciation were: Lois and Russ Thompson, Libby Steen, Marian and George Grothe, Kay and Don Murray, Lucy Cagler, Bill and Nona Darholt Anderson, Peg Ong, Norma and William Scott, Jessie and Buck Garner, Jan Coon, Ron Kling, Carol and Bob Whitaker, Clarence and Della Wolff and Karen McKeever.

WANTED !! New or used blankets to provide families of Flores Elementary School student next winter. They may be dropped off at 2302 Bunker Drive or call Janet Hinds (Christmas Angel Volunteer) at 424-7531.

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D-E-A-L-S !! D-E-A-L-S !! D-E-A-L-S !!

The following discounts have been arranged for HVR residents. No badge or I.D. will be requested -- just ask for the discount:

ADVANCE AUTO PARTS
404 North F.M. 492 (near HEB)
They have opened a cash account that will give a discount up to 20%.

LA POPULAR HOME CENTER
They have opened a cash account (#9163) that offers a discount.

DOMINO'S PIZZA
584-0404
They will deliver to Hidden Valley Ranch for \$1.50 delivery charge.

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We wish to thank everyone for their prayers, visits and concerns during Mike's extensive physical and medical problems.

We very much appreciate all the assistance and cooperation extended to us during this time and want everyone to know that it has helped us tremendously to cope with the situation. God Bless!!

Mike and Karol Lippert

MEETING NOTICE!!

A meeting for all summer residents has been scheduled for Thursday, March 25, at 3:00 p.m. All summer residents are encouraged to attend to plan for the summer months.

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2-0-1-1 ENTERTAINMENT SCHEDULE

- January 3 Susan Hudson Carman
Variety singer; has been on Hee Haw (\$5.00)
- January 10 John Sager
Variety singer (\$5.00)
- January 17 Cindy Renee & Co.
Instrumentalist; vocalist; banjo, fiddle (\$4.00)
- January 24 Auntie Kreamsaugen (Darlene Rolls)
Storyteller, comedienne (\$4.00)
- January 31 The Link Family
Family band; bluegrass (\$5.00)
- February 7 Dean Cato
Solo act, singer (\$4.00)
- February 14 Jennifer Show (from Branson)
Variety; with comedian Pete Moss (\$5.00)
- February 21 Alaska String Band
Bluegrass, swing, old-time (\$5.00)
- February 28 Kerry Christensen
Yodeler, accordion, alp horn (\$5.00)
- March 7 One More Time (Larry & Melissa Beahm)
Variety (\$5.00)

All shows on Monday at 7:00 p.m. All prices include tax.

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FROM THE EDITOR

This issue of the "Hidden Highlights" will be my last. Chris Sutton has agreed to take on the responsibility of issuing this monthly newsletter and I thank her very much for doing so; I know she'll do a great job! Thanks to everyone for their cooperation and assistance in providing me with information to be included in this publication. The deadline for submitting articles for the November issue of the "Hidden Highlights" is October 25, 2010.

Sandi Kienast, 2009-2010 Editor

HIDDEN VALLEY RANCH 2010 "D-A-I-L-Y" ACTIVITY SCHEDULE

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
8:30a Coffee 9:00a Church 3:30p Karaoke 6:00p Dominoes 6:30p Pegs and Jokers CHECK THE BULLETIN BOARDS FOR ADDI- TIONAL DAILY ACTIVITIES. (*Indicates activity is held in the annex.)	8:00a Exercise/Dance 8:00a Water Aerobics 8:30a Ladies Golf 9:00a Coffee Talk 8:30a Shuffleboard 9:00a Water Aerobics 9:00a Woodcarvers* 9:30a Line Dancing 12:30p Cribbage 1:00p Garbage Poker 1:00p Mixed Pool 6:00p BYOG 6:00p Elevens* 6:30p Mens Pool 7:00p BYOG 7:00p Up/Down the River 7:00p Entertainment	8:00a Exercise/Dance 8:00a Bicycle Club 8:30a Shuffleboard 9:00a Coffee Talk (2nd and 4 th Tuesday) 9:00a Painting* 9:00a Water Aerobics 9:30a Line Dancing 12:30p Crafters Club 12:30p May I? 1:00p Quilting 1:00p Garbage Poker* 1:00p Bridge 1:00p Water Volleyball 1:00p Mixed Pool 4:00p Potluck (1 st Tues.) 4:00p Wine and Cheese Social (3 rd Tuesday) 5:30p Poker* 6:00p Shanghai 6:00p & 7:00p BYOG 6:00p Elevens* 6:30p Sevens* 6:30p Ladies Pool	8:00a Exercise/Dance 9:00a Coffee Talk 8:00a Water Aerobics 8:30a Shuffleboard 9:00a Mens Pool 9:00p Creative Sewing 11:30a Purple Hatters 12:30p Cribbage 12:30p Bunco (2 nd Wed.) 1:00p Mixed Pool 1:30p Crafts (Gourds) 3:30p Choir Practice 6:00p Poker* 6:00p Elevens* 6:30p UpDown the River* 7:00p Bingo (Badges!) <p style="text-align: center;">PLEASE !! WEAR BADGES TO ALL PARK ACTIVITIES!!</p>
THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
8:00a Clogging 9:00a Bowling 9:00a Ladies Pool 9:00a Water Aerobics 9:30a Line Dancing 12:00p Shanghai 12:30p Peter Piper Pizza (3 rd Thursday) 1:00p Water Volleyball 1:00p Pinochle* 5:30p Poker* 6:30p Elevens* 6:30p Euchre	7:30a Breakfast 8:00a Water Aerobics 8:30a Shuffleboard 9:00a Board Meeting (2 nd & 4 th Friday) 10:30a Couple Golf 12:30p Stained Glass 1:00p Garbage Poker* 1:00p Bridge 1:00p Mixed Pool 6:00p Jam 6:00p Elevens* 6:30p Mens Pool 6:30p Shanghai*	8:00a Craft Show/Lunch (3 rd Saturday) 9:00a Park Membership Meeting (2 nd Saturday) 10:00a Computer Club* 6:30p Dominoes (couples) 7:00p Dance	MONDAY: Trash Pick Up Propane Delivery WEDNESDAY: Propane Delivery FRIDAY: Propane Delivery OFFICE HOURS: Monday through Friday 9:00-11:00 a.m. 1:00-3:00 p.m.

HIDDEN VALLEY RANCH "SPECIAL" ACTIVITIES MARCH 2010

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 7:00p Entertainment "Sherwin Linton" (Country/Rock and Roll)	2 8:00a Breakfast Egg Casserole 4:00p Potluck	3 7:00p Bingo	4	5 7:30a Breakfast (Biscuits & Gravy) 9:00a Board Mtg. 6:00p Jam	6 2:00p Park Picnic (Members and Guests Only) Watch bulletin board for details.)
7 3:00p Karaoke	8 7:00p Variety Show	9 4:30p Spaghetti Pie Dinner (Tickets in Office)	10 7:00p Bingo	11	12 7:30a Breakfast (Blueberry French Toast) 9:00a Board Mtg. 6:00p Jam	13 9:00a Park Membership Meeting 7:30p Dance "Jealous Heart" (\$6.00/person)
14 3:00p Karaoke	15	16 4:00p Wine and Cheese Social & St. Urho Celebration	17 11:30a Purple Hat Luncheon 7:00p Bingo St. Patrick's Day	18 12:30p Peter Piper Pizza 4:00p Corned Beef and Cabbage (Tickets in Office)	19 7:30a Breakfast (Eggs & Sausage) 9:00a Board Mtg. 6:00p Jam	20 8:00a Craft Show and Lunch
21 3:00p Karaoke Palm Sunday	22	23	24 7:00p Bingo	25 3:00p Summer Residents Mtg. 4:00p Heart Rangers Meeting	26 7:30a Breakfast (Egg Burritos) 9:00a Board Mtg. 6:00p Jam Good Friday	27 1:00p Annual Golf Cart Race (Watch bulletin board for details.)
28 3:00p Karaoke Easter Sunday	29	30	31 7:00p Bingo	NOTICE !! PARK PICNIC MARCH 6		