

MANNY’S PARK
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It appears that Manny’s Park is definitely coming of its own. More and more groups of friends and individuals are seen enjoying being in its environs. There have been several birthday parties, cocktail hour get-togethers, reading and learning groups — even an Alaska “former residents” group!

One of the huge draws has been the addition of our absolutely fabulous and special Little Library. Last years’ report could only tell about the library’s post, as it had only recently been created, painted and installed by our own THIV resident, Glenn Miller. By March, however, another THIV secret treasure, Kathy Hanson had designed and artistically composed the beautiful, delightful glass tile scene that IS our incredible Little Library. Kathy worked on this piece of art to cover a kitchen cabinet that had been purchased and donated by our residents, Verne St. Clair and Tom Gordon. These donations of time, effort and true talent are so worthy and so much appreciated by many, that they just make Manny’s Park even more of a special place to be.

This year THIV has sponsored a chili cook-off dinner time gathering for residents, a second year of the Christmas Art in the Park festivities with even more art and craft vendors selling their wares to any and all. Great experience and great fun! And all thanks to another creative resident, Yvette Sayles and her THIV Member Services Committee.

You remember that saying: If you build it, they will come. They have!

Reporting also that the main caretaker of Manny’s Park is STILL Manuel Felix, himself! We can see Manny down there every week at least once. Sometimes, there are others like Bill Helfmann and Marilyn and David Kern, but nothing so steady as Manny. This year several of us from the Landscape Committee with Manny’s assistance will be replacing the Trumpet Vines on the west of the ramada. (Too little water available for them to survive with flourish.) Manny is suggesting Cat’s Claw vine. Stay tuned.

