

Tidbits

April, 2019

Bonfire 55+ Mobile Home Park Newsletter

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Board President Report

Bobby Wolgan

I want to thank everyone who completed the Over 55 Requirement Document. I want to thank Fran Oldfield and her crew for the time and energy spent to complete the task. If you have not completed this form, please contact the office.

For the Snowbirds: Please take care of any articles outside that could be an airborne projectile during high winds or a hurricane.

We are still finding dog poop that is not being picked up. Remember that this is a health issue. Be a good neighbor and clean up after your pets.

*Note: The next Board Meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, April 17 at 9:00 AM***

Utilities Team Report

Bill Richardson, Chairman

THE WATER WILL BE SHUT OFF TUESDAY, APRIL 9TH AT 9:00 AM – RED FLAG DAY

On April 9th we will turn off the Bonfire Water System to conduct repairs, install planned improvements and collect information for future improvements for large portions of Bonfire.

Due to the improvements that have been made the last several years, this Planned Red Flag is different than that of previous years. Normally *everyone* had their water shut off. Because of improvements made during our Phases 1 and 2 projects, we will keep the water on for a number of residents. The area closest to the Water Plant should NOT have their service disrupted.

The balance of Bonfire will come back up in stages, and all areas are planned to be back up shortly after noon.

If your water is turned off, the State requires that we notify you to boil your water – until it is tested, and the Red Flags are removed from the bulletin boards by our mail boxes.

A notice will be posted on the bulletin boards during the week of April 1st. That will include a colored map of the residents who should NOT be affected.

We are in the final stages of planning for Phase 3 improvements. Phase 3 will be replacing galvanized pipes that have a 30-50 year life expectancy. We estimate these pipes have been in service for 45 years. We will be requesting approval at our April BOD meeting to move forward with Phase 3.

Thanks to the Bonfire Utility Team: John Bristol, Bill Richardson, Joe Pogoli, Paul Shortsleeve, Graham Wilgus, Don Byrd, Mike Micallef.

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

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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: 2nd Saturday in November

Social Club Pow Wow

The Social Club Pow Wow is scheduled for one hour each month at the Clubhouse. Donuts and coffee will be served. 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. Everyone who is a resident is a member of the Social Club. Renters, shareholders and even guests when they are here are members. Also, it is 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. Dates and times will be posted on the marquee on the front of the clubhouse.

The next scheduled Social Club Pow Wow meeting: 11:00 AM, Tuesday, April 9

Electronic Message Board:

There will be a new electronic Message Board installed soon. Many thanks to Norma & Jerry McVicker and Joyce & Steve Worman for their generous donations.

Spring Fling Thank You Notes:

Thank you to Joyce Walrath-

The Spring Fling happened without a hitch. Thank you to Joyce and all her helpers. The games were fun, the music was great, and the food was wonderfully prepared and served. She even provided great weather. Also, it was a really great 50/50 for us. Thank you again, Joyce. *Submitted by Donna and Rick Kelley*

Thank you from Sally Beauchamp and Kathy Beauchamp-

Thank you, again, for making the raffle a huge success! We want you to know that there were no losers.

Everyone won! The cash not used for prizes went directly into the Social Club's fund for more fun and games and, perhaps, even more prizes in the future.

Thank you from Joyce Walrath-

I would like to thank all the crews that worked to make the Spring Fling a happy day. A special thanks to Ken Dixon and his crew for the setting up and taking down of the equipment.

Dance Committee News

Sallie Thayer

Please bring your own drinks and snacks to the dances.

The Dance Committee is asking for your help. When you are out and about and hear an awesome band let us know. Get a name or a business card; we would love to hear them as well. We are looking for entertainment for the 2020 dances. We look forward to bringing great musical talent to Bonfire for your enjoyment.

At our last Dance Meeting it was brought up that some residents do not like to sit right in front of the speakers (usually these tables are the only ones available as the rest are all reserved). After much discussion we decided to try different ways of placing the dance floor, tables, etc. to alleviate this problem. Please bear with us while we work through this.

Please join us at our next Dance Committee Meeting: April 8th at 11am in the Clubhouse.

Haiti Sewing Project

We will discontinue sewing dresses for Hatti until fall. I would like to thank all who have helped in any way from pressing, sewing, or donating; this includes Charlotte Thompson, Betty Tincher, Fran Oldfield, Donna Kelley, Mary Lou Wade, Joanne Leddy, Joyce Worman, Barb Herald, DeAnna Barnhill, Minnie Cox, Norma McVicker, Mary-Lynn Woodcock, Rita Gould, Shirley Prentice, Karen Van Matre, Tracy Bergman, Gerry Graham, Debra Niles, Kay and Al Park. THANKS TO ALL OF YOU! We have 130 dresses with one week to go. Thank you again. *Submitted by Shirley Byrd.*

Food Bank

In the past couple of months the Bonfire people have increased food contributions. Those in need would (if possible) thank you personally. The need of your support is and will always be there. Please continue to consider this when you shop. Using coupons and BOGO free are great ways to provide while not costing you too much. So one more time, THANK YOU.

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 need someone to volunteer to pick up the donuts and someone to make the coffee (7:30am) for the month of April. Please contact Karen Van Matre if you would be willing to help. We're always looking for someone to help out with Coffee Breaks; if you'd be interested please let me know. If you don't know how to make the coffee we can teach you. :)

Keep in Touch

Bonfire Friends Facebook Page: By Lynn Harlan

To those of you who have already discovered our Bonfire Friends Facebook Page, we love your photos and posts. Keep them coming. This page is a Closed Group and was set up to communicate important and useful information to our Bonfire residents and renters. As with all group pages, ours requires a bit of maintenance and oversight to keep it relevant. Old posts are deleted periodically. However, all photos are available under the Photos Tab, even those from deleted posts.

If you wish to join BONFIRE FRIENDS, simply visit the page, request to become a member and provide your Bonfire street address and identify yourself as an owner or renter. New members are welcomed by the Page Administrator. Posts also are set up to be reviewed by the Page Administrator prior to posting for relevance to the group.

A review of Page Rules will ensure that we can communicate through this page and keep everyone in Bonfire up to date on activities and information about our park and residents.

1. This is a closed group. Only Bonfire residents and renters may join. Members must provide a Bonfire address to be accepted.
2. Postings should be relevant to all Group Members. The following types of information will not be approved:
chain letters, forwarded jokes or stories, birthday and anniversary wishes, notice of events or private parties not open to all residents, complaints about our park or our residents.
3. Posts for outside events are welcome if they are open to all residents or are of general interest to our community.
4. Please limit individual responses to posts unless they clarify information in the post or the post requests a response.
5. Remember, personal information and comments are more appropriate for your personal Facebook page.

Our BONFIRE FRIENDS Facebook Page is a work in progress. Please use it as a resource and feel free to make suggestions or comments. Please share appropriate information so that we can all keep up with what's going on in our community and the surrounding area. We hope this page will become a timely source of information that complements our Tidbits Newsletter and our ever-so-strong Bonfire Grapevine.

Welcome to our group and happy posting.

Bonfire Email List:

Another way to keep informed is to add your email address to the list in the office. Whenever we need to get info out to residents we plan on using this as another means of communication. Send an email to Sharon in the office at bonfiremhp@aol.com asking her to add you to the email address list.

Kitchen Reminders

"Potluck" means bring your own tableware unless otherwise stated AND a dish to share.

There is a \$3 charge for each guest at all potlucks. This is on the Honor System. Please put the money in the Kitchen Donation Jar that will be on the kitchen pass thru counter. We also ask that after each function you clean up your table and surrounding area before leaving. If you go into the kitchen to wash your plates/service ware, please scrape off the food/leftovers into the trash can and do not use the garbage disposal in the sink.

Monday PM Meal Get Togethers

Date: Every Monday thru April.

Place: Clubhouse from 4-5pm or until we sell out.

Contact Person: Karen Van Matre & DeAnna Barnhill

Sign-Up Deadline: No sign up required.

Cost: Donation

Details: We will be serving a "meal" every Monday before Bingo. It's a great way to get together with friends and avoid cooking and doing the dishes. **(Menu suggestions are appreciated).**

Suggestions Appreciated for Next Winter Season Events

While you're enjoying the summer season, take time to let us know what you would be interested in doing next Winter Season. Several new suggestions are:

Kennedy Space Center, Trans-Siberian Orchestra Live in Orlando, First Baptist Church of Ft. Lauderdale Christmas Pageant (overnight stay), Key West Get-Away, Strawberry Festival in Plant Citywe look forward to other great suggestions. *Keep in touch with us this summer thru our Bonfire Friends FB page.*

Sunshine Report

Brenda Mayfield

Get Well Cards:

Get well cards were sent to: Jo-Ann Carlson, Gordon Holmgram, Ramona Richardson

Thanks So Much!

Because of good-hearted people like you, this world is a better place. We really appreciate the prayers, cards, flowers and food during my surgery and after I returned home. It meant so much to Bill and me. Bonfire residents are very special people. *Submitted by Ramona Richardson*

Sympathy Cards:

Sympathy Cards were sent to: Cheryl Hytinen (brother), Scott Ramson (father) *note: Scott is the person who takes care of the common grass here in our park, Betty LaPorte Family*

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.

Bonfire Health & Safety Committee – April 2019

April 9 – Water Shut-off for some of the park. The red fabric flag on the bulletin boards by the mailboxes will be your reminder that a boil water advisory exists until the red flag is removed. This usually takes at least three days. You can find instructions for boiling water in the front of your Bonfire Directory.

- Reminder: check your smoke detector.
- Tip: use the hand sanitizers as you are leaving the clubhouse so you won't bring those germs home with you.
- Please remind your visitors about Pool Rules.
- Please remind your visitors that Golf Cart driver minimum age is 16 (Florida law).
- Please remind your visitors about keeping our waste water system healthy. (Details are located in the front of your Directory.)

Health & Safety Committee Educational Series for Tidbits

Eew! Black mold! A mold-infested house not only looks and smells terrible; it may also be a serious threat to your family's health. Find out how black mold can grow in your home and how to get rid of it.

What is black mold?

First of all, mold is a multi-celled, thready fungus. The more than 100,000 species of mold in existence come in a veritable rainbow of colors, including white, green, yellow, blue, and pink mold. "Black mold" can refer to a large variety of mold types, although it most commonly describes the highly toxigenic (toxin-producing) *Stachybotrys* — which actually tends to be blackish-green in hue. Many other types of black-colored mold are quite harmless.

Black mold health risks

If you've got black mold in your house, health risks include exacerbated breathing difficulties for household members with asthma or other respiratory problems, and an increased possibility of infection for immune-compromised people. Milder negative reactions include coughing, wheezing, and hay fever-like symptoms.

How does black mold grow?

Black mold thrives on a combination of moisture, warmth, and cellulose-based food sources like wood and drywall.

How do you get rid of it?

Start by finding and removing the source of excessive moisture. Next, equip yourself with non-porous gloves, breathing mask, goggles, and protective clothing to protect

BLACK MOLD

Get it out of your house

Black mold can be a serious threat to your family's health. [BY INFOGIMATION/WIKIMEDIA COMMONS]

How to prevent mold

Worried about how to prevent mold? Good news: The prevention process involves just three simple steps. And it's a lot easier (not to mention less emotionally wrenching) than dealing with the aftereffects of a major black mold infestation.

1. Minimize all sources of unwanted moisture inside your home:
 - Have all plumbing system or roof leaks repaired swiftly.
 - Remove standing water indoors (and outdoors too — you'll eliminate a potential mosquito breeding ground).
 - Avoid any "moisture traps." For example, don't leave wet towels or shower curtains crumpled up in the bathroom — spread them to dry. In a damp basement, avoid carpet and choose tile or concrete flooring instead.
 - Ventilate — install (and use!) a good bathroom fan and range hood. Ask a reliable roofer if attic vent installation is advisable.
 - Run a dehumidifier as necessary.
2. Inspect your home regularly for mold growth.
3. If you spot even the smallest signs of mold, clean them up immediately to keep them from spreading.

against the mold.

Now you'll have to choose what may be cleaned (hard surfaces like walls and floors, as well as machine-washable textiles such as curtains and some area rugs) and what will have to be discarded.

Scrub hard surfaces thoroughly with soap and warm

water. Launder washables with your usual detergent on a high setting, adding a commercial mold-removing agent if desired. Dry well, with the help of fans or outdoors in the sun where feasible.

Laura Firszt writes for networx.com.

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Saturday, October 6, 2018

Upcoming 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.

WE'LL MISS YOU POTLUCK FOR: NORMA & JERRY MCVICKER, LOUISE & KEN BEAUCHAMP AND CLARA & DALE BERRY

Date: April 3rd, Wednesday at 4pm

Contact Person: Karen Van Matre & DeAnna Barnhill

Sign-Up Deadline: April 1st

Details: We would like to recognize and honor three long-term families here at Bonfire MHP. This will be their last winter with us. (If you know of anyone else not returning next year please let us know). Bring a dish to pass as we walk down memory lane and share the many memories that Louise & Ken, Norma & Jerry and Clara & Dale have of our wonderful community.

Thank you to those that have mentioned other residents that are not coming back next year (Barb Huck, Sondra & James Bechtel and Sharon & Charlie Schmitt). They have already headed home. We wish them well.

AIRBOAT RIDE: WILD BILL'S AIRBOAT TOURS

Date: April 5th, Friday

Place: We leave the Clubhouse at 8am

Contact Person: Karen Van Matre & DeAnna Barnhill

Sign-Up Deadline: April 1st

Cost: \$31.80

Details: Discover territory that remains unaltered by man in the wilderness of the Central Florida Everglades. Let their experienced Master Captains take us into the breathtaking beauty of wetlands, cypress trees and wildlife. See alligators, turtles, birds and more in their natural environment. This safe, exciting and educational airboat ride will have you whisking across the surface of the water at speeds of up to 45 mph while shooting between walls of tall grass.

Weather: 78 with sunshine and some clouds

COMEDY & APPETIZER NIGHT SHOWCASING GOLF BROOKS:

Date: April 6th, Saturday at 6pm

Place: Clubhouse

Contact Person: Karen Van Matre & DeAnna Barnhill

Sign-Up Deadline: April 4th (appetizers & desserts only)

Cost: \$5 at the door

Details: Golf Brooks is a Comedian/Musician who will entertain us with his jokes, satirical observations, amusing situations and humorous takes on "life". His song, Senior Moments, has over 12 million hits on You Tube. His monologue pays tribute to Golfaholics, Fishermen, Senior Citizens, and more. We'll start the evening off at 6pm with appetizers & desserts (bring your own drinks). Golf Brooks will start his standup act at 7pm with 2 sets (45 minutes each). Intermission will feature door prizes & 50/50 drawings. Join us for a hilarious night of comedy.

ANTIQUE STEAMBOAT PICNIC / POTLUCK:

Date: April 10th, Wednesday 11am

Place: Burrell Lock & Dam Parking Lot

Contact Person: Karen Van Matre & DeAnna Barnhill

Sign-Up Deadline: April 8th, Monday

Cost: Bring a dish to share. Tableware will be provided. If you bring a guest it's \$3 per guest.

Details: The Antique Steamboats will be traveling down the Chain of Lakes to Bonfire Village. They will tie up alongside the homes located on the waterway. We will shuttle them to the Burrell Lock & Dam Parking Lot. Please join us for hotdogs & hamburgers (thanks to the Social Club) and delicious side dishes and desserts provided by our residents at noon. Live entertainment will be provided by Mike Smithson from 12-1:30pm. You'll have an opportunity to check the Antique Steamboats out during this time. We ask that all golf carts be parked in the empty lot located to the left before you enter the Lock area or just inside the Lock area. Please park so that EVERYONE can have a spot.

Please join us for a Picnic Planning Meeting April 2nd at 11am in the Clubhouse.

LADIES LUNCHEON:

Date: April 11, Thursday at Tibby's New Orleans Kitchen in Altamonte Springs. (We leave the Clubhouse at **11am**)

Contact Person: Karen Riseley

Sign-Up Deadline: April 9. Please sign up on the sheet in the Clubhouse if you plan to attend.

Details: Join us for lunch in a fun atmosphere, with delicious food and a place that not only feeds us but feeds the soul as well. Check out their menu online or wait until we get there and be surprised by the many choices of entrees and sides that they have.

LAST DANCE OF THE SEASON: HOMER STILES

Date: April 13th, Saturday 7-10pm

Place: Clubhouse

Contact Person: Karen Van Matre & DeAnna Barnhill

Sign-Up Deadline: No signup required

Cost: \$5 at the door

Details: Let's end the Season on a high note. Come on out and enjoy some great music and dance the night away to the great sounds of Homer Stiles.

EASTER DINNER POTLUCK:

Date: April 21st, Sunday at 4pm

Contact Person: Karen Van Matre & DeAnna Barnhill

Sign-Up Deadline: April 19th, Friday

Cost: Bring a dish to share and your own tableware; \$3 per guest

Details: Join us for a delicious home cooked ham dinner. Bring your favorite dish to share as we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

MOVIE NIGHT: Title to be announced at a later date **(Suggestions appreciated)**

Date: April 27th, Saturday at 6pm

Place: Clubhouse

Contact Person: Karen Van Matre & DeAnna Barnhill

Details: Join us for an evening of escape via the movies. The "snack bar" will be open with popcorn, tea and lemonade.

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

1	<i>Carol McCartney</i>
2	<i>Rose Adkins</i>
3	<i>Patricia Carpenter</i>
5	<i>Joyce Worman</i>
7	<i>John Bristol</i>
	<i>Jacqueline Craig</i>
8	<i>Jo-Ann Carlson</i>
9	<i>Bob Foster</i>
10	<i>Marilyn Longhouse</i>
	<i>Paul Wederath</i>
13	<i>Allan Licht</i>
15	<i>Nadine Munroe</i>
	<i>Deborah Niles</i>
17	<i>Joseph Campbell</i>
	<i>Cheryl Hunt</i>
	<i>Judy Wienen</i>
18	<i>Debi Robinson</i>
19	<i>Dave Jones</i>
20	<i>Mike Harlan</i>
21	<i>Chris Leeseberg</i>
	<i>Debra Riggs</i>
22	<i>Mary Lou Avis</i>
24	<i>Alan Park</i>
26	<i>David Sears</i>
27	<i>Tina Morton</i>
28	<i>Merwyn Champion</i>
	<i>Theresa Duke</i>
29	<i>David Niles</i>
30	<i>Don Lowe</i>
	<i>Karen VanMatre</i>

Happy

Birthday !

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

April 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 9:30am Water Aerobics 12:30-1:00pm Beginner Line Dance 1:00-2:15pm Regular Line Dance 4:00-5:00pm Fundraiser Meal 6:30pm Bingo	2 9:30am Noodles 11:00am Steamboat Planning Meeting 12:30pm Bowling	3 9:00am Breakfast Club 10:00am Shuffleboard 9:30am Water Aerobics 4:00pm McVicker - Beauchamp Potluck 6:30pm Nickel Nickel	4 9:00am Golf 9:30am Noodles 12:30-1:00pm Beginner Line Dance 1:00-2:15pm Regular Line Dance 6:00pm Hand & Foot	5 8:00am Coffee Hour 8:00am Airboat Ride 9:30am Water Aerobics 6:30pm Euchre	6 9:30am Noodles 6:00pm Comedy Night with Golf Brooks
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