



Tidbits

Bonfire 55+ Mobile Home Park Newsletter

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Bobby Wolgan

Hope all are enjoying the holiday season. Please slow your vehicles down! We have many visitors and residents who walk, ride bikes, walk their dogs and there are many golf carts.

Street LED lights are being installed. You may have already noticed the bright ones. The curbing on Kimberly has been completed.

The new house at 396 Kristi Dr. has been installed and is being finished.

*Note: The next Board Meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, January 15.***

2019 Social Club Board

President: Leslie Decator

1st Vice-President: Joyce Walrath

(Spring Fling, Tidbits, Calendar, Directory)

2nd Vice-President: Mona Richardson

(Flea Market, Fundraising Meals)

Secretary: Margaret Willis

Treasurer: Donna Kelley

1st Director: Shirley Byrd

(Dances, Karaoke, Choir, Entertainment)

2nd Director: Karen Van Matre

(Potlucks, Ladies Lunch, Friday Coffee)

3rd Director: Joyce Worman

(Welcome Packet, Welcome to Bonfire Event)

4th Director: DeAnna Barnhill

(Decoration of Park & Clubhouse for Events)

The duties of each of these board members are detailed in the Social Club By-Laws. A copy of these can be found on the Bonfire Website: www.bonfireMHP.com. Login and password are found in the Bonfire Village directory.

The next scheduled Social Club Meeting: Saturday, January 18 at 10:00 AM

Social Club Annual Meeting

The Social Club Annual Meeting is scheduled for Saturday, January 18, 2020 at 10:00AM in the Clubhouse.

One of the items on the agenda will be the election of the following positions:

1) President 2) 2nd Vice President 3) Treasurer 4) 2nd Director 5) 4th Director

If you are interested in any of these positions, please contact Barb Carter or Walt Andrade. For more detailed information please contact any Social Board Member.

We will also be discussing Spring Fling. We will need a new stage for Spring Fling, so the estimate of cost will be voted on. Please count on attending. Happy New Year to all.

Note: Pizza will be served after the meeting.

Social Club PowWow

The Social PowWow will be one hour each month. This month it will be on **January 14 at 11am**. This will be one hour each month on the calendar for you, the members of the Social Club, to let everyone know what is on your mind. Also, it will be an opportunity to find out about the upcoming activities. And, yes, it will be a time

for you to become involved in areas that interest you. Please check the calendar and the marquee for the date and time.

Aluminum Can Tabs

In honor of Ernie Kappotis, please continue to save your can tabs. There is a collection container on the desk in the Clubhouse. We will be sure to turn them in on behalf of Ernie and his family. The tabs are donated to the Shriners to be used for children at Shriners hospitals.

Bonfire Cookbook

Date: January thru February **Contact Person:** DeAnna Barnhill

Details: If you have an old family recipe or just one (or more) of your favorites that you'd like to share with Bonfire residents, we'd be happy to put them in the upcoming **Bonfire Cookbook**. Last one in print is from 2006 and there are some awesome must try recipes in it. DeAnna will be working on this from January thru February. Please get all recipes to her during that time so that we'll have plenty of time to put them together before everyone heads back home.

Bonfire Social Club Event Group on FACEBOOK

Please add the Bonfire Social Club Event Group to your "Groups" list on Facebook and follow us for upcoming Social Club Events. This is where you'll find the latest events that we are planning for Bonfire. These events may be dinner out at a local restaurant, going somewhere to listen to a band or even going to the movies. This page is not our personal FB page; this page is for Bonfire residents. Our goal is to get residents out of their homes and enjoying the "retired life" while also offering them a ride if they need one. We also appreciate comments about events whether they are past, present or future. We encourage input from you so that we can plan a better winter season for all to enjoy.

Bonfire 2020 Directory

The 2020 Directory is in progress. I was late getting started due to illness. I am hoping to finish up very soon. Any forms should be delivered to the office or preferably to me as soon as possible at our Bonfire home. I do have blank forms at my house. They are also available at the office and for download on the website. Please be sure to sign in two places. One is for the Directory and the 2nd for the Website. There are still a few 2019 Directories available. *—submitted by Joanne Leddy*

Christmas Decorating Congratulations

Thank you to all those residents that joined us on that chilly Thursday night for the Christmas Golf Cart Parade, viewing of homes decorated for Christmas and handing out of Christmas cheer and goodies. Thank you to those that decorated their golf carts and homes as well.

Winners of the best decorated golf carts were: Bill Woodcock & Ken Dixon as Mr. & Mrs. Claus and Karen Van Matre and her cart led by Rudolph. Winners of the best Christmas decorated homes were: Mark & DeDe Bafia (597 Kelli Drive), Rosie Blanton (517 Kimberly Avenue) and Lloyd & Rosa Sherwood (669 Lori Drive).

Crafts

Starting in January on Wednesdays come and join the fun of making a craft. Meet at the Clubhouse every Wednesday from 1:00 – 3:00 PM. Please sign up on the Sign-Up sheet in the Clubhouse. Contact Ruth Klatt if you have any questions.

Dance Committee News

Co-chairs: Karen Van Matre and Debbie Andrade

Please bring your own drinks and snacks to the dances.

JANUARY DANCE: COPPER CANYON RENEGADES

Date: January 25th, Saturday from 7-10PM. Tickets are \$5per person. There will be a 50/25/25 Raffle.

Details: Don't forget to bring your favorite drink. Coffee, tea and lemonade will be provided. Tables cannot be reserved until AFTER 12PM on the day of the dance. Those that do so will automatically be moved to the table(s) in the front of the room.

Flea Market Reminder

The Indoor Flea Market is Saturday, February 1, 2020. A sign-up sheet is posted at the clubhouse. When you sign-up, please check if you want one or two tables. Tables will be setup at 4:00 pm on Friday, January 31st. A drawing will be done at that time and names will be drawn for one table each. If there are tables left, a second drawing will be done for those wishing two tables. Then \$5.00 will be collected for each table and tables will be assigned.

Please remember this is for shareholders and renters. **NO ONE from outside the park is permitted to participate.** Submitted by: Ramona Richardson

Friday Coffee Break

Date: Every Friday from 8-9am **Place:** Clubhouse **Contact Person:** Karen Van Matre **Cost:** \$1 per donut

Details: Join us for donuts and coffee and a chance to catch up with friends every Friday. Everyone is welcome.

Volunteers Needed: We're always looking for someone to help out, if you'd be interested please let them know at Friday's Coffee Break. If you don't know how to make the coffee we can teach you :) Donuts are picked up from Publix that morning.

HELP Wanted

We encourage everyone to bring a snack/treat periodically to Bingo Night to share with all. We're also looking for help calling Bingo, helping out beforehand with setup or afterwards with cleanup; please let Leslie know.

Potluck hints: If you buy a ticket - tableware supplied.

Remember that potlucks/dinners servings are a tasting size not a huge serving size per side. We are serving many residents at these events and ask that you bring a dish to share that serves at least 12. Be sure and bring your own tableware to these events.

Guests are \$3 per person to any of the potlucks. Donation jar will be on the kitchen pass through counter.

"New Kids on the Block"- The following is a list of the new residents during the past month to Bonfire:

<i>New Owner(s)</i>	<i>Address</i>	<i>Purchased From</i>
Hazen Thayer & Dottie Eckert Thayer	603 Tammi Drive	Wolgan/Eddy
George Glendenning & Mildred Barnhart	209 Allyson Drive	Willingham-Sonner

Photo Directory

Remember to have your photo taken for the **NEW 2020 PHOTO DIRECTORY**. We will need new photos of every one to make it complete, both owners and renters.

I will be at the Clubhouse on all Saturdays in January from 2-4 PM and also on the 11th and 18th after the annual meetings. Please make time to have your photo taken. Please Note: I will not be at the Clubhouse to take pictures on January 4. --submitted by Donna Kelley

Yard Sale Update for Christmas Sale

A thank you to all who helped with the set-up, sales, and clean-up for the Bonfire Christmas Yard Sale on Saturday, November 30. Our proceeds from the sale exceeded \$1,000.00. --submitted by Ruth Klatt

Sunshine Report

Brenda Mayfield

Get Well Cards:

Get well cards were sent to: Marilyn Smith, Mary Zeunik

Sympathy Cards:

Sympathy Cards were sent to: Deb Wederath (mother)

I hope I did not miss anyone. Remember to let me know if anyone needs a card. Please call me at the phone number listed in the Bonfire Directory and leave a message if I am out. I am thankful for the people who do let me know. I hope everyone has a great Christmas and New Year.

Health Committee Report

Public Service Announcements from your Bonfire Health & Safety Committee

Submitted by Margaret Willis

Germ

If you are not feeling 100%...please keep it home. The same germs causing you to feel blah will quickly transfer to other individuals in the area. Many of our residents have very sensitive immune systems and an illness that might be a slight inconvenience to you could be extremely serious for them.

By the way, have you had your flu vaccine? It is NOT too late to get your flu vaccine.

The CDC (Center for Disease Control) recommends you get the vaccination in the early fall, before flu season.

However, getting vaccinated later can still be beneficial, even into January or later.

<https://www.cdc.gov/flu/prevent/vaccinations.htm>

Perfumes

When attending an event with other residents, please tone down the fragrances. PLEASE! Many residents have allergies, COPD, and other respiratory issues. What may be just a pleasant scent to you will make someone else sick. It's true! You do not need the perfume, cologne, strong aftershave, etc. And others will be appreciative.

Bonfire Pet Registration Forms—reminder

Per current Bonfire Rules and Regulations (dated March 20, 2019) paragraph 6A:

“According to Florida law, all animals are required to be registered and immunized per recommended schedule. All pet owners must submit proof of immunizations and registrations to the office.” This applies to owners, renters, and guests.

All pet owners have been requested to complete a form for each pet and turn it into the office with required documentation from the veterinarian by December 31, 2019. This form can be found on the Bonfire webpage (Residents Only section, under Forms), in the office, or in the Clubhouse. If you have not done so, please do so now. The Health & Safety Committee will be conducting a review of the forms in January and reporting this information to the Board of Directors.

NOTE: Lake County Florida no longer requires pets to be registered. Therefore, that section of the form can be ignored. HOWEVER, for everyone's health and safety, proof of current vaccinations is required.

Thank you for your immediate attention to this matter.

JANUARY EVENTS

It is important to sign up for activities in advance as it helps the committee members to better plan for the programming and obtain the supplies that are needed to have a successful activity.



If you would be interested in hosting a Holiday Dinner, Potluck or Ladies Luncheon, contact Karen Van Matre for details. It's so easy to do and we'll help!

MOVIES IN THE CLUBHOUSE: **Date:** Saturday, January 4th at 6:00 PM

Details: Premiere of Angel Has Fallen - a Thriller/Action movie starring Morgan Freeman & Gerard Butler. We bring in some of the chaise lounge and sling back chairs from the poolside and put them in front of the projection screen. The Snack Bar will be open with popcorn, tea, lemonade and coffee. Feel free to bring your own snacks and drinks.

ANNUAL SHAREHOLDERS MEETING:

Date: Saturday, January 11, 2020 at 9:00 AM

Place: Clubhouse

SHUFFLEBOARD:

Time: Weekly, starting on Wednesday, January 15, 2020 at 10:00 AM to about Noon

Place: Shuffleboard Court

Contact Person: Debbie or Larry Cross

Details: No previous experience required, just the wish to have a good time. Anyone can come (singles or couples); we have the equipment. We do our best to get an even number of people. We play 2 games and it takes about 2 hours. Hope to see you there.

LADIES LUNCHEON:

Date: Thursday, January 16th at Las Palmas Restaurant in Mt. Dora. Meet at Clubhouse at 12:00, lunch at 12:30.

Contact Person: Nicolette Ward

Sign-Up Deadline: Tuesday, January 14, please sign up in the Clubhouse if you plan to attend.

Details: Traditional Cuban fare whipped up in an easygoing seating. Join us for an afternoon of good food and friendship.

The Ladies Luncheons for the season are....

February 13th at 11:30 will be the Wine Tasting Luncheon. Remember you don't need to drink wine to come and enjoy yourself. Donna Kelley and Joyce Walrath will be hosting this one.

March 12th is our annual Bon Worth Trunk Sale and Salad Luncheon. Mary Louise Wade is spearheading this luncheon. All we ask is that you bring a salad, appetizer or dessert to share. We will also be having a Fashion Show that day and will need 6 models. If you would be interested in showing off the latest in women's fashion please let Karen Van Matre know.

April is open for someone to host lunch.

HEALTH COMMITTEE PROGRAM: "Dispelling the Myths of Medical Marijuana"

Date: Tuesday, January 17 at 10:00 AM **Place:** Clubhouse **Contact Person:** Margaret Willis

Details: Speaker: Dr. Bob Goethe. Dr. Bob is a Board-certified Anesthesiologist (30 years) and is Medical Cannabis Certified. He started Dr. Bob's Compassion Clinic for the benefits he sees in the patients and their desire to get off many pharmaceutical medications. He is certified to assist those who meet eligibility requirements with obtaining their medical marijuana/medical cannabis ID cards for use at a state authorized dispensary. Website: www.compassionclinicflorida.com

SOCIAL CLUB MEETING: **Date:** Saturday, January 18, 2020 at 10:00 AM

Place: Clubhouse

KARAOKE: Date: January 18th, Saturday from 7-10PM

Details: Join us for a night of singing to your heart's content. Ramona Richardson has loaded brand new songs for you to choose from so check it out. Even if you karaoke from your chair (chairaoke) we'd love to have you join us. If you'd like to practice first we'll be in the Clubhouse at 1:30 that day to get your vocal chords warmed up.

ALCOHOL INK PAINTING CLASS:

Date: Wednesday, January 22nd at 1:00 PM in the Clubhouse

Details: The cost will be \$35 per person and ALL materials will be provided. Class size is limited to 6. Please respond by December 10th. If enough people are interested a second class can be scheduled. Contact Barb Kasik or Susie Collins.

FRIED CHICKEN POTLUCK:

Date: Friday, January 24, 2020 at 4:30 PM **Place:** Clubhouse

Contacts: Shirley & Don Byrd; Ramona & Bill Richardson

Sign-Up Deadline: Monday, January 20. Sign-up sheet is in the Clubhouse.

Details: Chicken and bread will be furnished at our annual fried chicken potluck. Please bring your own plates & utensils and a generous side dish or dessert to share. **Remember guests are welcome at a charge of \$3.00 each.** Euchre will be at the regular time of 6:30 pm.



DANCE: Saturday, January 25 7:00 – 10:00 PM. Copper Canyon Renegades

KEY WEST AND THE FLORIDA KEYS:

Date: January 27-29th **Contact Person:** Karen Van Matre

Sign-Up Deadline and Payment Due: Sign-up by Sunday, January 15 to join us on this great road trip.

Details: \$229.00 per person. This 3 day motor coach tour includes: Hotel Accommodations in Florida City (2 nights), Continental Breakfasts, Florida Everglades Tour, Florida Keys & Key West and a stop at the Miccosukee Casino. Bus pick up will be at the Clubhouse.

UPCOMING EVENTS**INDOOR FLEA MARKET:**

Date: Saturday, February 1 at 8:00am -2:00pm **Contact Person:** Ramona Richardson

Details: The Indoor Flea Market is Saturday, February 1, 2020. A sign-up sheet is posted at the clubhouse. When you sign-up, please check if you want one or two tables. Tables will be setup at 4:00 pm on Friday, January 31st. A drawing will be done at that time and names will be drawn for one table each. If there are tables left, a second drawing will be done for those wishing two tables. Then \$5.00 will be collected for each table and tables will be assigned. Please remember this is for shareholders and renters. **NO ONE from outside the park is permitted to participate.**

SOUPER SUPER BOWL PARTY:

Date: Sunday, February 2nd at 6:00PM in the Clubhouse

Contact Person: Karen Van Matre & DeAnna Barnhill

Details: Bring an appetizer to share and join us in sampling 3 different kinds of soup as we watch Super Bowl LIV on the Big Screen. We'll also be playing Commercial BINGO where you have the opportunity to win prizes galore.

SPAGHETTI DINNER FUNDRAISER:

Date: Saturday, February 8, 2020 at 5:00 PM **Contact Person:** Ramona Richardson

Details: I appreciate all those who have helped make this a success in the past. I could never do it without lots of help. A meeting will be scheduled for late January to make plans. Tickets will be \$8 again this year. Karen Van Matre is planning a talent show following the dinner.



BILOXI GAMBLING TRIP:

PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DATES: We will be going on the trip with residents from other Mobile Home Parks. The bus will pick us up at the Leesburg Walmart on 441.

Date: Rescheduled to February 9 – 12, 2020 ~~January 5-8~~ (Sunday thru Wednesday)

Contact Person: Karen Van Matre

Sign-Up Deadline and Payment Due: You **MUST sign up by Sunday, December 29**; sign-up sheet will be in the Clubhouse.

Details: Join us for a relaxing bus ride to Biloxi, Mississippi for a 4 day/3 night trip. Stay at the IP Casino Resort for \$234 (a 4 star hotel with an outdoor pool, spa and 8 dining areas). The price covers the cost of the bus ride, 3 nights at the hotel with \$100 worth of incentives from several of the other Casinos we will be stopping at. Stops will be made at the Hard Rock Casino, The Golden Nugget, The Palace and the Scarlett Pearl. If you're not interested in gambling or would like to take a break, there's always something that may interest you such as a Historic Walking Tour, Riverboat Cruise, Half Day Fishing Tour and more.

MICHIGAN/CANADA DAY POTLUCK:

Date: February 20th, Thursday at 4:00PM **Contact Person:** Karen Van Matre & DeAnna Barnhill

Details: We're looking for help and suggestions on what to do this year. We want to hear from you. Let us know.

KENNEDY SPACE CENTER 1 DAY TOUR AND DINNER BUFFET: \$119

Date: Friday, March 20th **Contact Person:** Karen Van Matre

Sign-Up Deadline and Payment Due: Sunday, March 1

Details: Join us on an amazing space adventure. This one day tour includes entrance to Kennedy Space Center, Motor Coach Transportation, all of the Attractions and an All You Can Eat Dinner Buffet. Take the Kennedy Space Center Bus Tour, Watch the IMAX 3D films, Journey to Mars, the US Astronaut Hall of Fame and more on this tour of a lifetime.

BIRTHDAY HAPPY HOUR: Contact Person: Karen Van Matre & DeAnna Barnhill

Details: Join us on the 3rd Wednesday of every month to celebrate that month's Birthdays.

It's a chance to get out, mingle with residents and of course have cake & ice cream. This is open to all residents not just the birthday people. Getting to know one another is one of our goals. We ask the Birthday celebrants two questions 1) what brought you to Bonfire 2) what is on your bucket list that we can help you accomplish. We've had some great answers over the months and we're working on several bucket list ideas now.

*Happy
Birthday !*

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

<i>Date</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Name</i>
4	Kenneth Kunze	14	Linda Brisbois	20	Doyle Grenoble
	Robert Pierce		Thomas Boyle		Lynn Harlan
6	Eric Schwalbach	17	Joyce Walrath	23	Gloria Skeen
7	Kathy Beauchamp		Robert Wolgan		Mona Watkins
	Lee Semon	18	Marvin Lambricht	29	Charles "Eddie" Kelly
8	Susie Collins		Georgia Fields	30	Ken Williams
11	James Winkler	19	Rick Kelley	31	Deatra Moss
13	Joan Zeldenrust				

Please let the office know if your name isn't on the birthday list and you want it to be.

January 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 <i>New Year's Day</i> 8:30am Breakfast Club 9:30 & 10:30am Water Aerobics 6:00pm Nickel Nickel	2 8:45am Golf 9:30am Noodles 12:30-1:00pm Beg. Line Dance 1:00-2:00pm Reg. Line Dance 6:00pm Hand & Foot	3 8:00am Coffee Hour 9:30am Water Aerobics 6:30pm Euchre	4 9:30am Noodles 6:00pm Movie – Angel Has Fallen
5 6:00pm Games/Cards	6 9:30am Water Aerobics 12:30-1:00pm Beg. Line Dance 1:00-2:00pm Reg. Line Dance 5:45pm Bingo	7 9:30am Noodles 1:00pm Bowling 6:00pm Games/Cards 6:30pm Choir Practice	8 8:30am Breakfast Club 9:00-4:00 Health Com. 9:30 & 10:30am Water Aerobics 1:00-3:00pm Crafts 6:00pm Nickel Nickel	9 8:45am Golf 9:30am Noodles 12:30-1:00pm Beg. Line Dance 1:00-2:00pm Reg. Line Dance 6:00pm Hand & Foot	10 8:00am Coffee Hour 9:30am Water Aerobics 9:30am Finance Mtg. 6:30pm Euchre	11 9:00am- Shareholders Annual Meeting Photos after Mtg. 9:30am Noodles 2-4:00pm Photos taken@Clubhouse
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