

Bit-O-Heaven Herald



A Bit-O-Heaven SPE, LLC Newsletter

August 2021

NOTE FROM BARB FROM MICHIGAN...

Hi Everyone !

I wanted to take this time to introduce myself and address some items. My name is Barb Margosian and I work for the owners of BOH. Over the years, you've probably seen me around BOH with my mom Linda Hays, who also works for the owners. First and foremost, we want to apologize if any of you have sent either of us a friend request on Facebook and it hasn't been answered. We hope you understand that those are our personal Facebook pages and while you may see a couple residents of BOH on our friends list, they are the people we have become personal friends with. We do not accept friend requests on our personal pages from people we don't personally know. Thank you for understanding.

I do want to let you know that I monitor the office@bit-o-heaven.net email and will see any emails you send to that address, otherwise, if you need, you are welcome to write a letter and give it to both our manager Scott, or Susan our activities director and either of them have been instructed to forward it to me unopened. I must warn that any issues you have, will be discussed with management to hear their side of things in order to achieve a fair resolution. Please remember, that we are only human and in a park the size of BOH (around 800 sites), there will be an occasion where we forget or don't get to something as fast as we would like. In those cases, please do not write to me until you have had a follow up call with the office to allow them to correct their error.

Please note that it is extremely difficult for us when people stop our team out in the community to discuss a concern, as we are more than likely out with a goal in mind already and the interruption can cause us to possibly not remember your concern by the time we get back to the office. I am asking that you please, please please contact the office direct to discuss a concern. It's much easier for us to keep lists and work off of them as opposed to trying to rely on memory (which I'm sure you all understand as well)

One of the big reasons I am writing is to help you to understand exactly what I do. Mom and I have both worked for this company for many, many years. I started when I was 13 years old doing odd jobs and eventually becoming a manager for one of their Michigan communities. Mom has worked for them for over 40 years as a manager for one of their Michigan communities and is now our Regional Manager. My current position is a Director of Operations for all 4 of our current properties (3 in Michigan and BOH). What that means is, Scott and I are directly in the middle of trying to make you all happy as well as trying to make a profit and keep our Owners happy. This is not as easy as one would think and sometimes there are tough decisions, we must make to keep the balance. I can assure you that Scott and I speak almost daily and usually when someone comes to me about what Scott has told them, I have already discussed it with Scott and we came to a decision together. We never make decision lightly; we always try to look at all sides. I would ask that you please respect a decision once it is made and not continually keep asking (unless the facts in the matter have somehow changed to warrant a look back). We have many people with many varying opinions (some louder than others) and we can't make everyone happy all the time.

I make every effort to monitor our Facebook business page and our Friends of BOH Facebook page regularly. I VERY much appreciate all the kind reviews and kind words you have for our park. I particularly love when someone on Welcome Home RGV asks about what parks they should go to, and our residents point us out to them. It feels good to know that we have a park that you all would go out of your way to recommend. Thank you! Please note that our Facebook pages are public pages (anyone can join) and are meant to promote all the fun we are having in the park. If you have a complaint, please call the office direct as opposed to posting on our page, so it can be dealt with directly. Also, please follow the rules of the page by posting no political posts as they will be removed. Thanks again for all the fun things you all post...it's fun to see what fun everyone is having all year round!

I also read every word on the End of Season Surveys. I have learned a lot and have made many changes/adjustments/additions based on your thoughts and ideas for our park. I would appreciate that you only fill out things you KNOW and not heard have happened. Rumors are not always fact, and I had a few people comment that they "heard" on the surveys and would appreciate only hearing your experiences please. Thank you for filling those surveys out for me...it helps me tremendously! It lets me know where our strong and our weak spots are, so we can make a better effort to correct. I am happy to report that we had 108 surveys returned this season (sent to only people who visited us in 2020) and 70% LOVE the park, 30% LIKE the park! We will keep working hard to get that LOVE percentage moving on up, but are very happy that we made it through such a trying COVID season, with happy residents! Thank you for putting up with all the twists and turns last season brought and we are praying we can be back to "normal" this upcoming season.

Now to answer some of the recurring themes that I keep hearing about...

1. Nepotism: As I said before, my mother and I have worked together since I can remember for this company. We currently have 3 properties in Michigan, 2 of which are co-managed by a husband and wife team, as well as the fact that our entire company is owned by a VERY large family. We hire people based on their merits as an individual and sometimes it just works out that they are related, which is fine by us. Over the years, we have found that our families that work together are loyal, caring and work hard to care for our properties. We have VERY little turnover and have worked with the same people for many years and thus they have become like family to me!
2. We are not a corporation; it is a large group of family members that have MANY other investment interests. There is no "owner" to talk to. Your point of contact is your manager, Scott. He is hired to deal with the day-to-day operations of the park. I will most certainly get involved if you have exhausted all options with communicating with Scott (which rarely happens).
3. If you are unhappy with something we are doing, you can call the office to report it. Please do not hesitate because you think they are family and won't handle it well...I promise from experience, they will! Also, please do not try to leave traps to catch us not doing our job. Things happen, we are not perfect, things get overlooked and we don't mind being told if something is not right so we can correct it before it becomes a bigger problem!
4. Gates WILL be open during office hours (summer and winter seasons). We will do our best to try to find volunteers to man the gates during these times, but if we can't find anyone, they will remain open during office hours. We have many deliveries, prospective residents, short term check ins, events open to the public, etc. going on which require access to community. We will not be hiring a security company to handle gates. We are a functioning business and a transient busy community. If you are concerned about your property, consider purchasing motion lighting and/or a Ring Camera (or other low-cost options) to always have a visual on your property. I can literally be in Texas with you all and see when there is someone at my door in Michigan. Ring only costs me \$30 a year to monitor (after purchasing the cameras). I feel so much better having it and you could too.

5. Gate codes will be changed twice a year. Once on April 30th and once on October 1st. Please be sure that you have an email address on file with the office, so you can be notified of the new code as we cannot post it on Facebook and if you call, you will be asked to verify your name and address before we can give it out.
6. We have no plans to put in an exercise room at BOH. There is a Planet Fitness in Welasco (about 4 miles away) that offers a Silver Sneakers Program to anyone over 65 for FREE. We do not have room at BOH, nor do we want to take on the maintenance and responsibility that comes with an exercise room.
7. We will not be enlarging the North Hall. We unfortunately have no room to expand without taking out valuable parking (which we are low on as well). We sadly have restrictions on our space and currently do not have permission from the owners to give up resident sites for extra parking. We are truly sorry for the inconvenience.
8. We don't allow residents to, nor do we EVER cut down a palm tree in our park unless absolutely necessary! We love our tropical trees lining our streets!
9. I keep hearing that we should store parts for the pools onsite to make maintenance easier. This would be impossible as it seems every time there is a problem, it's a different one and these repairs are expensive. We do our best to get things repaired in a timely manner. I promise we don't want them down any more than you do! As far as a salt water pool...that is not on the agenda at this time. We have done our research and there are many pros, as well as cons and at this time, we are not considering this change.
10. We are putting up a picnic gazebo outside the outdoor pool (over the tables), so outdoor activities in the sun will be much more tolerable.
11. We have chosen street names!! They are all "happy" themed! We are getting them made as I write this and will hopefully have them up before the season starts along with new maps. PLEASE REMEMBER that these street names are for in park directional purposes ONLY!! Your mail will get lost if someone uses the street names for mailing. Please continue to send mail using "1051 W. Business Hwy 83, Donna, TX 78537" with your name and site number on it so we are sure it gets to the correct box.
12. We are hoping to try to put some putt-putt greens together this season or next. If anyone has any experience on the best way to do this, please contact Scott at the office.
13. Also, a HUGE thank you to our woodshop team that did such a wonderful job organizing, setting up & working at our woodshop. At your request, we are going to get that place insulated before you come back!
14. We will not ever be changing the site numbers in the park to "make sense". It would be a logistical nightmare and while we appreciate the strangeness of how they are numbered, we inherited it that way and will never change that.
15. We've gotten a few requests to have beginner levels of RC racing at the track. We tried it when we opened and didn't get a lot of participation. We are going to try it again this season, so if you are interested, please contact the office and let them know so we can set aside time and helpers for you all!
16. If you would like to put an event together, please talk to Susan. She has a VERY busy schedule planned but is always willing to consider other things if someone is willing to head it up. Ps. I love the genealogy idea!
17. We have a comment box outside the office in the North Hall and appreciate comments and concerns. Please put your name and site number on them, so if we have questions or need more information, we can ask.

So, that's about it. Sorry, I know I'm wordy...lol. I hope you can see that we care and truly want to make your experience the best it can be at Bit O Heaven. It's not an easy job and yes, we will make mistakes, and not always say what you want to hear, but I promise that our goal is always to make BOH a place you can be proud to call home! Enjoy the rest of your summer! I can't wait to see everyone's smiles again...it's going to be a good season!! Sincerely, *Barb*



SUMMER GREETINGS FROM YOUR WINTER ACTIVITY DIRECTOR, SUSAN:

I am planning a regular season full of our standard activities and special events. I certainly hope we are not headed back to masks and a reduced schedule or hall usage restrictions. I hope many of you will feel comfortable in attending our events. You are welcome to wear your masks if you are more comfortable in doing so.

I have a tentative schedule of dances, entertainment and special activities for 2021-2022. The events are not all confirmed yet, so changes are always possible. My New Year's Eve band has decided to stay home with family, so I am on the lookout for another band. I had hoped to have a preview out to you by end of June, but here it is end of July and I am still not finished. It will go out by itself anyway.

The events listed are just some of what I am responsible for. We will still have Jam sessions, Church services and Movie Nite and Karaoke; which are handled by other resort residents. They will be advertised when I receive start dates. I am open to new ideas and events, so just let me know.

For our "regulars", you know this past winter season was anything but "normal". It will forever be known as Covid 2020-2021. We were fortunate to have some Happy Hours and Dances; albeit Happy Hours moved out doors and dances moved to daytime. Other events like craft fairs, patio sales and open music jams were still going on; some outdoor, some indoor. But we missed a lot of standard activities.

As I have stated many times, I am not in charge of ALL activities, but like to be kept informed of resident gatherings/activities so we do not clash in time frames, etc.

Many other activities will be held including quilting, crafting, dance lessons, cards, outdoor games, billiards, swimming pool, bike club, golf, ten pin bowling, etc. I am sure you will find something to pique your interest.

I am always open to suggestions for bands and shows or special event ideas, but you must realize that they would be considered for the following season 2022-2023. I need a business card or phone/email contact and what kind of music they play; country, rock n roll, blue grass, etc.

We had a lot of new people in our resort last season; whether just staying for a couple of weeks, passing through, or for a season they were faced with not much to do due to COVID restrictions. We were fortunate that a good many thought Bit-O-Heaven Resort was good enough to stay and put down roots for the next winter season and are coming back. Surprisingly, many bought park models and mobile homes to come back to! And we will welcome you with hugs and smiles too! We are family here!!

We were very fortunate this 2021 summer season that we finally have a Summer Activity Director, our daughter [Shannan Budde](#), assisted by her husband [Lauren Budde](#). I know many of you have enjoyed yourselves with fun and laughter. They are working hard to have some activities and events, so attend what you can when you can! She will be working on the next summer season this winter; in addition to helping me out and learning what a "regular" season entails.

We will be using our new BOH email program to deliver to everyone. I know there is a contingent of residents that do not have a computer, or access to one so therefore are not on facebook. Facebook is our regular go-to social media to connect to as many of you as possible. I would prefer to do without fb myself, but it is a necessary evil. For those not computer savvy, the newsletter will be mailed to you. Also, there will be copies printed and put in the wall racks so anyone can get a paper copy.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call, email or text me. Thanks for your support and we look forward to a happy, healthy winter season!! Y'all come on back down to the Valley now; we surely missed our Canadian family!

Susan Thomas, fulltimers@earthlink.net, 603-396-2786, lot 208

**BIT-O-HEAVEN 2021-2022 WINTER SEASON ACTIVITIES
(ABRIDGED)**

DANCES : SCHEDULE SUBJECT TO CHANGES



OCT 31 SUN	7-9 PM FREE	HALLOWEEN DANCE - CURT JAMES BYOB & SNACKS; REFRESHMENTS PROVIDED COSTUMES OPTIONAL; PRIZES FOR THREE BEST
NOV TUES	3 - 5 PM	HAPPY HOUR STARTS FIRST TUESDAY OF NOV 1 ST TUES - DIEGO AND EDITH 2 ND TUES - CURT JAMES 3 RD TUES - REGAN JAMES 4 TH TUES - VARIOUS BYOB & SNACKS; PASS THE BUCKET FOR DONATIONS
NOV 5 FRI	7-10 PM	DJ 50s DANCE * RICHARD KLINE - WEAR YOUR 50s OUTFITS! BYOB & SNACKS PASS THE BUCKET FOR DONATION
NOV 12 FRI	7-10 PM	DJ DANCE - BYOB & SNACKS PASS THE BUCKET FOR DONATION
NOV 19 FRI	7-10 PM \$8	STEVEN MAY & SOUTHERN KNIGHTS-COUNTRY/ROCK BYOB & SNACKS
NOV 26 FRI	7-10 PM \$8	SWEETWATER BAND-COUNTRY BYOB & SNACKS
DEC 3 FRI	7-10 PM \$8	THE HOWLERS-VARIETY BYOB & SNACKS
DEC 10 FRI	7-10 PM \$8	THE ROVERS-VARIETY BYOB & SNACKS
DEC 17 FRI	7-10 PM \$8	DIXON COMPANY BAND-COUNTRY BYOB & SNACKS
DEC 24		NO DANCE - CHRISTMAS EVE
DEC 31 FRI	8-12 MID \$15	T B D BYOB & SNACKS; HOT REFRESHMENTS PROVIDED HATS, NOISEMAKERS, COVERED TABLES PROVIDED
JAN 7 FRI	7-10 PM \$8	REWIND-ROCK BYOB & SNACKS
JAN 14 FRI	7-10 PM \$8	THE ROVERS-VARIETY BYOB & SNACKS
JAN 21 FRI	7-10 PM \$8	DIXON COMPANY BAND-COUNTRY BYOB & SNACKS
JAN 28 FRI	7-10 PM \$10	PELICAN WEST-ROCK BYOB & SNACKS
FEB 4 FRI	7-10 PM \$8	DIXON COMPANY BAND-COUNTRY BYOB & SNACKS
FEB 11 FRI	7-10 PM \$8	GATOS LOCOS-ROCK-VALENTINE'S DANCE BYOB & SNACKS
FEB 18 FRI	7-10 PM \$8	STEVEN MAY & SOUTHERN KNIGHTS-COUNTRY/ROCK BYOB & SNACKS

DANCES CONTINUED: SCHEDULE SUBJECT TO CHANGES

FEB 25 FRI	7-10 PM \$10	THE AGENCY-ROCK BYOB & SNACKS
MAR 1 <u>TUES</u>	7-10 PM \$12	MARDI GRAS ANNUAL COSTUME BALL-PELICAN WEST COME DRESSED UP, VOTE FOR KING AND QUEEN AND BEST DRESSED; HOT REFRESHMENTS PROVIDED; BYOB AND SNACKS
MAR 4 FRI	7-10 PM \$8	BOTTOMLINE BAND-COUNTRY BYOB & SNACKS
MAR 11 FRI	7-10 PM \$8	DIXON COMPANY BAND-COUNTRY BYOB & SNACKS
MAR 18 FRI	7-10 PM \$10	THE AGENCY-ROCK-ST PATRICK'S DANCE BYOB & SNACKS
MAR 25 FRI	7-10 PM FREE	DJ DANCE BYOB & SNACKS
APR 1 FRI	7-10 PM \$8	REWIND-ROCK N ROLL BYOB & SNACKS

ENTERTAINMENT (SCHEDULE SUBJECT TO CHANGES)

DEC 22 WED	7 PM \$8	RALPH KUSTER CHRISTMAS SHOW BYOB/ICE CREAM BARS FOR SALE
JAN 5 WED	7 PM \$10	GOLDWING EXPRESS-COUNTRY/BUEGRASS BYOB/ICE CREAM BARS FOR SALE
JAN 12 WED	7 PM \$8	JASON COLEMAN-PIANO MUSIC OF FLOYD CRAMER BYOB/ICE CREAM BARS FOR SALE
JAN 19 WED	7 PM \$8	GID-R-DONE / ST JUDE'S CHARITY SHOW BYOB/ICE CREAM BARS FOR SALE
JAN 26 WED	7 PM \$8	ABUNDANCE QUARTET-GOSPEL BYOB/ICE CREAM BARS FOR SALE
FEB 2 WED	7 PM \$8	JUSTIN TERRY-COUNTRY GUITARIST/SINGER BYOB/ICE CREAM BARS FOR SALE
FEB 9 WED	<u>2-4 PM</u> \$10	SHAKE-RATTLE-N-ROLL-50S SHOW-WEAR YOUR POODLE SKIRTS BYOB/ICE CREAM BARS FOR SALE
FEB 16 WED	7 PM \$8	ADAM POPE-GUITARIST/SINGER BYOB/ICE CREAM BARS FOR SALE
FEB 23 WED	7 PM \$6	SENIOR AMBASSADORS-MENS MUSICAL GROUP BYOB/ICE CREAM BARS FOR SALE
MAR 2 WED	7 PM \$7	MOUNTAIN HIGHWAY-FAMILY MUSIC BYOB/ICE CREAM BARS FOR SALE
MAR 9 WED	7 PM \$9	NU-BLU-BUEGRASS BYOB/ICE CREAM BARS FOR SALE



SPECIAL EVENTS : SCHEDULE SUBJECT TO CHANGE

OCT 31 SUN	4-5 PM FREE	HALLOWEEN POT LUCK - SIGN UP REQUIRED; PARK PROVIDES HOT DOGS AND FIXINS, RESIDENTS BRING POT LUCK DISH TO SHARE COSTUMES OPTIONAL; VOTE FOR BEST DRESSED/PRIZES
NOV 5 DEC 3 JAN 7 FEB 4 MAR 4	10 AM	PARK MEETING NORTH HALL; FIRST FRIDAY EACH MONTH NEWS FROM MANAGEMENT, ACTIVITY DIRECTOR, ETC VENDORS PRESENT THEIR BUSINESSES; DONUTS AFTERWARDS
NOV 11 THURS FREE	11 AM 12 NOON 1-2 PM	VETERAN'S DAY PROGRAM CATERED LUNCH; SIGN UP REQUIRED MUSIC WITH CURT JAMES
NOV 12 DEC 10 JAN 14 FEB 11 MAR 11	8-12	CRAFT FAIR; SECOND FRIDAY EACH MONTH NO CHARGE FOR TABLES NOV ONLY OPEN TO PUBLIC; YOU MUST SIGN UP WITH ACTVY DIRECTOR INDOOR AND OUTDOOR SPACES AVAILABLE
NOV 12 DEC 10 JAN 14 FEB 11 MAR 11	1-4 PM	PATIO SALES- RESIDENTS ONLY; SECOND FRIDAY EACH MONTH SIGN UP SO A LIST CAN BE PRINTED OF SELLERS
NOV 13 DEC 11 JAN 15 FEB 12 MAR12	8-12	PATIO SALES-OPEN TO PUBLIC; SECOND SATURDAY OF MONTH LAST PATIO SALES OF THE SEASON
NOV 16 DEC 21 JAN 11 FEB 15 MAR 15 APR 12	1 PM FREE	NOV & MAY BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION DEC/JUNE CAKE & ICE CREAM; JAN/JULY SIGN UP REQUIRED; FEB/AUG ALL WELCOME MAR/SEPT PAPERWARE PROVIDED APR/OCT BYOB
NOV 17 WED FREE	12 PM 1-3 MUSIC	FOOD WELCOME BACK POOL PARTY; NO SWIMMING REQUIRED! MEAT PROVIDED BY ACTIVITY DIRECTOR; RESIDENTS BRING POT LUCK DISH TO SHARE; BYO CHAIRS, BYOB; LIVE MUSIC
NOV 24 WED	6 PM 6:30 PM	SET UP FOR THANKSGIVING POT LUCK RESIDENT TIME FOR TABLE DECORATING
NOV 25 THURS	1 PM	THANKSGIVING POT LUCK DINNER - PARK PROVIDES: TURKEY, HAM, MASHED POTATOES, GRAVY & STUFFING RESIDENTS BRING HOT & COLD SIDE DISHES, DESSERTS BYOB, TABLE SERVICE & UTENSILS
DEC 2 DEC 9 DEC 16 DEC 23 DEC 30	4:30 PM \$4	SOUP SUPPER; HOMEMADE; VARIOUS VARIETIES; EVERY THURSDAY BYOB/TS (BRING YOUR OWN BOWL/TABLE SERVICE), DRINKS, DESSERT FOR SALE
DEC 19 SUN	1 PM FREE	CHRISTMAS VARIETY SHOW - NEED SOMEONE TO VOLUNTEER TO CHAIR AND ARRANGE THE PERFORMANCES; OTHERWISE JUST HOT CHOCOLATE AND COOKIES; CAROLLING

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DEC 24 FRI	11 AM	CHRISTMAS DECORATED GOLF CART PARADE MEET AT NORTH HALL; BIKES, SCOOTERS & MOTORCYCLES TOO
DEC 24 FRI	2:30 PM 3 PM	SET UP FOR CHRISTMAS POT LUCK DINNER RESIDENT TIME FOR TABLE DECORATING
DEC 25 SAT	1 PM	CHRISTMAS POT LUCK DINNER; PARK PROVIDES: TURKEY, HAM, MASHED POTATOES, GRAVY & STUFFING RESIDENTS BRING HOT & COLD SIDE DISHES, DESSERTS BYOB, TABLE SERVICE & UTENSILS
JAN 4 TUES	9-12	BLOODMOBILE-NORTH HALL; MORE INFO LATER
JAN 6 JAN 13 JAN 20 JAN 27	4:30 PM \$4	SOUP SUPPER; HOMEMADE; VARIOUS VARIETIES; EVERY THURSDAY BYOB/TS (BRING YOUR OWN BOWL/TABLE SERVICE), DRINKS, DESSERT FOR SALE
JAN 9 SUN	1 PM FREE	50 TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION; FOR THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN <u>MARRIED TO THE SAME PERSON FOR 50 YEARS OR MORE;</u> ALL CELEBRANTS, BRING A PHOTO OF YOUR WEDDING DAY; NO NAMES SO WE CAN GUESS WHO YOU ARE! ALL RESIDENTS INVITED TO ATTEND; REFRESHMENTS PROVIDED
JAN 16 SUN	1 PM TBD	THE DATING GAME (NEW & IMPROVED); MORE DETAILS LATER VALLEY WIDE
FEB 3 FEB 10 FEB 17 FEB 24	4:30 PM \$4	SOUP SUPPER; HOMEMADE; VARIOUS VARIETIES; EVERY THURSDAY BYOB/TS (BRING YOUR OWN BOWL/TABLE SERVICE), DRINKS, DESSERT FOR SALE
FEB 13 SUN	3 PM FREE	SUPER BOWL SUNDAY; NORTH HALL, BIG SCREEN & WALL TVs ALL WELCOME; BYO CHAIRS, FOOD TO SHARE, DRINKS PAPERWARE PROVIDED BY ACTIVITY DIRECTOR
FEB 16 WED	1 PM \$10	LADIE'S TEA AND FASHION SHOW; MORE INFO LATER RESERVATIONS REQUIRED
FEB 27 SUN	11:30 AM	MARDI GRAS PET PARADE; SIGN UP YOUR PETS PARADE AT NORTH HALL FOR JUDGING
FEB 27 SUN	2 PM	MARDI GRAS GOLF CART PARADE; DECORATE YOUR GOLF CART, BICYCLE, SCOOTER, MOTORCYCLE; DRIVE THRU PARK
MAR 6 SUN	1-3 PM FREE	SHOW-N-TELL; RESIDENTS SHOW OFF THEIR CRAFTS, QUILTS, WOOD WORKING, PAINTING, ETC FOR THE RESIDENTS; SOME ITEMS FOR SALE; OPEN TO THE PUBLIC; REFRESHMENTS PROVIDED;
MAR 3 MAR 10	4:30 PM	SOUP SUPPER; HOMEMADE; VARIOUS VARIETIES; EVERY THURSDAY BYOB/TS (BRING YOUR OWN BOWL/TABLE SERVICE), DRINKS, DESSERT FOR SALE LAST SOUP SUPPER OF SEASON
MAR 13 SUN	11 AM FREE	MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR ALL RESIDENTS AND FAMILY MEMBERS WHO HAVE PASSED AWAY SINCE LAST MARCH PLEASE BRING ANY PHOTOS OR MEMORABILIA TO SHARE

MAR 16 WED	1 PM FREE	END OF SEASON LUAU POOL PARTY; NO SWIMMING REQUIRED; MEAT PROVIDED BY ACTIVITY DIRECTOR; RESIDENTS BRING DISH TO SHARE, CHAIRS, BYOB, ALL WELCOME; LIVE MUSIC
MAR 17 THURS	1 PM FREE	VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION LUNCHEON; SIGN UP WITH YOUR VOLUNTEER ACTIVITY; ALL DINNER/DRINKS PROVIDED
APR 16 SAT	3 PM 3:30 PM	SET UP FOR EASTER POT LUCK RESIDENTS TIME FOR TABLE DECORATING
APR 17 SUN	1 PM FREE	EASTER POT LUCK DINNER; MEAT PROVIDED BY PARK SIGN UP REQUIRED; RESIDENTS BRING DISH TO SHARE BYOB & TABLE SERVICE
R/C RACING	11 AM	THIRD FRI AND SATURDAY EVERY MONTH - NOV 19/20 DEC 17/18 JAN 21/22 FEB 18/19 FEB 22 AWARDS DINNER 6 PM; NORTH HALL

ACTIVITIES WITH DETAILED DESCRIPTIONS

This is a listing of events and descriptions that I wanted to give some background on our activities for our newbies. Here are some regular annual activities and some special activities that we will have:

HALLOWEEN POT LUCK: -**FREE**- OCT 31, 4 PM - EVERYONE INVITED -The park provides hot dogs and all the fixins; condiments, relish, onions, etc. Residents bring a dish to share, your own dinner plates, utensils and drinks.

We have a costume contest for the best three; voted upon with paper ballots by those present. Costumes are not required to attend; parade will be first so judging can be done and you can take off your costumes if too hot to eat. **SIGN UP SHEETS WILL BE ON BULLETIN BOARD**

HALLOWEEN DANCE: - **FREE**-OCT 31, 7-9 PM, Curt James performing - EVERYONE INVITED - We have a costume contest for the best three; voted upon with paper ballots by those present. Costumes are not required to attend; parade will be first so judging can be done and you can take off your costumes if too hot. Not all who go to pot luck attend dance, so that is why I do another contest. If you won at pot luck; you are not eligible at the dance. **SIGN UP SHEETS WILL BE ON BULLETIN BOARD**

VETERAN'S DAY APPRECIATION CATERED LUNCH: -**FREE**-NOV 11, EVERYONE INVITED, not just Veterans - Plates, flatware, napkins, cups provided.
Program at 11 am; Lunch at 12 noonish; Music by Curt James from 1 to 2 pm; dance or just listen
SIGN UP SHEETS WILL BE ON BULLETIN BOARD

BIRTHDAY CAKE & ICE CREAM SOCIALS: -**FREE**- 1 pm, ALL INVITED, not just people celebrating birthdays in designated months. We celebrate birthdays, on the third Tuesday, mostly, of each month for Nov/May, Dec/June, Jan/July, Feb/Aug, Mar/Sept, and Apr/Oct. All paperware provided.
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WELCOME BACK POOL PARTY:-**FREE**- Nov 17, Wed, pot luck lunch at 1 pm, live music at 2 pm.
Meat is provided by Activity Director, residents bring a dish to share. All paperware is provided; bring your chairs, small side tables if wanted and drinks of choice. Everyone is welcome, no swimming is required, come for music, atmosphere and friendly chatter!

This has always been held at the Indoor Pool, due to uncertainty of weather, with food set up on tables in the Paint Room, people sitting/set up outside in the grassy area, inside pool area and between pool and shuffleboard courts.

I realize the Summer Pool Parties have been outside at the outdoor pool. I will determine location at proper time.

THANKSGIVING POT LUCK DINNER: -**FREE**- 1 PM Thanksgiving Day - Park provides turkey, ham, mashed potatoes, gravy and stuffing. Residents bring dish to share, desserts, breads, etc. (continued on next page)

Hall is set up with tables in rows the night before; when set up is complete, residents may come in and claim their tables and do their personal decorating. You will be notified of the time schedule.

SIGN UP SHEETS WILL BE ON BULLETIN BOARD WITH CATEGORIES FOR FOOD YOU WILL BE BRINGING Please note the number of people you will be bringing if family is visiting; all family is welcome.

SECRET SANTA: In November sign ups are posted to be a part of the Secret Santa event. You draw a name from those signed up and buy small gifts for that person until revealing at Christmas Variety Show. You can do dollar store gifts, homemade, food, etc, anything fun; usually no more than \$5-7\$. The final reveal gift is \$10 or more; something really nice. You can drop off your gifts at the office with a name tag for delivery, put at their unit when not home, have someone else deliver for you, etc.

CHRISTMAS VARIETY SHOW: - **FREE**- Dec 19, Sunday, 1 pm-TENTATIVE. We usually have a variety show with secular and religious skits from our residents. Our great organizer lady, Ann Kline, retired after the show in 2019; and we did not have a show in 2020. If this tradition is to continue for the enjoyment of everyone, I need someone(s) to volunteer to pull it together. Get residents to perform skits, sing, play instruments, etc. The show is about an hour long followed by donated cookies from the residents and hot chocolate provided by activity Director and socializing afterwards.

Let me know if anyone or group is interested!

CHRISTMAS FOOD ADVENT CALENDAR: An Advent Calendar with foods listed for each day is posted and copies are on the rear North Hall counter. Pick up a copy and buy all foods listed; easier to do all at one time and not buying one thing each day. Dollar Tree is a good place to start. You can get all items listed for about \$30; or at least that was the cost last time we did this! I know prices are up, up, up.

Drop your donations off at my house, Lot 208; you can leave on deck if not at home; no names are needed. The donations are bagged and every family gets the same amount of items. I purchased missing items and made sure all were the same; even included some candy for the kids. Then they are delivered to a church group for distribution to the Colonias in Donna. These are poor neighborhoods in need. Henry Satterfield, local contractor and a regular in our park for making repairs and new additions, is our contact. I went with him pre Covid season to make deliveries. The families were very grateful for the donations. We had about 35 families that received food bags; each family got two bags. That is how much food was given to them; Welcome Home RGV generously donated their orange tote bags to us.

Henry also collected toys for this event and many donations were made. All the children we met received toys handed out to them by Santa Claus! Donations of toys were made by several parks, but BOH was the only one collecting food, yah!!

CHRISTMAS GOLF CART PARADE: Dec 24th, Fri, 11 am, front of North Hall. All invited to decorate your carts for the Christmas holiday and parade around the park in the usual manner. Bicycles, scooters and motorcycles are welcome too! This is a fun event for all. Set your chairs out to watch us go by.

Christmas_Caroling around the park? Anyone interested let me know for a date and time!

CHRISTMAS POT LUCK DINNER: -**FREE**- 1 PM Saturday, Christmas Day - Park provides turkey, ham, mashed potatoes, gravy and stuffing. Residents bring dish to share, desserts, breads, etc.

Hall is set up with tables in rows the night before; when set up is complete, residents may come in and claim their tables and do their personal decorating. You will be notified of the time schedule.

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WII LEAGUE BOWLING: Mondays, North Hall, time frames to be determined by host committee. Watch bulletin board for updates in November. Free play and league play; details to follow.

MOVIE NITE:-**FREE**-7 pm, North Hall; details to be determined by host "reelers".

HAPPY HOUR DANCING: Pass the bucket donations to pay performer, every Tuesday, 3 to 5 pm, North Hall. BYOB and snacks, 50/50 and door prize drawings; Popcorn and soda for sale. Different performers rotating each week: Diego and Edith, Curt James, Regan James, The Hitman and others. Open to the public.

ENTERTAINMENT: \$\$ depends on performer, Wednesday evening 7 pm. Various performers sing or present shows; country, bluegrass, rock, etc. Ice cream bars for sale at intermission. BYOB.

POT LUCK SUPPERS: -**FREE**-4:30 pm, every Wednesday, North Hall, BYOTS -bring your own table service, drinks and a dish to share. Our weekly hosts retired at end of 2019-2020 season. We thank Joan and Wayne Yoakem for their MANY YEARS of hosting this social event.

We did not have any suppers last season. I will need two people to volunteer, each month, to set up some tables for the food at 4 pm, call table numbers to go get food and clear up after meal. We reset the hall for the entertainment starting at 7 pm. You do not have to volunteer for the entire season. I will have specific job description written out for interested parties. THANKS!

SOUP SUPPER: - \$4 P/P - every Thursday, 4:30 pm, North Hall. Three to Five home-made varieties and desserts are for sale. BYOTS and drinks. Table numbers are called; you get in line to pay for and get your soup. After all are served, seconds are offered FREE for any left-over soup. You may bring a container to take soup home with you. We have great cooks! Open to public. Many people come by 3:30 to get their favorite "spot". Bring your cards or reading if you come early. Those who wish to have a group of more than six should come by 3:30 to reserve a table.

PARK MEETINGS: -**FREE**- first Friday every month, 10 am, North Hall. News and notes from the Park Manager, Michigan and the Activity Director. Questions and answers. Vendors attend to promote their products, sell discount tickets to SPI events; some have door prize drawings, etc. Vendors bring donuts; which are served AFTER the meeting.

CRAFT FAIRS: - **FREE ATTENDANCE** - TABLES COST \$6 EACH - held second Friday of each month, Nov thru March, 8 - 12 noon. Open to the public. Breakfast is usually for sale and we have baked goods for sale. Many vendors from the Valley and our park; handmade items, bake sales, tools, jewelry, metal yard art and much more. YOU MUST SEE THE ACTIVITY DIRECTOR TO RESERVE TABLES AT LEAST A WEEK BEFORE THE EVENT; you cannot just come in and set up. Table set up is Thursday evening after Soup Supper.

PATIO SALES: - **FREE ATTENDANCE** - second Friday of each month, 1 to 4 pm; preview sales open to residents only; second Saturday of each month; 8 to 12 noon, by residents at their patios/carports. Open to the public. Sign up so people will know what lot numbers to stop by; printed lists will be on the counter in front of North Hall bulletin board by end of day on Fridays.

FRIDAY NITE DANCES: Various bands will play every Friday, 7 to 10 pm, cost varies per event usually \$6 to \$10 p/p, BYOB and snacks, refreshments provided at 8 pm break, 50/50 sales and door prize drawings. Popcorn and soda for sale.

JAM SESSIONS: -**FREE**- every Saturday, 11 to 1 pm, start date to be determined; come play an instrument, sing or just listen; all welcome, hosted by Steve Brown, park resident, BYOB and snacks, 50/50 drawings

CHURCH SERVICES: every Sunday, 9 am, North Hall, all denominations welcomed; start date to be determined.

KARAOKE: Held Sunday evening 5 pm, North Hall, FREE, sing or just listen. Fun for all. Start date to be determined by host of event.

50TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION: - **FREE**- Jan 9th, Sunday, 1 pm, North Hall. This event is held every five years to celebrate those who have been married 50 years or more, TO THE SAME PERSON. All residents are welcome to attend, not just celebrants. We have a renewal of vows, music, cake and refreshments. Please bring your wedding photo so we can guess who the brides and grooms are! This event postponed from last season due to COVID.

SUPER BOWL SUNDAY: - **FREE**- Feb 13, North Hall, gather anytime after 1 pm to socialize before the game; we have large screen for viewing and side wall TVs. Bring your lawn chairs, food to share, drinks; some food and paperware provided by activity director.

LADIES TEA & FASHION SHOW: \$10, Feb 16, Wed, 1 pm. Lunch served and fashions from several local independent ladies dress shops. Our residents model a couple of outfits each. We have a prepared lunch, hot tea and cold beverages, door prizes and lots of fun! Several gentlemen serve as ushers and waiters, the hall is decorated in a theme for the tea and everything is elegant! You won't want to miss this event; ladies only. Reserved seating; limited to 200. This event is usually held every other year; postponed from last season due to COVID.

MARDI GRAS PET PARADE: Feb 27, Sunday, 11:30 am, North Hall. Dress up your little sweetie to parade in front of North Hall. All pets welcome and on a leash. Pet toys for all participants.

MARDI GRAS GOLF CART PARADE: Feb 27, Sunday, 2 pm front of North Hall. All invited to decorate your carts for the Mardi Gras and parade around the park in the usual manner. Bicycles, scooters and motorcycles are welcome too! This is a fun event for all. Set your chairs out to watch us go by.

MARDI GRAS ANNUAL BALL: \$12, 7-10 pm, **Tues**, March 1, NO Happy Hour this day. Pelican West band for your dancing pleasure. Costumes suggested but not required. Prizes for King and Queen; voted upon by attending residents with ballots and prizes for top two best dressed. Costume parade at 6:30 before dance starts. BYOB & snacks, hot and cold foods provided. 50/50 sales and door prize drawings.

SHOW N TELL: **-FREE-** Mar 6, Sunday, 1 - 3 pm, North Hall. A showing of crafts in many mediums from our residents; quilting, jewelry making, wood crafting, wood burning, painting, scrapbooking, etc. Some residents have their creations for sale. We have some awesome creative residents in our BOH family! This event will be open to the public this season. Lite refreshments provided.

MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR DECEASED BOH RESIDENTS AND FAMILY MEMBERS: Mar 13, Sunday, 11 am, North Hall. Join us as we remember our family and friends who have passed away since last March. Please let the office staff know about your deceased family members so they can be included in the program. Bring your family photos and remembrances to share. Light refreshments provided.

LUAU-END OF SEASON POOL PARTY: **-FREE-** Mar 16, Wed, lunch at noon, live music 1-3 pm.

Meat is provided by Activity Director, residents bring a dish to share. All paperware is provided; bring your chairs, small side tables if wanted and drinks of choice. Everyone is welcome, no swimming is required, come for music, atmosphere and friendly chatter!

This has always been held at the Indoor Pool, due to uncertainty of weather, with food set up on tables in the Paint Room, people sitting/set up outside in the grassy area, inside pool area and between pool and shuffleboard courts. I realize the Summer Pool Parties have been outside at the outdoor pool. I will determine location at proper time.

VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION LUNCH: Mar 17th, Thurs, 1 pm, North Hall. This lunch is provided by the park management to say a big "THANK YOU" to all the residents who volunteer their time and efforts to make sure our activities are covered; bingo, crafting, quilting, wood shop, food events, games, etc. You will sign up at North Hall with your activity.

EASTER POT LUCK: **-FREE-** April 17, Sunday, 1 pm, North Hall. Park provides ham and mashed potatoes, gravy. Residents bring a dish to share; BYOTS and drinks.

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SENIOR OLYMPICS: This is a series of games, indoor and outdoor, held within a two week period, usually in February. Each game costs \$1 per person to pay for medals. Lots of fun; some teams and some individual games. Medals are awarded after each event. Recognition and certificates are awarded at date and time to be announced. Specific details will be announced.

MISC:

Don't forget about our Wood Shop, Quilting, Crafting classes and more! We have outdoor games, Petanque, Rolle Bolle, Pickleball, Shuffleboard, Horseshoes, Cornhole, Basketball hoop and don't forget our awesome R/C track!! And a play-place dog park for our fur babies too!

We have a special booth set up in the Paint Room (room between indoor pool and South Hall) where you can **paint rocks that you provide**; most supplies provided. Rocks are painted for you to keep or then placed around the park, anywhere, for others to find. It was fun to find them and then re-hide for others enjoyment. I know several real works of art were kept and adorn someone's garden or indoor areas. Anyone can play!

We will still be collecting tab tops from soda cans etc. They are donated to the Children's Hospital in McAllen at the Ronald McDonald room.

We will not be collecting the Box Tops for Education anymore. If you have looked at the flaps on boxes, it says to take a picture of your receipt bar code or something for redemption. This does not benefit the teacher I was giving them to.

Don't forget to bring your used coats, jackets, etc for Tim's Coats. Get your families and neighbors cast offs too. I don't know if Tim will restart after Covid; this program was halted last season. The coats were sent to local dry cleaners for repair and cleaning and donated to the Catholic Charities or Henry's group for distribution. We also collected a lot of blankets for this cause also. What ever you can do.

Hope you find time to enjoy some of these events!

Susan Thomas, Winter Activity Director
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BOH & COBA Presents :

Dirt Oval

Winter Texans Series Race 2

FREE ALL DAY ADMISSION

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EVERY THIRD FRIDAY OF MONTH 2
DAY EVENT

NOV 19TH & 20TH
DEC 17TH & 18TH
JAN 15TH & 16TH
FEB 18TH & 19TH
FEB 22ND AWARD
DINNER 6:00PM

DRIVERS EAT FREE :
ALL OTHER : \$5 PLATES
SANDWICH ,
CHIPS , COOKIES
ASSTD DRINKS

REGISTRATION :

10:00 AM

RACE STATES AT

11:00AM-2:30PM

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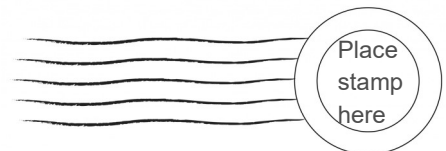
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So get out there and tell everyone how much you love it at Bit-O-Heaven
and invite them to join us in the fun and get rewarded for doing so !!!

*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 4-1-22 and are only for reservations booked October 1, 2021 to April 1, 2022 and check will only be received AFTER referred party checks in for stay.

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