

Bit-O-Heaven Herald



A Bit-O-Heaven SPE, LLC Newsletter

August 2020

Hi Everyone !

We hope you are all staying safe and well and enjoying your summer, wherever you are, the best you can under these crazy COVID circumstances. As always, we have been hard at work on some exciting updates to the community that we hope you all will enjoy !!

We have upgraded our laundry rooms, both with new flooring and each with a new "super capacity" washer for those of you who have larger items (quilts, etc) to wash.

We have added a Self Service "Bit-O-Heaven Laundr-O-Mutt" by the south laundry area for your furbabies to have a nice spa day after a hard day at the Dog Park !

We have a New Wood Shop at Campbell Park ! Stay tuned for more information and hours of operation.

We have made some changes to our community office in order to comply with 6' social distancing requirements due to Covid-19. ALL packages will be picked up at the rear door of the office by the North laundry. There is a sign that says "package pickup". Please ring the doorbell if no one is there to greet you and have your pickup slip ready please.

You will now be greeted by a receptionist at the front door of the office. She will either direct you to an available office person to help you or if there is a wait, she will give you a light up coaster (like you get in most restaurants), so you can come in when someone is ready for you. Masks MUST be worn when entering ANY of our BOH buildings including the office—no exceptions.

We are now asking that if you are coming to check in after hours and need our assistance to enter the community or park, Please Call **956-472-6418** and our on duty host will most certainly assist you. Then, once you are settled in, we ask that you visit the community office on the next business day to officially check in with us. This number will be posted at both entrances and should **only be used for initial entry to the community**. A list of hosts, activity director, emergency numbers and office member's phone numbers will be provided to you upon official check in with office.

We are currently working on a complete makeover of our www.bit-o-heaven.net website. When it is up and running, we will be sending out a flyer with all the website upgrades we are putting in place. It will have a Pay Online Option to pay your rent online. It will have a COVID update tab to help keep everyone up to date on any changes in Covid-19 protocol at our community. It will have an Activities calendar that you can subscribe to, that will email you any updates and changes to our calendar, and a new BOH store where you can shop for BOH t-shirts, hats, etc. We will be sure to make a formal announcement when the new website is live and up and running so you can check it out !!



We will be following the safety protocols required by the CDC and the State of Texas posted at www.dshs.state.tx.us/coronavirus/. Everything you read in this newsletter is subject to be cancelled or changed due to the guidance we receive from the CDC, Hidalgo county and the state of Texas. We, will however, promise we will do our best to be as creative as we can be to still have as many events as we can this season, while still being safe !! Our highest priority is the health and safety of our guests !!

- Face Masks and 6' Social Distancing are required upon entry to ANY of our BOH Buildings.
- Wash your hands regularly with soap and water for at least 20 seconds at a time.
- Avoid touching your face.
- If you're sick with any ailment, stay home. Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw it away. If you don't have a tissue, use your elbow.
- Clean surfaces you touch regularly.

We will now have 2 cleaning persons on site during the winter season to stay on top of the cleaning in our buildings. We have purchased disinfecting sprayers to clean the tables and chairs in the north and south hall regularly. We also will have automatic hand sanitizers at each hall main entrance for guest use.

We ask that you and all those in your household, please follow the following BOH guidelines for a 2 week self quarantine upon arrival....

- 1) Please keep out of ALL BOH Buildings and keep a 6' social distance outside of your home from all residents.
- 2) If you so choose to take a COVID test after arrival and present the negative results, then you may forego the 2 week self quarantine.
- 3) If you require special circumstances because you don't have access to a shower, please let management know.
- 4) Please bring 2 weeks worth of clothing so you don't have to use the laundry. Or make arrangements to have someone outside of your household pick it up and clean it for you and bring back.
- 5) Prepare ahead of time to have internet and tv ready and working to get you through.

We remind guests planning to visit us this season that we are asking you to PLEDGE your support and adherence to the safety protocols required by Hidalgo County, Texas State and the CDC. **Management will not be policing everyone outside of our buildings, and we ask that you please respect each others boundaries and beliefs.** Anyone who chooses not to follow these guidelines is asked to postpone their visit until a time when these guidelines are lifted.

Stay safe and healthy until we can be together again.

Sincerely, The Bit-O-Heaven Management Team

Note from Michigan: We would like to thank all of the 2019-20 season residents who filled out our end of the season survey. We VERY MUCH appreciate all the positive comments as well as your thoughtful suggestions and constructive criticism. We definitely take these to heart and use them to keep tweaking and updating our community to make it a place you all can be proud to call your home (or winter home) !

NEWS FROM OUR ACTIVITY DIRECTOR SUSAN THOMAS...



I know a lot of you are wondering if you will be able to return to BOH this coming season. The COVID19 virus has changed all of our routines. Our Canadian residents may not be able to leave their country for a while as the borders are currently closed. None of us know what the future holds for any of us.

You will have to decide what is best for each of you. Do you have underlying medical conditions that may prevent you from traveling to the Valley because you are more susceptible to contracting the Virus? Are you leery of coming to the Valley where many people will be coming from all over the country? Are you from a "snow" state and will you have to spend your winter indoors, except when venturing out in bad weather to go to the store or to do your other business?

Your option is to come to the Valley and enjoy our weather, sit on your porch enjoying your morning coffee or tea, read a book, watch the parades, greet your neighbors from afar and take part in any activity where you feel comfortable. We may still have to wear masks on occasion, social distance and regulate the number of people at our functions. We will have regularly scheduled cleaning of gathering areas to help keep us safe. We just don't know this early what we can do. Cold/snow or sun/warmth?

A special **WELCOME** to all our new resident/family members! We look forward to getting to know you. Just when I thought I had all the names and faces put together from our "regulars", I now have lots of new residents to meet and remember!! Bear with me! Wearing your name badges to our activities will help all of us remember who we are talking to!!

We have two months before our calendar goes into effect starting the end of October for our Halloween events, then more starting in November. We will have our full seasonal calendar as usual. All the activities that keep you busy, occupied and interacting with your neighbors and friends! Our Happy Hours, Entertainment and Dances are all booked. Special Events are ready to start. Some events may have to be cancelled or different from what they normally are. We can only wait to see what our County in Texas will allow. We will strive to have as many activities as possible; maybe some will be only for in park residents.

Some event highlights; more events and details of each event will be posted via facebook and our BOH website as the time approaches:

Remember to bring your coats, winter scarves/gloves, and blankets for **Tim's Coats**. Maryiln Cherry is in charge and would like to beat last year's donation record, 1147 items, I think!

We will schedule our **Craft Fairs** for the second Friday of each month, 8 to 12 noon. Maybe we can only be open to park residents, I don't know yet. You can bring your crafts to sell; \$6 per table.

Patio Sales will also be scheduled as usual; 1-4 pm on second Friday for residents only, 8-12 noon on second Saturday, usually open to public. Sell your treasures!

Halloween pot luck and dance, FREE, best three costumes in each event wins a prize.

Veteran's Recognition catered/pot luck lunch and entertainment. Meat will be provided; you just bring a dish to share and your appetites. All plates, utensils, etc., will be provided. Curt James will be doing a patriotic musical presentation, FREE. Everyone welcome to attend as we honor our Vets for their service to our country. There will be a sign up sheet.

We will not be having a **Christmas Variety Show** this season. Instead, we will have the usual Christmas decorated golf cart, bicycle, motorcycle, scooter parade in the afternoon and then have a resident **Christmas Caroling** program afterwards at the North Hall. Bring finger foods to share and of course your Christmas cookies! Punch and hot chocolate provided.

Our big event this season will be the **50th Anniversary Celebration**, Sunday, Jan 17, 2021, 1-3 pm, for those who have been married 50 years or more, **TO THE SAME PERSON!** The time period will include to the end of 2021. We celebrate this event every five years. Bring your wedding picture so we can guess who the couples are. This FREE event is open to EVERYONE, whether or not you are celebrating a 50th anniversary. We will have a renewing of vows by the pastor, a wedding cake and all the fixins' to help celebrate! Bring something dressy to wear. Pictures will be taken if you wish, FREE of charge.

Our **Senior Olympics Games** will be scheduled, Feb 13th to 27th. Details will be provided as time draws near.

Even though some of our activities may be curtailed, we will still need our **VOLUNTEERS** to help make our events run smoothly. There will be sign-up sheets on the bulletin board at the North Hall. Check them out and see if you would like to help us out. No need to commit to a full season; there are plenty of opportunities to help for a one-time event; serving, decorating, setting up chairs, and we always need cleaner uppers, etc.

We have many more Special Events planned and these will be detailed in my monthly newsletter, which comes out the Monday after the first Friday Community Park Meeting. Copies of the newsletter will be put in all mail boxes and available in the wall racks in the North Hall and in the South Hall. If you have any places you would like to go as group trip or activities you would like to see happen, please let me know!

Jeff and I always go to the Activity Director's Showcases so we can see and hear the new performers to the Valley and try to get them booked at our resort. Some are only here for a month or maybe two. We will have five new entertainment acts that have not performed at our resort in my time. So come on out and see what's happening on Wednesday nights; new start time of 7 pm. We will have two Christmas Shows in mid December; then regular schedule starts in January. We will also have one new Friday night dance band. We are always open to new bands; but I need a business card or contact name and number to call! No shows or dances in November are scheduled. I only have Happy Hours for dances in November.

Thanks to everyone for your past assistance and continued support of our BOH activities, entertainment and dances. Remember our resort would not function so smoothly if we did not have dedicated residents who volunteer to chair events, sell tickets, etc. and help at our weekly activities. Suggestions are always welcome, as are complaints!! I can take it! Can't do a better job if I don't know what is wrong.

Susan Thomas, Activity Director
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fulltimers@earthlink.net

Lot 208 (front of park to left as you enter front gate; 3rd unit down)



Calendar of Events

ALL ACTIVITIES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE/CANCELLATION DUE TO VALLEY REGULATIONS !

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>DAY</u>	<u>SPECIAL EVENTS</u>
Weekly	4:30pm	Thursday	Soup Supper (starting December 3rd)
Monthly	10 am	1st Friday	Community Park Meeting (starting November 6th)
Monthly	8-12 Noon	2nd Friday	Craft Fair (starting November 13th)
Monthly	1-4pm	2nd Friday	Park Only Patio Sales (starting November 13th)
Monthly	8-12 Noon	2nd Saturday	Public Patio Sales (starting November 14th)
Monthly	1pm	3rd Tuesday	Birthday Celebrations/Cake & Ice Cream
10-31-20	4-6pm	Saturday	Halloween Pot Luck
11-11-20	Noon	Wednesday	Veterans Recognition Luncheon/Pot Luck
11-26-20	1pm	Thursday	Thanksgiving Potluck
12-23-20	2pm	Wednesday	Golf Cart/Bicycle/Motorcycle Parade
12-23-20	4pm	Wednesday	Christmas Caroling (North Hall) followed by finger foods/ refreshments afterwards.
12-25-20	1pm	Friday	Christmas Pot Luck
1-17-21	1-3pm	Sunday	50th Anniversary Celebration
2-07-21	2pm- ?	Sunday	Superbowl Party
2-13 to 2-27			Senior Olympic Games
3-07-21	1-3pm	Sunday	Show-N-Tell
3-14-21	11am	Sunday	Memorial Service
3-15-21	1pm	Monday	Volunteer Appreciation Lunch
3-17-21	12-3pm	Wednesday	Luau End of Season Pool Party
4-04-21	1pm	Sunday	Easter Pot Luck



Happy Hour 3:30-5pm
Starting Tuesday, November 3rd
(Pass The Bucket Donations)

- 1st Tuesday Diego and Edith
- 2nd Tuesday Curt James
- 3rd Tuesday Regan James/Hired Hand
- 4th Tuesday The Hitman (starts in Jan)



Country Jam Every Saturday FREE
11-1pm (Starts November 7th)

Gospel Jam Every 4th Sunday
12-2pm FREE (Starts November 22nd)

LIVE



DATE	TIME	COST	DANCES & SHOWS	ENTERTAINER
10-31-20	7-9pm	FREE	Halloween Costume Dance	DJ
11-11-20	1-3pm	FREE	Veterans Recognition	Curt James—Patriotic Show
12-02-20			NO SHOW	
12-04-20	7-9pm	\$8	Friday Dance	Diego and Edith—Variety
12-09-20	7-8:30pm	\$9	Wednesday Entertainment	Citizens of Glory—Family Music/Players
12-11-20	7-10pm	\$7	Friday Dance	Country Pickin' - Country
12-16-20	7-9pm	\$9	Wednesday Entertainment	Rusty Rierson—Country Singer
12-18-20	7-10pm	\$6	Friday Dance	Dixon Company Band—Country
12-23-20			NO SHOW	
12-25-20			NO DANCE	Christmas Day
12-30-20			NO SHOW	
12-31-20	8-12 Midnight	\$15	Thursday—New Years Eve Dance	The Rovers—Variety
1-01-21			NO DANCE	
1-06-21	7-8:30pm	\$8	Wednesday Entertainment	Erick Kearns—Singer
1-08-21	7-10pm	\$8	Friday Dance	Pelican West—Rock n Roll
1-13-21	7-8:30pm	\$8	Wednesday Entertainment	The Baker Family—Bluegrass/Country/Gospel
1-15-21	7-10pm	\$6	Friday Dance	Dixon Company Band—Country
1-20-21	7-9pm	\$8	Wednesday Entertainment	'Festus Lives On' Comedy w/ Mark Staggs
1-22-21	7-10pm	\$10	Friday Dance	The Agency—Rock n Roll
1-27-21	7-9pm	\$7	Wednesday Entertainment	Dave Perryman Band—Country
1-29-21	7-10pm	\$8	Friday Dance	The Rovers—Variety
2-03-21	7-9pm	\$10	Wednesday Entertainment	Lindley Creek Family Band
2-05-21	7-10pm	\$8	Friday Dance	Burnin' Ember—Country
2-10-21	7-9pm	\$10	Wednesday Entertainment	Shake, Rattle & Roll—50's Show
2-12-21	7-10pm	\$8	Friday Dance— Valentines	Gatos Locos—Variety
2-16-21	7-10pm	\$10	Tuesday—Mardi Gras Ball	Pelican West—Rock n Roll
2-17-21	7-9pm	\$8	Wednesday Entertainment	Maggie Mae Show—Variety/Yodeling Music
2-19-21	7-10pm	\$6	Friday Dance	Dixon Company Band—Country
2-24-21	7-9pm	\$8	Wednesday Entertainment	Mountain Highway—Family Bluegrass
2-26-21	7-10pm	\$10	Friday Dance	The Agency—Rock N Roll
3-03-21	7-9pm	\$10	Wednesday Entertainment	Pickpocket Man Gene Turner—Comedy/Info
3-05-21	7-10pm	\$8	Friday Dance	The Bottomline Band—Country
3-10-21	7-9pm		Wednesday Entertainment	To Be Determined
3-12-21	7-10pm	\$8	Friday Dance	Sweetwater Band—Country
3-19-21	7-10pm	\$6	Friday Dance	Dixon Company Band—Country

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Bit-O-Heaven Presents 2nd Annual Winter Texan R/C Racing Series

Starting in November Bit-O-Heaven will present Winter Texan Racing Series at Dirt Devils RC Raceway!!!



Racing Dates:

- Friday Nov. 20th @ 11:00am Winter Texan Shootout
- Friday Dec. 18th @ 11:00am Winter Texan Holiday Bash
- Friday Jan. 15th @ 11:00am Winter Texan Showdown
- Friday Feb 19th @ 11:00am COBA Systems RC Series Championship

FREE lunch for racers, \$4.00 a plate for all others and plenty more. Come join the fun at Dirt Devils RC Raceway. It is BYOC (bring your own chair.) All R/C clubs are welcome. Wear your club shirt if you have one. To get to the track you enter off Whalen Rd. at the 500 gate which will be marked with balloons.

The Shootout, Showdown & Bash will Pay...

Three Classes in 4WD

1. Expert (anybody)
2. Battle of the Winter Texans
(must live in 55+ winter Texan destination)
3. Battle of the Ladies (females only)

Two Classes in 2WD

1. Short Course Trucks (anybody)
2. Stadium Trucks (anybody)

The COBA Systems Championship Race will pay out \$800 in cash and prizes based on the total points in the series at each race.

Note: Winter Texan Class will get paid and trophies as a group in the Championship Race.

Who's the fastest Winter Texan RC Club?

Sponsored by COBA Internet Systems
New Sun Racing and RGV Raceway

Entry Fee \$10/first car entry and \$5/each car entry after.

Rules for these events

- The races will be on the Big Oval
- No 3cell-6cell Lipo Batteries
- 4wd is an open class for 1/10 scale cars and trucks or smaller
- 2wd is for 1/10 scale cars and trucks or smaller
- Stadium Trucks and traxxas bandit style buggies are OK for either class
- All Participants will race 3 times at least. 2 heat races & 1 main race. If you win your main race, you can advance to the next main. A main is the final race.
- 1 LAP Transponders will be used for this race. If you don't have one, you can purchase at New Sun Racing or at the track. Price is \$40. If you borrow one at the track a \$20 deposit or driver license will be held until you return transponder.

See you there!



**For Questions or More Information,
please call the office at 956-464-5191**



Do you know someone who would Love Living In or Renting a site at our Bit-O-Heaven Community ? If you do...then this promo is for you !!!

For any friend who moves their existing manufactured home or park model to Bit-O-Heaven Community (and signs a 2 year lease)...you'll receive **\$1,000 Referral Check** and we will move your friends home from anywhere in the valley for FREE !!*

For any NEW Friend that you recommend to Rent a Site at Bit-O-Heaven Community, you can receive the following...

For a 1 month plus RV rental...\$100 Referral Check*

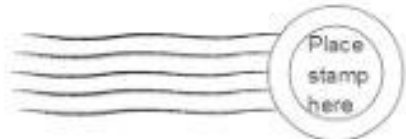
For someone purchasing an on-site park model or mobile home...\$250 Referral Check*

To be eligible, just make sure the person you are referring writes your name and address down on the application when securing the site with management. No Exceptions. Offer Expires April 1, 2021

So get out there and tell everyone how much you love it at Bit-O-Heaven and invite them to join us in the fun and get rewarded for doing so !!!

*Certain Restrictions Apply. Previous Residents do not qualify. BOH Rental homes do not qualify. Resident receiving referral must be an existing leaseholder and in good standing with Bit-O-Heaven Community. Salesperson/s receiving commission on sale do not qualify. Resident selling own home are ineligible. Management reserves the right to deny referral for any reason at any time. All Referrals requests expire 4-1-21 and are only for reservations booked October 1, 2020 to April 1, 2021 and check will only be received AFTER referred party checks in for stay.

From:
Bit-O-Heaven RV Park
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TO: