



Tidbits

Bonfire 55+ Mobile Home Park Newsletter

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Notes from the Board:

- Bonfire will be hosting the Mid-Florida ROC (Resident-Owned Communities) meeting on Tuesday, April 18th at 9:30 AM (*sign-in and donuts/coffee*) and meeting at 10:00 am. We need volunteers to help park many visitors and chauffeur them in golf carts. Please contact George Elder if you are available to volunteer.
- The Memory Tree project in the Clubhouse is looking great thanks to the volunteer group. Check it out!
- Our drinking water tank replacement and sewer plant storage tank painting will both begin in April.
- Feral cat traps have been put out due to resident complaints. Please do not feed any wild outdoor animals.
- The high speed fiber optic internet project is at consideration by the Board of Directors. Please share your support and/or concerns with Board Members.

Note: The next Board Meeting: 10:00 AM Wednesday, April 19

2023 - 2024 Social Club Board

President: Charlene Zeunik

1st Vice-President: Karen Heid

(Spring Fling, Tidbits, Calendar, Directory)

2nd Vice-President: Karen Winchell

(Flea Market, Fundraising Meals)

Secretary: Jamie Anderson

Treasurer: Karen Gilson

1st Director: Shirley Byrd

(Dances, Karaoke, Choir, Entertainment)

2nd Director: Jill Shank

(Potlucks, Ladies Lunch, Friday Coffee)

3rd Director: Barbara Lambright

(Welcome Packet, Welcome to Bonfire Event)

4th Director: Sara Sladen

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

Note from Social Club President, Charlene Zeunik:

As of April 1st we will no longer be offering soda and water for sale in the Clubhouse. It has been difficult to track monies spent to monies paid in along with the unfortunate incidents past and present. While it will be an inconvenience, as with all things, we will learn to adapt. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

Charlene Zeunik, Social Club President

We have had a wonderful month of March with so many activities. Thanks to Dotti Champion for hosting the Ladies' Luncheon with Ooh La La Boutique. We all had so much fun. The Memorial Wall has begun and we will be seeing additions as we make the leaves and add them to the tree. Thanks to the hands of some volunteers, the Clubhouse tables were deeply cleaned as well as the Clubhouse kitchen. Thanks to the volunteers that worked the Outdoor Yard Sale because they brought in \$2771.85 in revenue for the Social Club treasury. Can we say WOW! On March 18, 2023 there was a dance with Phil and Mike and fun was had by all. We celebrated Bonfire Game Show Live Spring Fling on March 25, 2023.

Committee and Activity News:

- ✓ Notes from the Library Ladies: Dawn Comins and Pattie Boster have been keeping the books re-shelved and organized as needed. Dawn requested that folks DO NOT bring donated items to the library. She has seen families of deceased residents bring items to the library because they do not know what to do with it. This is not the place for those items. Please NO old, dirty books. If you would not wish to read it, just please throw it away.
- ✓ Crafts have ended for now because our Craft Lady has gone home. If someone else is interested in helping with this please contact a Board Member. Crafts are held on Wednesdays at 1PM. There are plenty of craft items in the cabinets in the Library so that if someone with some knowledge would want to develop some new ideas using those products we could continue to have crafts. If anyone is looking for a craft item, please go check out the cabinets.
- ✓ Sara Sladen has been asked to create a committee to investigate and submit a request to the Social Club for New Pool Chair cushions. Please contact Sara Sladen if you are interested.
- ✓ Bonfire will be hosting Mid Florida Resident-Owned Communities meeting on Tuesday, April 18, 2023 at 9:30am. There will be many visitors to our community sharing our parking and our facility. We are HOSTS and wish to show our best light. Please be kind to those that are unsure of where they are going and show them to the Clubhouse. All residents are invited to attend. These meetings are very informative.
- ✓ For those of us who are full-time residents, we need to step-up and volunteer to continue to have Ladies' Luncheons and Potlucks. Please consider hosting one of these. If you need more information, please contact Jill Shank.

--submitted by Jamie Anderson

Note: Next Social Club Membership Meeting is: 10:00 AM November 11, 2023

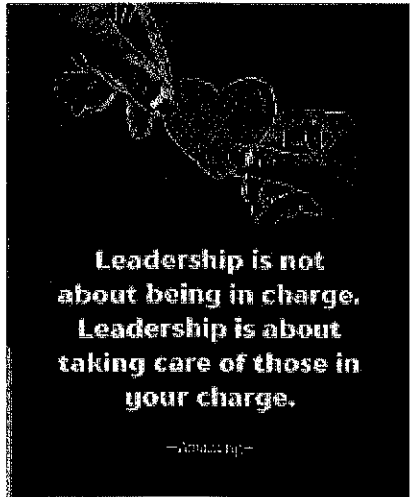
Bonfire Compound Hours for Donations and/or Needs

When: Wednesdays from 9:00 AM – Noon

Details: Should you have donations and/or needs, please feel free to visit the Yard Sale Building in the Compound during the above hours. Should you have any larger items to donate, please contact Karen Winchell to make arrangements for pick-up. Clean items, please, and in good repair. Thank you for your donations!

*We will NO longer accept the following:

- ✓ Large appliances
- ✓ Books- CDs-DVDs-8 Tracks
- ✓ Golf clubs and golf bags
- ✓ Mattresses and box springs
- ✓ Clothing- Shoes



**Leadership is not
about being in charge.
Leadership is about
taking care of those in
your charge.**

—Anonymous—

"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 of New Purchase</i>	<i>Purchased From</i>
Patterson, Deborah J.	612 Misti Dr.	Sears, David & Christine
Waldo, Carol & Hoover, Dan	667 Misti Dr.	Wagner, Ken

Release Form for Bonfire- Resident Directory and Photo Model: CLARIFICATION

This form was completed recently by residents and used by the office to complete the new Bonfire Directory. The Photo Model Release at the bottom of the form states the following: "I hereby consent to and authorize the use and reproduction of any photographs taken of me by anyone authorized by Bonfire MHP whether it be on the website, in the Tidbits or any other Bonfire approved document, display or activity." As clarification, if you signed this, it applies to the Bonfire Website or other official documents from the office. This **does not** apply to the Tidbits or Facebook Groups of "Bonfire Social Club Event Group" or "Bonfire Friends". If you do not want your picture used on any of these groups, you must contact the Administrator of each group concerning your request. The Bonfire Office does not oversee these groups and your signature on the Release Form does not apply to these groups. *Contact Charlene Zeunik with questions.*

Sunshine Report

Please notify Rosa Sherwood via text so a Get Well or Sympathy Card can be sent to any of our Bonfire residents.

Get Well Cards:

Get Well Cards were sent to: Wilma Cox, Faye Hensley, John Gilson, Ken Benson, Karen Van Matre, Robert Logan

Sympathy Cards:

Sympathy Cards were sent to: Jerri Penrose Family, Ken Wagner Family

♥♥♥Please contact Rosa Sherwood via text with your requests of cards to be mailed out.

Health & Safety Committee Report

The Health and Safety Committee has returned. Current members are Diane Weinbaum (Chairman), Brandon Michaels and Nelson Craig. If you would like to join the Health and Safety Committee; you can join our meetings which are usually held every two weeks on Fridays at 1:00 PM during Fall through Spring and once a month on Fridays during the Summer. Call or email dwein95@aol.com for more information.



Submitted by Brandon Michaels...

Best Bedtime for Your Heart

A recent article in Consumer Reports addressed why going to bed earlier can be good for your health. In a study of 88,028 adults over 5.7 years researchers found that: "Going to bed between 11:00 PM and 11:59 PM was linked to a 42% higher risk of heart disease, heart attack, heart failure or stroke compared with a bedtime between 10:00 PM and 10:59 PM. Going to bed after midnight most nights was associated with a 25% higher heart risk than heading off to sleep between 10:00 PM and 10:59 PM." Researchers pointed out that late bedtimes are linked to heart related problems, such as higher blood pressure, clogged arteries, obesity and high blood sugar.

Health Supplements Bogus Claims

A recent article in the Harvard Health Letter warned consumers about manufacturers of health supplements bogus claims.

The FDA called out 7 supplement companies for “illegally claiming their products could treat or prevent cardiovascular disease, such as, atherosclerosis or heart failure.” Warning letters were issued to Essential Scale Media Inc.; Calroy Health Sciences; IWI; BergerMet North America; Healthy Trends World-World Wide (Golden After 50); Chambers’ Apothecary; and Anabolic Laboratories. Since the FDA does not evaluate supplements for safety or effectiveness or how and where they are manufactured, you can’t be sure what is in them. Since they can interact with your medicine, it is important to talk to your doctor before taking any supplements according to the FDA.

Summary of the Health and Safety Presentation in the Clubhouse by Detective James Getford on March 14, 2023

We were pleased to see the great turnout for Lake County Sherriff’s Detective James Getford’s presentation on park security and what we can do as residents to help keep our park safer from would be thieves.

The main topic was the installation of home security cameras and the best placement of those cameras to protect not only ours but also our neighbor’s home. He also recommended the installation of motion activated security lights not only at the front of but also the back or side of your house. Detective Getford brought an example of a typical security camera and brochures which he left for those interested.

He also talked on the importance of locking up and installing hidden kill switches on golf carts and securing other attractive articles like lawn mowers, bicycles, etc.

Detective Getford also mentioned not confronting a suspected thief or thieves but to get as much information as possible on the person and type of vehicle, if applicable, that they were driving.

As it is getting close to the Snowbirds returning north, there will be no further presentations this season. We will be starting up again in December and if any resident would like to have a presentation on a specific subject or would like to be part of our committee, please feel free to contact one of the Health and Safety Committee members. *Submitted by Nelson Craig*

APRIL 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.

Check Bonfire Friends and/or Bonfire Social Club Event Group pages on Facebook for any spontaneous pop-up events.

CHILI AND HOTDOG FUND RAISER MEAL

Date: 5:30 PM Saturday, April 8

Contact Person: Charlene Zeunik

Sign-Up Deadline: Please sign-up by **5:00 PM Thursday, April 6.** We need to assure that we have enough food for everyone. Thank you!

Details: Cost will be \$6.00 per person. Meal will include bowl of chili and choice of sandwich; hot dog, pulled chicken or pulled pork, also cheese and condiments. Coffee, tea and lemonade will be provided as well as tableware.

ANNUAL SOCK HOP DANCE

Date: 7:00 PM Saturday, April 8

Contact Person: Charlene Zeunik

Details: Annual Sock Hop Dance featuring music we all love from the 50’s & 60’s. This is the last dance before our Snowbird neighbors and friends leave for the summer. We hope you will come celebrate with us and have fun dancing to the “Oldies” but “Goodies”! Come dressed in your 50’s/60’s era outfits. Dance is FREE! There will be a 50/50 drawing.



BONFIRE EASTER DINNER /POTLUCK

SUNDAY, APRIL 9, 2023 2:00 PM

HAM AND ROLLS PROVIDED BY THE SOCIAL CLUB

EVERYONE BRING A SIDE DISH OR DESSERT AND YOUR OWN TABLEWARE

GUESTS: \$3—pay at door

SIGN-UP SHEET IN THE CLUBHOUSE

CONTACT PERSONS: ROBIN SEMON & MARGARET WILLIS



LADIES' LUNCH

Date: 11:30 AM Tuesday, April 11

Contact Person: Margaret Willis

Sign-Up Deadline: Sunday, April 9; sign-up sheet is in the Clubhouse.

Details: The April Ladies' Lunch will be held at the Hurricane Dockside, 3351 Burleigh Blvd. (US-441), Tavares. We hope to see many of our friends and neighbors as we gather for lunch together. Please make your own arrangements for transportation. There will be a sign-up sheet in the Clubhouse only for a count.

MEN'S LUNCH

Date: 11:30 AM Tuesday, April 11

Contact Persons: Dave Niles & Lee Semon

Sign-Up Deadline: Sunday, April 9; sign-up sheet is in the Clubhouse.

Details: We will be gathering at the BTW –Burgers, Tacos, Waffles 115 E. Main St., Tavares, FL www.brutaphouse.com. We hope to see many of our friends and neighbors as we gather for lunch together. Please make your own arrangements for transportation. There will be a sign-up sheet in the Clubhouse only for a count.

BONFIRE MEMORIAL TREE DEDICATION/LUNCHEON

Date: Wednesday, April 12 at 11:00 AM in the Clubhouse

Contact Persons: Karen Van Matre & Margaret Willis

Details: Please join us to see the finished product and thank the volunteers who worked hard to create this memorial to our passed loved ones! A light lunch (sandwiches, chips & cake) will be provided.



KARAOKE

Date: 7:00 PM Saturday, April 15

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

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

Date	Name	Date	Name	Date	Name
2	Rose Adkins	15	Nadine Munroe	22	Mary Lou Avis
3	Patricia Carpenter		Deborah Niles	24	Alan Park
5	Joyce Worman	17	Cheryl Hunt		Kenneth Benson
6	Molly Pronkewich		Judy Wiene	26	David Sears
7	John Bristol	18	Debi Robinson	27	Tina Morton
	Jacque Craig	20	Mike Harlan	28	Theresa Duke
9	Bob Foster	21	Chris Leeseberg	29	David Niles
	Karen Winchell		Debra Riggs	30	Don Lowe
13	Allan Licht				Karen Van Matre

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

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
2	3 9:00 & 10:00am Water Aerobics 2:00pm Ladies Harmony 6:00pm Bingo	4 9:00 & 10:00am Water Aerobics 6:00pm Mexican Dominoes 6:30pm Jam Session	5 8:30am Breakfast Club- Highway 441 Diner 9:00 & 10:00am Water Aerobics 6:00pm Nickel Nickel	6 9:00 & 10:00am Water Aerobics 6:00pm Mexican Dominoes	7 Good Friday 9:00 & 10:00am Water Aerobics 6:15pm Euchre	8 9:00 & 10:00am Water Aerobics 5:30pm Chili & Hotdog Fundraiser Meal 7:00-10:00pm Sock Hop Dance
9 Easter 2:00pm Easter Dinner	10 9:00 & 10:00am Water Aerobics 2:00pm Ladies Harmony 6:00pm Bingo	11 9:00 & 10:00am Water Aerobics 11:30am Ladies' Lunch- Hurricane Dockside, Tavares 11:30am Men's Lunch- BTW -Burgers, Tacos, Waffles - Tavares 6:00pm Mexican Dominoes 6:30pm Jam Session	12 8:30am Breakfast Club- Highway 441 Diner 9:00 & 10:00am Water Aerobics 11:00am Memorial Tree Dedication 6:00pm Nickel Nickel	13 9:00 & 10:00am Water Aerobics 6:00pm Mexican Dominoes	14 9:00 & 10:00am Water Aerobics 6:15pm Euchre	15 9:00 & 10:00am Water Aerobics 7:00pm Karaoke
16	17 9:00 & 10:00am Water Aerobics 2:00pm Ladies Harmony 6:00pm Bingo	18 9:00 & 10:00am Water Aerobics 9:30am ROC Meeting 6:00pm Mexican Dominoes 6:30pm Jam Session	19 8:30am Breakfast Club- Highway 441 Diner 9:00 & 10:00am Water Aerobics 10:00am Board of Dir. Mtg. 6:00pm Nickel Nickel	20 9:00 & 10:00am Water Aerobics 6:00pm Mexican Dominoes	21 9:00 & 10:00am Water Aerobics 6:15pm Euchre	22 9:00 & 10:00am Water Aerobics
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