

## *Holiday Giving Project*

This year our Christmas Giving Project will be collecting canned & dry foods for the First United Methodist Church Food Pantry in Falfurrias.

If you would like to participate, we will have collection boxes in the clubhouse for the items collected. We will bring the boxes collected to the Church whenever they are full. If you prefer to donate money instead of shopping, we can do the shopping for you. Gift cards will be accepted too, and will be used by church staff for special items needed, and not be given out. They are also requesting personal products, (bath products, dental items, paper products as well as diapers & wipes.)

The Church does have freezers for donations of perishable items. We are hoping to work with stores in the area to collect additional items to keep the pantry full all year round.

This is also a way to clean out your pantries for items that you don't need or have too much of and pass it on. For questions, suggestions or recommendations, contact Jeanne at the park office.

**We really do receive the best of the season when we love and give to others in need.**

## Share the Warmth

### **HOLIDAY LIGHT CONTEST**

*Get the lights and decorations ready! We all enjoy them, and prizes will be awarded on 12/16 for the following categories 1) Best in Park, 2) Best window display, & 3) Best tree/fence/bush. Here's your push to just do it in this year where we can't do much together, we can decorate safely and then we and others can enjoy it. No Bah Humbug. ☺*

## **Yes, the Clubhouse is Open for Use**

We keep it locked for security, but are happy for you to have the code. Just lock up while inside and when you leave. We are performing extra cleaning and are limiting access to long term guests only.

Groups can play cards, puzzle, create, etc.. Just spread out, keep group size to 10 or less (in an area). Then sanitize tables when you are done.

## **Winter Texan Card Nights**

*(Tuesday & Thursday)*

Club House - 7pm

## **Are you looking for someone to play with?**

Whether it is shuffleboard, ladder ball, billiards, sightseeing, etc., we welcome postings in the clubhouse and can help you with paper, etc. if you need it. We guarantee there are others wanting to meet someone else with similar interests.

## **Reminder about our pets in the park**

- ✓ Pets are not allowed in any park building including the gated area at the pool house.
- ✓ Pets outside must be on a leash & attached to their owners at all times.
- ✓ Please do not leave pets unattended outside.
- ✓ And of course, poop has to be picked up and bagged immediately.

## ROAD TRIP OF THE MONTH

### **Kingsville: King Ranch Museum**

Located in the Henrietta Memorial Center, a renovated ice factory c.1904. The museum features videos on the King Ranch, saddles from around the world, a collection of guns and an award winning photographic essay on life...

## **Christmas Gift Exchange**

Traditionally, we have a voluntary gift exchange Christmas Day. If you want to participate, bring a wrapped gift (\$15 limit). Men should bring a gift for men & women for women. Refreshments served.

## **RV Tech Tip of the Month - Fire Safety**

Hey everybody, it's time to familiarize yourself with the location, condition and operation of your fire extinguishers. It is recommended that you have at least two in your RV (one on either end so that you will have access to it if there were a fire blocking your path). Many of us have witnessed RV fires and can attest to just how fast they burn...most RVs are past saving before fire departments can even respond. It is also a good time to review your escape procedures (how to open the window, what you would use, etc.).

# Newsletter



December 2020

Wishing the best of the season to everyone!

We have some great opportunities for you to enjoy the season, and to stay safe. Let's see how much we can make this a beautiful time for us all.

First, we encourage holiday lights & decorations in the park & will have a contest with prizes. This is a no exposure activity and would really make a neat place if most everyone would get some decorations up.

Next, instead of a group holiday dinner, we have opted to have a luminaria celebration on Christmas Eve. We will have over 2000 luminarias lining the park, a fire at the fire pit, refreshments and music. This will be a beautiful night to stroll, visit, sing and be socially distanced, but together.

Lastly, we will be collecting donations for a local food pantry that could really use some help. Watch the clubhouse board for more information on how you can get involved, or how you can participate. We do need volunteers to pull all these events off.

Happiest of Holidays,  
Carol & Mike

Happy  
Holidays!

## Golf Schedule

Mondays – Closed

Tuesday – Ladies 10:00 am 9 holes

\* If temperature below 60°, tournament at 1pm

Wednesday – Men's 9:00 am 18 holes

Thursday – Winter Texans Tournament  
1:00 pm \$5.00

Fridays – Men and woman 10:00 am 9 hole

\* If temperature below 60°, tournament at 1pm

## December Calendar

Begin collections for Church Food Pantry	12/3
Park Holiday Spirit Light Contest 6:30pm	12/16
First day of winter (sure glad we're here)	12/21
Luminarias in the park 6:00-8:00pm	12/24
Christmas Gift Exchange 3:00pm	12/25

## Other Things to do in December

Visit the Heritage Museum in Falfurrias

*Includes early Texas Ranger exhibit. Free to the public on Tues - Sat 10 am 12 pm & 1 pm to 3 pm*

Don Wes Flea Market

Donna, TX.

8-4 Wednesday, Saturday & Sunday

Christmas House

La Gloria, TX.

[santatexaschristmashouse.com](http://santatexaschristmashouse.com)

361-325-2068 Call for reservations/hours

## What is a luminaria?

In the 1800s, people commemorated the birth of Christ with small bonfire luminarias along the sides of roads. It was introduced to the Mexican Indians by European missionaries reenacting the story of Joseph and Mary's search for lodging in Bethlehem. In the last 100 years, tradition has many southwestern communities using a candle set in some sand inside a paper bag and placed in succession. In this way, they create a river of light, or 'rios de luces' to create a path for the Christ Child to find their homes.