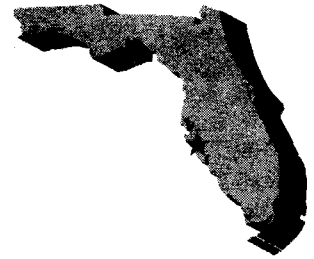




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## C.E.R.T.

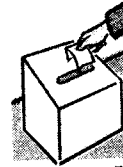
**(COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM)**

C.E.R.T. can start to breathe a little easier now that the hurricane season has nearly come to an end for this year. That does not mean that we can let up on staying alert and ready to serve. C.E.R.T. is ready to react to any emergency situation that the County might call on us to serve. The training for C.E.R.T. is ongoing.

C.E.R.T. stands ready to respond to any disaster that might strike the residents of Trailer Estates. Our first responsibility is here at Trailer Estates but we are also available to the County.

Training is an ongoing event for the Trailer estates C.E.R.T. We are currently working on a program for the residents. We are trying to arrange to have Manatee County E.O.C. come to the park and speak to the residents about disasters and how Trailer Estates fits into the County master plan. The residents will have an opportunity to have their questions answered. Watch the bulletin boards for time and place.

We still have a few weeks left of hurricane season. Stay alert and always react to the evacuation orders. Never take a chance on your safety or of those near you. Emergency workers cannot come to you once a storm reaches a certain velocity. They are ordered by the county to take the emergency vehicles to safety inland.



## Trustee Election

The election of member for the Board of Trustees will be held on December 8, 2009 from 12:00 noon to 8:00 p.m. in the small hall. All Trailer Estates property owners are eligible to vote but need not be actually residing in the district and not be a resident of the State of Florida. Call the Supervisors of Elections at 941-741-3823 to make request for absentee ballots.

## Trailer Estates Candidates Night

Monday, November 9, 2009 has been designated as meet the candidates evening. This is an opportunity for Trailer Estates residents to hear from the candidates before voting on December 8, 2009. This meeting will be held in the large hall at 7:00 p.m.

The following candidates are:

- Pamela J. Cole
- Tom Featheringill
- Ken Ilg
- Benjamin H. LaFar
- Bev Lew
- Jim McIlveen
- Joseph Salerno
- Bruce W. Smith
- John W. White



# THANKSGIVING

November 26



## Cookies for Sharing

Get out those recipes and cookie sheets as the long standing park project, Cookies For Sharing, will soon be taking place. Cookies should be delivered to the back of the large hall from 8 a.m. to 12:00 noon on December 10th. Packing and delivery of the cookies will take place on December 11th starting at 8:30 a.m. Sugar free cookies will be needed. All contributions and donations will be appreciated by workers and recipients. For information contact Mary Jane Mumford, 756-4200 or Connie Zack, 758-2929.

# PARK INFORMATION

## WI FI Is Now Available

WI FI is now available in and near the Activity Center. Search for wireless sites available on your computer. Select "mybriighthouse" and click on connect.

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These gardens make it possible for all residents and visitors to enjoy the beautiful roses from memorial donations by Trailer Estates residents.

Please stop and smell but do not pick.

If you would like to donate a rose bush in memory of a loved one, contact Kay Killian at 756-7025 or P.O. Box 5914, Bradenton, Florida 34281-5914. Donations are \$25.

## 55+ Park

Trailer Estates Park & Recreation District is a community intended and operated as "housing for older persons" within the meaning of the Fair Housing Amendments Act of 1988. Please remember this when you are renting your home, and please be aware of this when you attempt to move your underage children or grandchildren into your home. Deed restrictions #11 and #12 will give you more detailed information.

## Trailer Estates Website

The TE Website is up and running and we are working to put systems in place to permit the quick and efficient uploading of District information. We are looking forward to the return of the snowbirds and all the activities in the park. Remember to look on the website for current events, activities, and District information—www.trailerestatesfl.org.



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## Share-a-Craft Club

Many people have asked about this organization. "What do you do and what is the purpose of it?" The club was established in 1976. The purpose is for members to share their handcrafting talents with others in a friendly and social setting. The items produced at the Tuesday workshops are sold at the December and April Bazaars. All money raised by this club goes back to the park for specific projects. Meetings and workshop dates are listed below.

Monthly meeting is the 1st Monday of the month, 10 AM starting November 2nd.

Tuesdays from 9-11 is a workshop making items for the Bazaar.

Wednesday from 9-11 is a beading workshop. 753-7747.

Wednesday from 1-3 is quilting workshop. 753-4289.

Thursday from 9:30 - 11 is a stitchery workshop. 739-7967.

All meetings and workshops are held in the activity hall. Check the Share Craft bulletin board at the post office for starting times and other information. NEW MEMBERS ARE WELCOME.

## Hobby Sales

Hobby Sales will reopen on Thursday, November 5th in the large hall. Hours will be 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon by the Kitchen Ladies; plan on joining us.

There will be a variety of crafts on display for your shopping pleasure. Items available are Jewelry, Wood Items, Dishcloths, Baby Items, Towels, Visors, Ladybugs, and many others. Our White Elephant Tables with many new items that you can't pass up at a good price plus great reading material and clean used clothing.

Our Café Royale will be available with Coffee at .35 cents a cup. Please stop by and get reacquainted with friends, neighbors and new residents. We are looking forward to seeing you.

Our Christmas Bazaar will be held on Saturday, December 5th, save the date.

## Grandparents Club

All Grandmothers and Grandfathers, our first meeting for the year will be on November 10th since Veterans Day is November 11th. We will be honoring all Veterans. If you have a Veteran in your family, male or female, please bring a picture of them to include in our program. Our meeting will start sharply at 12:00 noon in the large hall. Please bring a covered dish to share and also you eating utensils, plate, silverware and cup. If you have company visiting you or a friend, please bring them with you, we welcome old and new members.

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## Let's Talk Club

The Let's Talk Club started the fall 2009 season on October 8, 2009. A number of new faces were in attendance. The attendees brought forward a number of interesting subjects to discuss.

One of the members, Candy Chorman brought tips for the residents regarding the census for 2010. Thank you to Candy for those safety tips. Some helpful tips she provided included:

1. Census workers will carry a badge, a hand held device, a Census Bureau canvas bag, and a confidentiality notice.
2. Census workers will NOT ask for Social Security numbers, Bank Account numbers, Credit Card numbers, or any specific information.
3. Census workers will not ask for any kind of a donation.
4. Census workers will not contact you via email

The Dept. of Health was discussed in terms of the Trailer Estates kitchen. Many of the members of Let's Talk Club donate to the Trailer Estates Christmas dinner. The Let's Talk Club is going to ask Manatee County Health Dept. to provide a speaker

for us as soon as it can be scheduled to answer questions we have regarding sponsoring the Christmas dinner and other park functions as they apply to the kitchen. The residents will be able to get answers to their questions concerning the responsibilities and requirements of serving food to others. The contact person for the Health Dept. is Joe Busciglio at 941-748-0747 ext 1425.

The Club has taken on a project to assist residents in the removal of TV's, computers, and other unwanted electronic equipment. The County requires electronics items to each have a sticker on them with the address of the home they are coming from. This labeling is a mandate of the county. We will have a specific pickup site and date as soon as possible. The third Saturday of each month is the designated date to get rid of those unwanted electronics. Please watch the bulletin boards for more information. This project will create a legal method of disposal and eliminate the putting those items in the dumpsters and risking the fines that can be levied for putting those items in the dumpster. This is a volunteer service to the community and will cost residents nothing.

The Club is going to make some calls regarding the possibility of recycling. Several in attendance expressed an interest. The hope was that this might be a cost saving recommendation to the Board of Trustees of our park. We want to make sure that any new project would not interfere with the Woodshop and their recycling of the aluminum.

Manatee County is the recipient of Weatherization Grant money to be distributed to low income families. Time in getting this article to the office for publication does not allow us to verify that our mobile homes qualify. The funds may be used for new windows, doors, weather stripping, air conditioning and other energy saving measures. Many senior citizens will qualify for the funds. Have your social security number ready and call the county at 211 and ask for the Weatherization Grant Division to see if you and your home qualify.

Next meeting will be November 12, 2009 at 7:00 PM, Small Hall. Everyone is welcome. Please bring your ideas, concerns, friends and neighbors.

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# ORGANIZATIONS

## T.E. Woodshop

Your Woodshop reporter-John Ames, saying ten dits and a da. You former military will know that one. A mystery to the rest of you which I can't even tell because of the language decorum of the Tribune. Did I mention "dog days" I guess I have used that one before.

This month doesn't have as many exciting developments as we had last month. In short almost nothing. We sold some of the aluminum you donated - thanks.

There might not be much current news but we do have some exciting history items. We built shelving for share craft and for art craft. We also made a coat rack for the pool room. See—I told you it would be exciting.

We are searching for a logo for the Woodshop and we are hoping (and praying-after all T.E. is a faith based entity) that you will help us with this long term project. Please, something that won't get us in any legal trouble. Something like "keep those cans rolling"—"can crushers unite". You can see the flaw in these—it doesn't mention the Woodshop or all of the good things we do or the comradely of togetherness. Please we beg of you. Here's hoping-your Woodshop reporter signing off.



## Crime Watch

Fire, smoke, boat and car accidents, heart attacks and strokes, burglary or assault! What do all of these have in common? They can become serious, if they are not caught in the early stages.

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Fire fighters, paramedics and crime watch are not police. They work with and help the police if and when they can.

If you see anything happening in your neighborhood that you now is not normal, PLEASE CALL 911.

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## Keeping it Green – Kayak with the Manatees

*From the Save the Manatee Club*

Save the Manatee Club is promoting kayak tours to see endangered manatees in Crystal River, Florida, as an alternative way to view manatees without disrupting their natural behavior in the wild. Hundreds of manatees gather at natural warm springs in this area throughout the cooler winter months. The ecotours for the "green at heart" provide passive observation of manatees and are offered by Aardvark's Florida Kayak Company from October 2009 through April 2010. Participation in the tours will also help protect manatees. Ten percent of each tour booked by a Save the Manatee Club member will go toward the Club's manatee conservation efforts.

This year marks the first time Save the Manatee Club has promoted more tours over a longer time period. "The kayak tours have proven to be very popular and usually fill up fast," says Patrick Rose, Executive Director of Save the Manatee Club. "In past years, we have only offered 12 tours, but our expanded partnership with Aardvark's will give members more options to fit into their busy schedules."


Each kayak trip starts with a brief education session on manatees as well as basic kayaking tips before the paddling trip begins through the scenic waters of Crystal River on Florida's central west coast. The manatee ecotours are led by Matt and Sue Clemons, owners of Aardvark's Florida Kayak Company. Matt is a wildlife biologist with several years experience conducting manatee research, and Sue is a former park ranger. "Our manatee tours are conducted with a hands-off approach," explained Matt. "We believe that wild animals need to stay wild and the true ecotourist looks, but does not touch."

The cost of each tour is \$40 per person and includes an experienced guide along with a kayak, paddle, and life jacket rental. Each tour typically runs about three hours. Kayaking experience is not required and beginners are welcome.

Reservations are required and can be booked directly through the kayak company. Those who identify themselves as Save the Manatee Club members on the day of the tour will receive a coupon for 20% off a Club T-shirt purchased that day at Aardvark's, 10% off a one-time purchase from the Club's online gift catalog, and a 20% off discount coupon for Ellie Schiller Homosassa Springs Wildlife State Park. E-mail Aardvark's at [info@floridakayakcompany.com](mailto:info@floridakayakcompany.com), or call 352-795-5650. Tour participants are responsible for all travel, hotel, meals, and other expenses.

Save the Manatee Club, a national nonprofit conservation organization, was co-founded in 1981 by singer/songwriter, Jimmy Buffett. For more information about manatees, or the Adopt-A-Manatee® program, visit their website at [www.savethemanatee.org](http://www.savethemanatee.org), or contact them at 500 N. Maitland Ave., Maitland, FL 32751, or call 1-800-432-JOIN (5646).

Save the Manatee Club is the world's leading manatee conservation organization. The Club is a membership-based, national nonprofit organization that promotes public awareness and education; sponsors local and international scientific research and rescue, rehabilitation, and release efforts; advocates for the conservation of manatees and their essential habitat based on the best available scientific data; and takes legal action when necessary.



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