



Tidbits

Bonfire 55+ Mobile Home Park Newsletter

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November, 2021

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The office will not yet be open for walk ins, due to Covid-19. Anyone can call with questions or make an appointment to meet with office staff. Please communicate to the office staff by phone (352.787.4891), email (bonfiremhp@aol.com), the intercom at the office door or use the black box to the left of the door. If you need immediate assistance, you may contact any Bonfire Board Member. Thank you for keeping all of us safe.

- Marina roof and dock repair completed from fallen tree.

- Had sewer pipe problems scoped with camera. Found people are putting grease down their drains. Grease clumps together into white balls that attach to your pipes as they cool. Eventually they clog up everyone's sewer lines. You need to think of our sewers in terms of a septic system. Only put things into it that passed through your body first and toilet paper. Nothing else is allowed. No flushable wipes, no grease, no adult diapers, and not even facial tissue (it doesn't break down fast enough). Other parks have had to hook up to city water/sewer service because homeowners wouldn't follow the rules and systems could no longer be maintained. This would add a considerable cost to each homeowner and monthly payments to the government system. Please take this seriously, as we pride ourselves at successfully offering these services in our current Maintenance Fee.

- Two additional rainwater drain boxes were installed between 605 Tammi Dr. and 607 Tammi Ct. These homeowners have been encouraged to hook their downspouts into the boxes to help alleviate flooding that has occurred during heavy rains.

- 576 Tammi Dr. has sold and 578 Tammi Dr. is under consideration for purchase. Both new homeowners plan to upgrade these homes.

- Our November Board of Directors meeting is planned for Wednesday the 10th at 1pm. All Shareholders are encouraged to attend. Masks and social distancing are recommended.

*Note: The next Board Meeting: **Wednesday, November 10 at 1:00 PM***

2020 - 2021 Social Club Board

President: Leslie Decator

1st Vice-President: Robin Semon

(Spring Fling, Tidbits, Calendar, Directory)

2nd Vice-President: Russell Porwitzky

(Flea Market, Fundraising Meals)

1st Director: Shirley Byrd

(Dances, Karaoke, Choir, Entertainment)

2nd Director: DeAnna Barnhill

(Potlucks, Ladies Lunch, Friday Coffee)

3rd Director: Joyce Worman

(Welcome Packet, Welcome to Bonfire Event)

Secretary: Margaret Willis

4th Director: Karen Van Matre

Treasurer: Ramona Richardson

(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 regular Membership Meeting of the Social Club is: Saturday, November 13, 2021 at 10:00AM

“The purpose of this Social Club shall be to promote social activities and friendship among residents of Bonfire Mobile Home Village.”

Notes from Social Club President, Leslie Decator:

As we get into the season, we are resuming all activities that have enough willing participants.

Bingo will resume on November 8th at 6:00pm. At this time, we are asking you to bring your own snacks...share if you want, but we still need someone to step up and oversee the kitchen. We are also looking for more callers for Bingo. You don't need to have experience...we will train. And you only have to call half the night, then you can still play!

Our November Membership Meeting will be held on Saturday, November 13, 2021 at 10:00am in the Clubhouse. This meeting will address the elections to be held in January and upcoming activities for the rest of this year and into 2022. Masks are recommended-especially for those who are vulnerable or unvaccinated. We need volunteers to help us with the many fun activities we have at Bonfire! Everyone enjoys participating but it takes willing hands to make sure they continue to happen. Thank you.

Did You Know?



Bonfire has a Library. Yes. In the Clubhouse to the left of the stage is a small room. We have shelves of books, movies, puzzles; all for you to borrow for your personal use. When done with them, please return for others to use. Also, if you wish to donate any used books, feel free to do so.

HOWEVER! This is a **self-service** Library. When returning items, please put them back where they came from. This will make the Library a clean and neat area for all users. THANK YOU!

Food Bank

The need for non-perishable food continues. When you are shopping, please include something extra to contribute. You can receive a free card at Monday BINGO for donating an item of food.

Golf

Jim Titus is requesting volunteers for Golf. Please contact him via his phone number listed in the Bonfire Directory.

JAM Music

JAM Music sessions will be held on Sundays in the Clubhouse starting at 1:30pm. Anyone who wants to join in with playing an instrument, dancing or just enjoying the music is invited to attend.

Karaoke

The first Karaoke will be November 6 from 7:00 – 10:00pm. We are looking for people who will volunteer to learn the system. Please contact Bill Richardson. His contact information is in the Bonfire Directory.

Toys for Tots 2021

There isn't really much time before Christmas and again it is hoped that Bonfire will come through for this cause. The Donations Box is now located just inside the Clubhouse. Bonfire residents have a wonderful history of supporting this important cause. It is hoped that residents will be as generous as in previous years. The pick-up date of our contributions will be posted on the box, but please don't wait.

Sunshine Report

DeAnna Barnhill

Get Well Cards:

Get Well Cards were sent to: Polly Dubeansky, Dave Meyer, Jackie Micallef, Karen Gilson, Diane Wirtz, Dennis Herald, Don Lowe, Hazen and Dottie Thayer

Sympathy Cards:

Sympathy Cards were sent to: Denis Bausick (Brother), Family of Ann Sonner, Richard Longhouse (Wife-Kathleen), Dottie Thayer (Husband Hazen), Bob Johns (Sister)

Thoughts, Prayers and Love for all of these families!! ❤️ Deanna Barnhill

Health Committee Report

Information courtesy of Bonfire Health & Safety Committee, submitted by Margaret Willis

The purpose of the Bonfire Health & Safety Committee is to provide education and information to ensure the health and safety of all the residents of our community. The Bonfire Health & Safety Committee members for 2021 are Faye Hensley, Margaret Willis, Mary Louise Wade, Diane Weinbaum, and Nelson Craig.

November is American Diabetes Month

In 2018, 34.2 million Americans, or 10.5% of the population, had diabetes. Nearly 1.6 million Americans have Type 1 diabetes, including about 187,000 children and adolescents.

Prevalence in seniors: The percentage of Americans age 65 and older with diabetes is 26.8%, or 14.3 million seniors.

The American Diabetes Association is an organization composed of a network of more than 565,000 volunteers, their families and caregivers, a professional society of nearly 20,000 health care professionals, as well as more than 250 staff members. The mission of the American Diabetes Association is to prevent and cure diabetes and to improve the lives of all people affected by diabetes.

They do this by:

Funding research to prevent, cure and manage diabetes.

- Delivering services to hundreds of communities.
- Providing objective and credible information.
- Giving voice to those denied their rights because of diabetes.

There are two major types of diabetes: Type 1 and Type 2.

- Type 1 diabetes occurs at every age and in people of every race, shape, and size. In Type 1 diabetes, the body does not produce insulin. The body breaks down the carbohydrates you eat into blood sugar (blood glucose) that it uses for energy—and insulin is a hormone that the body needs to get glucose from the bloodstream into the cells of the body. With the help of insulin therapy and other treatments, everyone can learn to manage their condition and live long, healthy lives.
- Type 2 diabetes is the most common form of diabetes—and it means that your body doesn't use insulin properly. And while some people can control their blood sugar levels with healthy eating and exercise, others may need medication or insulin to help manage it. The good news is you can prevent or delay type 2 diabetes.

Other lesser known forms of diabetes are:

- Gestational diabetes, which forms during a pregnancy.
- Also, a small minority of people develop specific types of diabetes due to other causes. This includes:
 - Monogenic diabetes syndromes, such as neonatal diabetes and maturity-onset diabetes of the young (MODY)
 - Diseases of the exocrine pancreas, such as cystic fibrosis and pancreatitis
 - Drug or chemical-induced diabetes, such as with glucocorticoid use, in the treatment of HIV/AIDS or after organ transplantation.

The American Diabetes Association offers an on-line risk test you can take to determine your risk of having or getting diabetes. Go to <https://www.diabetes.org/risk-test>.

To learn more about diabetes and how to manage it, go to the American Diabetes Association website: <https://www.diabetes.org/diabetes>.

NOVEMBER 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.



Bonfire Friends Present The Fall Frolic

Date: Wednesday, November 10th at 5:30 PM

Location: Clubhouse Pool Deck

\$6.00 Donation Requested

Join your Bonfire Friends on the pool deck for a fun “Fall” evening! A light meal of Sloppy Joes, coleslaw and chips will be served. Coffee, Tea, and Apple Cider will be available. Please bring your favorite apple or pumpkin dessert to share.

A portion of the proceeds will be donated to:

Trout Lake Nature Center in Eustis

Contact Donna or Rick Kelley with questions.

VETERANS REMEMBRANCE DAY

Date: 11:00 AM Thursday, November 11 **Contact Person:** Margaret Willis

Sign-Up Deadline: Tuesday, November 9; sign-up sheet is in the Clubhouse

Details: Please plan to attend our tribute to our own as well as Canada’s people who have and are serving. We will gather in the Clubhouse just before 11:00 AM on Thursday, November 11, 2021. There will be a service at 11:00 AM followed by the introduction of our current Veteran residents. A light lunch will be provided. If you have any pictures of you in uniform to share in a display, please get them to Margaret Willis by Tuesday, November 9th. Thank you so much.

SOCIAL CLUB MEETING:**Date:** 10:00 AM Saturday, November 13**Contact Person:** Leslie Decator

Details: The next Membership Meeting of the Social Club will be held in the Clubhouse. Masks are recommended especially for those who are vulnerable or unvaccinated. All Bonfire residents are encouraged to attend this meeting to participate in discussions that will take place.

DANCE: The Roundabouts**Date:** 7:00 – 10:00 PM Saturday, November 13**Contact Person:** Shirley Byrd**Place:** Clubhouse**Sign-Up Deadline:** No signup required**Cost:** \$5 at the door**Details:** Bring your own snacks and drinks to enjoy during the dance.**LADIES LUNCHEON:****Date:** 11:30 AM Tuesday, November 16**Contact Person:** Robin Semon; Donna Kelley**Sign-Up Deadline:** Sunday, November 14; sign-up sheet is in the Clubhouse**Details:** We will be gathering at the "City Star Family Diner" in Leesburg at 11:30 AM;<http://www.citystardiner.com/menu/>

There will be a sign-up sheet in the Clubhouse only for a count. Please make your own arrangements for transportation. We hope to see many of our friends and neighbors as we gather for lunch together.

MEN'S LUNCHEON:**Date:** 11:30 AM Tuesday, November 16**Contact Person:** Lee Semon; Rick Kelley**Sign-Up Deadline:** Sunday, November 14; sign-up sheet is in the Clubhouse

Details: We will be gathering at "Froggers" in Mt. Dora at 11:30 AM. <https://www.froggers.com/menu>. There will be a sign-up sheet in the Clubhouse only for a count. Please make your own arrangements for transportation. We hope to see many of our friends and neighbors as we gather for lunch together.



YARD SALE

Bonfire Compound

NOVEMBER 18, 19, 20

8AM until ----

This sale is open to the public, so please help spread the word. Tell your friends and relatives, church members, everyone you know. Also, we need helpers. Please contact Jody Pudenz or Robin Semon to volunteer.

This is our biggest fund-raiser, so please help us continue to have the funds to have activities for you. Thank you!!!

THANKSGIVING DAY POTLUCK:

Date: 2:00 PM Thursday, November 25

Contact Person: Ramona Richardson or Margaret Willis

Sign-Up Deadline: Tuesday, November 23; sign-up sheet is in the Clubhouse

Details: Turkey/gravy will be provided. Please sign up to bring a side dish or a dessert. Bring your own tableware/utensils. We welcome (**NEED**) volunteers to help with this event. While masks are not required per CDC recommendations, we will ask you to wear gloves (we will provide) while handling serving utensils. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.



DECEMBER EVENT

DANCE: Copper Canyon Renegades

Date: 8:00 – 11:55 PM Saturday, December 31 **Contact Person:** To be determined

Place: Clubhouse

Sign-Up Deadline: No signup required

Cost: To be determined

Details: To be determined

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Happy birthday wishes to all those celebrating a birthday in November!



NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

| <i>Date</i> | <i>Name</i> | <i>Date</i> | <i>Name</i> | <i>Date</i> | <i>Name</i> |
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| 4 | James Heid | 14 | Roy Woodruff | 21 | Reshella Decker |
| 9 | Forest Ruot | | Robert Hathaway | 22 | Cory Meyer |
| 11 | Richard Longhouse | 18 | Steven Lorch | 23 | Susan Lorch |
| | Diane Wirtz | 20 | Susan Pierce | 27 | Robert Bergstrom |
| 13 | Barbara Kelly | | | | |

Please notify Renee Licht via email (rtlicht@sbcglobal.net) if you would like your name added or removed from this Birthday List.

November 2021

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| | 1 9:00 & 10:00am Water Aerobics | 2 9:00 & 10:00am Noodles | 3 9:00 & 10:00am Water Aerobics 6:00pm Nickel Nickel | 4 9:00 & 10:00am Noodles 1:00-2:00pm Line Dancing 5:45-10:00pm Cards/Games | 5 7:30am Coffee Hour at the Clubhouse 9:00 & 10:00am Water Aerobics 6:30pm Euchre | 6 9:00 & 10:00am Noodles 7:00-10:00pm Karaoke |
| 7 Daylight Saving Time Ends 1:30pm JAM Music | 8 9:00 & 10:00am Water Aerobics 6:00pm Bingo | 9 9:00 & 10:00am Noodles | 10 9:00 & 10:00am Water Aerobics 1:00pm Board of Directors Meeting 5:30pm Fall Frolic 6:00pm Nickel Nickel | 11 Veterans Day 9:00 & 10:00am Noodles 11:00am Veterans Day Remembrance 1:00-2:00pm Line Dancing 5:45-10:00pm Cards/Games | 12 7:30am Coffee Hour at the Clubhouse 9:00 & 10:00am Water Aerobics 6:30pm Euchre | 13 9:00 & 10:00am Noodles 10:00am Social Club Membership Meeting 7:00-10:00pm Dance- The Roundabouts |
| 14 1:30pm JAM Music | 15 9:00 & 10:00am Water Aerobics 6:00pm Bingo | 16 9:00 & 10:00am Noodles 11:30am Ladies Luncheon City Star Diner, Leesburg 11:30am Men's Luncheon Froggers, Mt. Dora | 17 9:00 & 10:00am Water Aerobics 6:00pm Nickel Nickel | 18 8:00am-? Yard Sale 9:00 & 10:00am Noodles 1:00-2:00pm Line Dancing 5:45-10:00pm Cards/Games | 19 7:30am Coffee Hour at the Clubhouse 8:00am-? Yard Sale 9:00 & 10:00am Water Aerobics 6:30pm Euchre | 20 8:00am-? Yard Sale 9:00 & 10:00am Noodles |
| 21 1:30pm JAM Music | 22 9:00 & 10:00am Water Aerobics 6:00pm Bingo | 23 9:00 & 10:00am Noodles | 24 9:00 & 10:00am Water Aerobics 6:00pm Nickel Nickel | 25 Thanksgiving Day 9:00 & 10:00am Noodles 2:00pm Thanksgiving Dinner 5:45-10:00pm Cards/Games | 26 7:30am Coffee Hour at the Clubhouse 9:00 & 10:00am Water Aerobics 6:30pm Euchre | 27 9:00 & 10:00am Noodles |
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