



Tidbits

Bonfire 55+ Mobile Home Park Newsletter

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April, 2024

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President's Report:

March 26, 2024

Fellow Shareholders:

As your new leadership finishes its first month in office, it has been a time of learning, challenge, and change. As we move forward as a park, I want to share some information with you.

For better communication at our monthly Board of Directors' meeting, comments on "agenda" items only will be taken from shareholders. The following procedures will be in place:

1. Sign-up sheet will be provided for "agenda" comments only.
2. Comments only – no questions taken in order as signed up on list.
3. Three (3) minute time limit for comments.
4. No sarcasm, innuendo, or insinuation will be allowed.
5. A short question and answer period will still take place when the Board Meeting is over.

Since our pool is now in full use, let's remember that all of the rules are in place to make the "pool" experience enjoyable. I have been informed that people are not showering before entering the pool; new shower signs have been placed at both entrances. We are all adults here; everyone needs to follow the rules.

In the first month, I have put a new finance committee in place. Don Byrd, Cheryl Hytinen, Pat Carpenter, Chris Leeseberg, and I will comprise the committee.

In August of 2023, Bobby Wolgan (then president), gave me (Dave Meyer), then the treasurer, permission to embark on a Reserve Study offered by Association Reserves. This was a "do-it yourself" study with us doing the fact finding, sending them the new information and receiving their findings on the condition of Bonfire's Financial Reserves.

Association Reserves found Bonfire’s Total Reserves at a 34.6% funding level. They feel we should be at the 65% to 70% level moving forward and gave us some options to reach that goal for a sound financial future. Your Finance Committee will be meeting over the summer to investigate the options for “reserve funding” and its implementation.

In the Fall, we will make a recommendation to the Board of Directors for such funding. This recommendation will come into the form of a “special assessment” to take effect in January of 2025.

I realize that this is an unpopular decision and that it could cause some shareholders hardship. I suggest you take a good look around this area and wherever you call home. Prices, food, rent, housing, insurance, etc. are still on the rise.

Looking at 2025, I cannot rule out another maintenance fee (HOA) increase. We cannot afford to downplay the financial needs at Bonfire, short and/or long term.

These are the facts as I see them right now. We will have a much clearer picture in the fall.

Sincerely,
Dave Meyer, President
Board of Directors

Note: The next Board Meeting: 10:00 AM Wednesday, April 17

2024 - 2025 Social Club Board

President: Charlene Zeunik

1st Vice-President: Karen Heid
(Tidbits, Calendar, Directory)

2nd Vice-President: Brenda Flint
(Flea Market, Fundraising Meals)

Secretary: Jamie Anderson

Treasurer: Margaret Willis

1st Director: Connie Leeseberg

(Karaoke, Choir, Entertainment, Spring Fling)

2nd Director : Jill Shank

(Pottlucks, Ladies Lunch, Friday Coffee)

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: I want to thank all the volunteers who made this year’s Spring Fling possible and enjoyable. Many of you have no idea how much time these individuals give towards planning and executing this event. Most of the volunteers really don’t get to fully enjoy the festivities, but without them neither would you. Please consider volunteering for the next event! Thank you!

Pool chairs have been ordered; 4-6 weeks estimated delivery. The pool party should be a fun time, a chance to relax, listen to music, visit and enjoy our new pool & lounge chairs.

Note: Next Social Club Membership Meeting: 10:00 AM Saturday, November 9, 2024

Bonfire Compound Hours for Donations and/or Needs

The Compound will not be open regularly for the summer. Call Charlene Zeunik for any donations.

Just a reminder: 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



Thanks to everyone for your donations. Brenda Flint

Mid-Florida ROC (Resident Owned Communities) Meeting

The Mid-Florida ROC (Resident Owned Communities) represents resident owned manufactured home communities in Sumter, Lake and North Orange counties.

Since 1975 Mid-FL ROC has been presenting six monthly educational programs each year of value to cooperatives, condominiums and homeowners associations. Mid-FL ROC strives to deliver first class programs presented by speakers who are well known and respected throughout Florida.

The April program will be hosted by Bonfire. It will be on Tuesday, April 16, 2024. Sign-in with refreshments will begin at 9:30am with the program beginning at 10:00am. Program typically lasts an hour or less.

The program will be a presentation about wildlife in our area by Eileen Tramontana, Executive Director of the Trout Lake Nature Center.

As a host community, Bonfire will represent our park to members of other similar parks. Light refreshments will be served. Please try to attend this interesting presentation.

Submitted by Margaret Willis

"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>
Blanton, Robert & Colleen	398 Kristi Dr.	Vicky Atherton
Moser, Carl & Kline, Dona	665 Misti Dr.	Dave & Debbie Hostetler
Thompson, Tim & Patricia	900 Lisa Circle	Richard Longhouse

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

Get Well Cards were sent to:

Bob Johns, Lynn Harlan

Sympathy Cards were sent to:

Janet Schwalbach (Sister), Debbie and Leon Meyer (Granddaughter), Barbara Kasik (Husband)

Thinking of You Cards were sent to:

Bob Johns, David Niles

Note from Kathleen Lowe: Thank you all so very much for your many cards, your kindness and your generosity during the passing of my Beloved Husband, Don Lowe.

Your caring goodness is helping to mend my broken heart. I will keep you all in my prayers. On June 12th Don will be laid to rest at the Florida National Cemetery in Bushnell. I am both grateful and honored that I also will be buried alongside Don and 137,000 other brave men and women who have served our country.

Health & Safety Committee Report

Current members are Nelson Craig, Judy Holmgren and Sandy Parnaby. If you would like to join the Health and Safety Committee; call or email Nelson Craig for more information.

Stress

April is Stress Awareness Month

Worry and emotional stress can trigger a host of health problems. These include:

- Anxiety and depression
- Headaches
- Problems with digestion
- Trouble sleeping
- Weight gain
- Weakening of the immune system



While we cannot control things that cause us stress, we can relieve stress. Try any of these to see what works for you:

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| 1. Go for a walk | 11. Avoid procrastination |
| 2. Consider supplements, such as lemon balm, omega-3, and vitamin B | 12. Pet a dog |
| 3. Connect with nature | 13. Mindfulness and meditation |
| 4. Aromatherapy | 14. Practice abdominal breathing |
| 5. Journaling | 15. Yoga and tai chi |
| 6. Listen to soothing music | 16. Serve others |
| 7. Sing | 17. Reduce caffeine intake |
| 8. Laughter | |
| 9. Connect with friends | |
| 10. Just say "no" to anything that will unnecessarily add to your load | |

Sources:

[How does worry and stress affect your health? - Hope For Healing \(hopeforhealingfoundation.org\)](https://www.hopeforhealingfoundation.org/)

[17 Simple Ways to Relieve Worry, Stress, and Anxiety - Hope For Healing \(hopeforhealingfoundation.org\)](https://www.hopeforhealingfoundation.org/)

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 Social Club Event Group Facebook Page for any spontaneous pop-up events.

LADIES' LUNCH

Date: 11:30 AM Tuesday, April 9

Contact Persons: Margaret Willis & Charlene Zeunik

Sign-Up Deadline: Sunday, April 7; sign-up sheet is in the Clubhouse.

Details: Please meet at the Whiskey Kitchen 315 N Highland Street, Mt. Dora. There will be a sign-up sheet in the Clubhouse for a count only.

MEN'S LUNCH

Date: 11:30 AM Tuesday, April 9

Contact Person: Sam Decator

Sign-Up Deadline: Sunday, April 7; sign-up sheet is in the Clubhouse.

Details: This month we are gathering together at Lake Eustis Fish Camp 901 Lakeshore Blvd, Tavares. There will be a sign-up sheet in the Clubhouse for a count only.

POOL PARTY

Date: Noon – 3:00 PM Friday, April 12

Description: We will be serving hot dogs, bratwurst and chips. We will also be serving Fried Ice Cream.



KARAOKE

Date: 7:00-10:00 PM Saturday, April 13- Karaoke; 1:00 PM- Practice

BEACON COLLEGE CHOIR PERFORMANCE

Date: 6:00 – 6:30 PM Tuesday, April 16

Details: Performance will be in the Clubhouse. Light refreshments will be served after the performance.



BOAT TRIP AND COOKOUT



IN THE PLANNING STAGES!

DATE: WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24

Contact Person: Margaret Willis

SIGN-UP SHEET: Sign-up sheet in the Clubhouse.

PLAN: Travel by boat to Lake Griffin State Park and have a cookout there.

NEED: Volunteers to take their boats with passengers AND volunteers to cook hot dogs & hamburgers there.

TIME FRAME: Leave Bonfire at 11:00 AM; eat around 1:00 PM; return around 4:00 PM.

DETAILS: Anyone who does not want to go by boat could go by car and meet us at the park. There will be a fee for entry to the park (\$5.00 for car with up to 8 people and \$3.00 for boat to dock). We will be asking for donations (\$5.00 per person) to cover the food—hamburgers, hot dogs, and chips. Please bring your own drinks. More information will be on Facebook as it develops.

BONFIRE COMMUNITY LUNCHEON

Date: 12:00 PM Friday, April 26

Contact Person: Gary Poley

Sign-Up Deadline: 3 days before the event

Cost: Suggested donation: \$5.00 per person

Details: Bring your own silverware and plates. Take-outs and delivery will be available. Our hope is that if residents know of shut-in Bonfire residents, that they would be willing to deliver meals to them. There is a Sign-Up Sheet in the Clubhouse and you will need to specify delivery when signing up. Contact Gary Poley for any questions you may have.

KARAOKE

Date: 7:00-10:00 PM Saturday, April 27- Karaoke; 1:00 PM- Practice

UPCOMING MAY EVENTS

MOTHER’S DAY LUNCHEON

Date: 11:30 AM Tuesday May 14

Contact Person: Margaret Willis

Description: In honor of Mother’s Day, the May Luncheon will be held at Rose Plantation 150 Rose Avenue Fruitland Park.

APRIL BIRTHDAYS



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

<i>Date</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Name</i>
2	Rose Adkins	14	Melanie Votaw	21	Chris Leeseberg
3	Patricia Carpenter	15	Nadine Munroe	22	Mary Lou Avis
5	Joyce Worman	15	Deborah Niles	24	Alan Park
7	John Bristol	17	Cheryl Hunt	27	Tina Morton
7	Jacquie Craig	17	Judy Wiene	28	Theresa Duke
9	Bob Foster	18	Debi Robinson	29	David Niles
9	Karen Winchell	20	Mike Harlan	30	Karen Van Matre
13	Allan Licht				

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
	1 9:00am Water Aerobics 10:00am Water Aerobics 2:00-3:30pm Girls Night Out 6:00pm Bingo	2 9:00am Water Aerobics 10:00am Water Aerobics 6:00pm Mexican Dominoes 6:30pm Jam Session	3 8:30am Breakfast Club- Highway 441 Diner 9:00am Water Aerobics 10:00am Water Aerobics 6:00pm Nickel Nickel	4 9:00am Water Aerobics 10:00am Water Aerobics 11:00am Beginners Line Dancing 6:00pm Mexican Dominoes	5 8:00am Coffee/Tea Time 9:00am Water Aerobics 10:00am Water Aerobics 1:30-3:30pm Crafts 6:30pm Euchre	6 9:00am Water Aerobics
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