



CHATTER BOX

January 2023

Words from the Pres...

Welcome Back!

Many of our winter friends have arrived in the park, and more are on the way. On behalf of your Activity Club – welcome one and all! Our activities and social outings are in “full swing”. So I encourage y’all to try something new and make new friendships along the way. Please let us know your ideas, so the board of directors can make this a fun and welcoming Eastgate season.

Don't forget the monthly club meeting Friday, Jan 13, 9:00 am in the South Hall.

Ron Raup, Activity Club President

Message from the Office

Happy New Year Eastgate!
Welcome to 2023. We hope things are going well.
Reminder. When you see things that need to be addressed in the park, please stop by the office and fill out a maintenance request. At times my memory bank fills up and I cannot remember all the "Oh by the way's" I get throughout the day. The paper trail makes sure those maintenance items are completed. Thanks for your help keeping Eastgate a great and safe community.

Ron Fischer, Park Manager
Eastgate Mobile Home & RV Park
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I've come to the conclusion that I have a memory like an Etch-A-Sketch... I shake my head and forget everything!

Looking forward to our Entertainment and Dance Schedule.

Friday Entertainment

Jan 6 ---- *The Castaways*..... Come dressed in Beach or Hawaiian clothes

Jan 13 -- *3 Fools on 3 Stools*.... High energy, perfect blend of great music, savvy wit and animated entertainment. They will keep you laughing.

Jan 20 -- *Naomi Bristow*.....Young Yodeling Country Music Artist and Cowgirl from Ontario, Canada

Jan 27 -- *Winnie Brave*.....Energetic Classic Country & Americana Music Duo from Alberta, Canada

Saturday Dance

Jan 7 ----- Roland the DJ

Jan 14 --- Roland the DJ

Jan 21 --- Brenda Coin

Jan 28 --- Larry and Mona Beers

Also Jan 4 is the **Osprey Port of Brownsville trip**. We will see the USS Kitty Hawk being scrapped out at the salvage yard. Also see the Shrimp Boat Port, your opportunity buy wild caught shrimp.

The following week is the VIP (Behind the scenes) **Gladys Porter Zoo trip**. Did you ever wonder what the kitchen looks like where the animal meals are prepared? How about standing with the bats in their enclosure? Watch the bulletin board posters and Facebook for information.

Sign up in the Lobby for our weekly drawings of 3 items. I have some really awesome items to give away!

Margaret Bergen, Activity Director
Jacki Christman, Assistant

TWO WAYS TO CONNECT AT EASTGATE

It is good to get to know your Eastgate neighbors and stay informed about upcoming events. We have two on-line options and encourage you to use them.

1. There is a group Facebook page for residents only. You can find it at [Eastgate Rv and Mobile Park](#). We encourage you to submit a friend request.
2. There is an on-line Directory. You can locate it at [EastgateRVpark.net](#). There is park information on that site, but in addition a place to LOGIN.

Steps to login:

Create your Account Now

Authorization Code: **5d9326d6d5e**

First Name, Last Name, Email address, phone #, username, password, confirm password, verify email and submit.

The administrators of these two sites are:

Marge Hamburg, Lot 27, phone (815)494-5159, marge.hamburg3@gmail.com

Trudy Thompson, Lot 76, phone (712)253-0979, trudypfeiffer1@gmail.com

You could help make the directory more complete by texting or emailing Marge or Trudy a photo, your birthday month & day, anniversary month, day & year, pet name, veteran status & branch of service. If you need assistance, feel free to contact either Marge or Trudy.

?DID YOU KNOW?

There is someone in the park who has been building floats for parades since he was in high school. Congratulate Roger Martin for a job well done in our Christmas Golf Cart parade. He raised the bar for all of us! Great job, Roger!

REVERSE ADVENT CALENDAR UPDATE

To say our Christmas project was a success is an understatement! As a community we accomplished what has never been done before and perhaps have set a precedence for others to follow. Initially we hoped to collect enough food for 20 bags and that would have been considered a success! Then the donations kept rolling in until we reached a grand total of 55 bags! The Supervisor of Child Protective Services, Joanna Garcia, had never seen this outpouring of community spirit and love that we gave them in each of the 44 bags they received. The additional 11 bags were distributed individually to previously homeless families along with quilts made by Steve Fawley.

A brief rundown of collections and expenses is as follows:

Collections:

Visa Gift card	\$50.00
Check	\$100.00
Check	\$100.00
HEB Gift card	\$30.00
Cash	\$395.00
Misc.	\$13.17

Total	<u>\$688.17</u>
Expenses	<u>\$688.17</u>

Receipts will be given with a statement to the Activity club. It was a privilege to Chair this Christmas Project with such a warm spirited group. You have all participated in the true meaning of Christmas! Thank you.

Paula Granger
Nancy Banks

**Chocolate vital for survival!
Dinosaurs didn't have chocolate
and look what happened to them!!
Just saying!**

Articles for the Chatterbox should be submitted before the 20th of the month by email to Liz K. Thanks.

ANNUAL EASTGATE MEMORIAL SERVICE

The Annual Eastgate Community Memorial Service is scheduled for Sunday, January 8, 2023 at 2:00pm in the South Hall. This service is to honor the Eastgate folk-current and past residents- who passed away in 2022. These are our friends, family members and neighbors and you are invited to spend this time in remembering these special people.

Below are the names of those to be honored, listed in the order of their passing.

Jerry Cary	Harold Johnson
Charles Martin	David Winchester
George Banks	Mal Lane
Jo Jo Lewis	Michael Lechenet
Tim Reynolds	Dennis Stovin
Marty Glinski	Tom Davis
Wayne Swanson	Roger Pierson
Cathy Sharp	Mike Hegland
Tim Wohlgemuth	

We plan to stream this service on Facebook, under the FB page for David Squire.

Since many of these people passed away due either cancer or heart related issues, a free will offering will be received at this service. We have been doing this for the past nine seasons, and over that time we have raised approximately \$2600 and divided this amount between cancer and heart disease research. Whatever is received in this offering will be equally distributed between the Am. Cancer Society and the Am. Heart Association in recognition of our deceased friends.

Please call Chaplain David at 329-766-9997 with any questions, corrections or additions to the above list.

LIBRARY NEWS FROM DEB

Are you an Explorer? Well then come explore the North Hall, specifically the Library. It's not large but does have some good and interesting books. With all the electronic devices, you may have forgotten how to even open and hold a book. I will try and display some books that are good to read and if you have one to suggest, leave a note for me. Any suggestions or comments are also appreciated. My name is Debbie Vogel and I live at trailer 81.

DOG LOVERS

Just a reminder of good neighborly behavior.

* Dogs should be on a leash whenever they're outside.

*Please pick up your dog's pooh.

*Dogs need to stay outside, not inside our two halls.

We love well behaved dogs at Eastgate!!

