



Tidbits

Bonfire 55+ Mobile Home Park Newsletter

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2025 - 2026 Board of Directors

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Vice President: Dave Lashua Treasurer: Susan Lorch

Secretary: Dave Niles

Director: Ken Dixon

Director: Tom Eddy

Director: Pat Carpenter

From the Office of the President- *Paul Shortsleeve*

Hello everyone; it's springtime, which means spring cleaning. If you have not cleaned your house yet, now is the time to do so. It is cheaper if you take care of it than if we do it and send you a bill.

Make sure you pick up everything outside so it won't go flying around during hurricane season. Please ensure your house number is on your articles in the compound in case of damage.

Have a great summer, drive safely and stay healthy. For our year-round residents: please watch out for your neighbors, stay healthy and try to stay cool.

Next Board of Directors Meeting: Wednesday, April 8 , 2026 @ 10:00 AM

REMINDER: If you have a problem, question or concern about something in the park, please contact a board member or the office by phone or in writing (and place it in the mailbox at the office). Facebook is not a proper avenue to get your concern resolved or question answered. Thank you!

Yes! We will have a new directory this year!

Information is being gathered now in order to go to print this month (April).

Watch Facebook for announcements on distribution schedules. If you are not in the park at the time of distribution, your copy will be held for you until your return. **OR** you can ask someone to act on your behalf and leave postage for them to mail to you.



Each unit will get one (1) free copy. There will be additional copies available for sale. Cost will be determined after expenses are figured.

HEALTH & SAFETY COMMITTEE REPORT

Next Health & Safety Committee Meeting: Wednesday, April 8 , 2026 @ 11:00 AM

It is the Health and Safety Committee's mission to promote safety and well-being through awareness and education. Whether it's a qualified guest speaker, an article in Tidbits, a post on FaceBook, or our board in the clubhouse, we strive to provide information to help you to live your best life.

BE HURRICANE READY

Mobile homes in Florida are highly vulnerable to hurricanes, making it critical to evacuate regardless of your zone, as they cannot safely withstand high winds. Before storms, secure your home by checking tie-downs/anchors, removing yard debris, installing shutters, and covering windows.

Critical Safety Measures

- **Mandatory Evacuation:** Never stay in a mobile home during a hurricane, tropical storm, or severe thunderstorm.
- **Anchoring Systems:** Ensure your home has a, Florida-approved anchoring system consisting of steel anchors and tie-down straps to prevent overturning.
- **Reinforcement:** Install storm shutters or impact-resistant glass. Check the roof, siding, and skirting for weak points.
- **Site Hazards:** Trim trees and branches near the home to prevent damage.
- **Yard Cleanup:** Store or secure outdoor furniture, grills, and decorative items that can become projectiles.

Preparation Tips

- **Documentation:** Take photos of your home for insurance purposes before the season starts..
- **Emergency Kit:** Prepare a disaster kit with supplies for at least 72 hours.

Prepare for post-hurricane Florida with at least a 7-day supply of water (1 gallon/person/day) and non-perishable food, a manual can opener, a battery-powered/NOAA radio, flashlights, extra batteries, a first-aid kit, and cash. Essential items include prescription medications, hygiene products, phone chargers/power banks, pet supplies, and important documents in a waterproof container.

2026 - 2025 Social Club Board

President: Charlene Zeunik

1st Vice-President: Candy Santamaria
(Tidbits, Calendar)

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

Secretary: Jamie Anderson

1st Director: Connie Leeseberg
(Karaoke, Entertainment, Spring Fling)

2nd Director : DeAnna Barnhill
(Kitchen; non-fundraising meals)

Treasurer: Margaret Willis

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.”

Notes from Social Club President, Charlene Zeunik:

As we wrap up an incredible season, we want to extend a heartfelt thank you to everyone who joined us for so many fun-filled and memorable events. It's been a season full of laughter, connection, and exciting moments that truly made it special.

We're not slowing down anytime soon—stay tuned for upcoming monthly events packed with even more fun and adventure! From an upcoming Bahamas cruise to day trips and more, there's plenty to look forward to. And don't forget—Sunday Funday (Game Day) will now become a regular event, so mark your calendars!

A very special thank you goes out to our amazing volunteers. Your continued support, time, and dedication are what make each event such a success. We couldn't do it without you, and we are so grateful for everything you do.

Here's to more great times ahead!

Due to the expense and time involved in printing the Tidbits, we ask that if you *really* need a paper copy, please sign up on the sheet on the bulletin board. Indicate which months you need copies and whether you need the entire newsletter or just the calendar. Thank you!

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.

Friday Morning Coffee is BACK!

Contact Persons: Lee & Robin Semon

Every Friday at 8:00am. Join your neighbors for coffee and conversation.



Feel free to bring a breakfast sweet to share.

Breakfast Club is BACK!

Contact Person: Robin Semon

Meet every Wednesday at 441 Diner at 8:30 am

381 E Burleigh Blvd, Tavares



COMMUNITY LUNCHEONS

Contact Person: Charlene Zeunik

Dates: Friday April 10, & 24 @ 12 noon

COMMUNITY BREAKFAST: April 17th at 9 am

Cost: \$5 per person—There will be a 50/50 drawing. Bringing your own tableware helps cut costs.

Menu will be posted on white board and sign up sheet available the week of the meal.

Please sign up as early as possible to assist the kitchen to plan how many to prepare for.

EASTER POTLUCK

Contact Person: Charlene Zeunik

Date/Time: Sunday April 5th at 2pm

Location: Clubhouse

Pulled pork (plain & BBQ), bread, coffee, tea and lemonade provided.

Bring side dish or dessert to share and your own tableware



KARAOKE

Dates: Saturday April 11 & 25 @ 7-10 PM (practice 1pm)

Contact Person: Bert Zeunik

Come and sing, sing along, or just enjoy the music. If you want to practice a song, come to the clubhouse at 1pm. Singing starts at 7. Hope to see you there!



GOLF

Date: Thursdays at 8:15

Contact Person: Ken Dixon

Everyone is welcome to this fun mixed golf league. Meet at the clubhouse in the pool room for 8:15 to draw teams and then meet at Mt. Dora Golf Course for a 9:30 tee time...Fore!

SUNDAY FUNDAY

Date: Sunday April 12 at 1:30 pm

Contact Person: Charlene Zeunik

Meet at the shuffle board courts for an afternoon of fun and games.

Bring your own chair and beverage and enjoy an afternoon of friendly community competition.

LADIES' LUNCH

Date/Time: Tuesday April 14th at 11:30 am

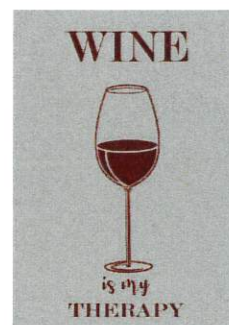
Contact Person: Pat Carpenter

Location: Clubhouse - Wine Tasting & Sharing!

Spring has arrived and in celebration we are holding a "Wine Tasting Lunch" for the women of Bonfire. We will gather at 11:30 for lunch for a small cost of \$7.00 per person which will be due at the door. You MUST sign up so we make sure we have enough food. Please bring your favorite wine or drink to share with others. Lemonade and tea will be available. Please join us in celebrating with old and new friends.

Frannie's sammies, macaroni salad and dessert provided!

Please sign up by April 7th to give Patty a headcount as there is limited food!



MEN'S LUNCH

Contact Person: Bert Zeunik

Date/Time: Tuesday April 14th at 11:30 am

Location: Ski Beach Bar & Grill 21 Dozier Circle, Leesburg (Venetian Gardens)

Please sign up by April 7th to give the restaurant a headcount.



ESTATE/STORAGE UNIT SALE

Find bargains and treasures at this unique sale. Your hosts buy at estate sales and storage unit sales and pass the deals on to you.

Date/Time: Saturday, April 18, 2026 9-3 in the Clubhouse.

Hosts: Lori Rudd & Carmen Janego

A light lunch will be available for purchase!



Sunshine Report

♥♥ If you know of anyone in the park who has been ill or in the hospital, or anyone who has suffered the loss of a loved one, please contact **Rosa Sherwood** via text with your requests for cards to be mailed out.

Get Well Cards were sent to:

James Beauchamp

JD Lawson

Linda Wells

Sympathy Cards were sent to:

The Dennis Family (Kathy's sister)

Thinking About You Cards were sent to:

Karen Gilson

Jodi Stiles

Francis Beauchamp

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Happy birthday to all those celebrating birthdays in April!

*Happy
Birthday!*

<i>Date</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Name</i>
1	Edna Dixon	14	Melanie Votaw	21	Chris Leeseberg
2	Rose Adkins		Flo Ray	22	Mary Lou Avis
3	Patricia Carpenter	15	Nadine Munroe	23	Candy Santamaria
	Carl Moser		Deborah Niles	24	Alan Park
5	Joyce Worman	17	Cheryl Hunt	27	Tina Morton
7	John Bristol		Judy Wiene	28	Theresa Duke
7	Jacquie Craig	18	Debi Robinson	29	David Niles
9	Bob Foster	20	Mike Harlan	30	Karen Van Matre
9	Karen Winchell				

Please notify Shelley Divall via email bonfiretidbits@gmail.com if you would like your name added or removed from this birthday list

UPCOMING MAY EVENTS

Cinco de Mayo Potluck May 5th @ 2pm

Mother's Day Pancake Breakfast May 10th @ 9am

Memorial Day Potluck May 25th @ 2pm

FUTURE EVENTS

Stay tuned for upcoming details on a Bahamas cruise in December or early January. We are still researching to obtain the best pricing and packages for you. If you are interested in joining us on the cruise, please sign up at the Clubhouse with your name and email address to receive the latest updates.

Your entertainment committee has developed and planned many exciting events for the coming season. If you want to organize a trip or other event, please contact us with the information.



RECIPES TO SHARE

Recently a few people have requested some recipes to be shared, so we have created this new section. Please feel free to email me with any recipes you might like to share.

Sopapilla Cinnamon Cheesecake Pastry - Submitted by Charlene Zeunik

2 cans CRESCENT ROLLS
2 (8oz.) blocks CREAM CHEESE, softened
1/2 cup SUGAR
1 teaspoon VANILLA EXTRACT
1 stick BUTTER, melted

TOPPING:

1 tablespoon CINNAMON
3 tablespoons SUGAR
3/4 cup PECANS, chopped

GLAZE:

1 cup POWDERED SUGAR
2 tablespoons MILK
1 teaspoon VANILLA EXTRACT

Layer 1 roll of the crescents on the bottom of a 9 X 13" Pan. Mix CREAM CHEESE, SUGAR, and VANILLA to make a filling and spread onto the crescent layer. Add 2nd roll of crescents. Pour melted BUTTER on top. Mix TOPPING and sprinkle on top. Bake at 350 degrees F- 176 degrees C for 30 minutes. Mix GLAZE and pour on top and enjoy Note; You can add any flavor of pie filling on top of cheesecake layer.

Pecan Dip - Submitted by Rita Gould

Mix Together (and spread in bottom of pan):

8 oz cream cheese
4 oz cool whip
1 cup powdered sugar

In sauce pan mix:

1/2 cup brown sugar	1 egg
1/3 cup caro syrup	1/4 tsp salt
3 tsp butter	1 1/2 tsp vanilla extract
1 cup pecans	

Bring to a boil over medium heat, stirring constantly for 1 min. Remove from heat and cool for 10 minutes. Pour over cream cheese mixture. Service with graham crackers or apple slices.

Chicken Vegetable Lasagna - Submitted by Shelley Divall

2 cans (10.5 ounces) Campbell's® Condensed Cream of Mushroom Soup
1 cup milk
8 ounces spinach, coarsely chopped (about 8 cups) (I use 1 - 2 pkgs of frozen chopped spinach)
16 ounces frozen chopped broccoli, thawed, drained and squeezed dry
2 cups ricotta cheese or cottage cheese
3 – 4 boneless, skinless chicken breasts, baked at 350 for 45 mins, cooled and cubed into ¾ “ pieces (I season mine with my favorite Italian and garlic seasoning)
1 egg
1 tsp paprika
1 tsp garlic powder
1 tsp crushed red pepper
½ tsp salt
9 oven ready (no-boil) lasagna noodles
3 cups shredded mozzarella cheese (about 12 ounces)
½ parmesan cheese
(amount divided in recipe steps below)

Step 1

Heat the oven to 375°F. Mix the soup, milk and seasoning in a bowl. Mix the broccoli, ricotta, spinach, egg and crushed red pepper in another bowl. Lightly grease an 8x13-inch baking dish.

Step 2

Place 1/2 cup soup mixture in the bottom of the dish. Layer 3 noodles. Half the broccoli mixture, ½ the chicken, 3/4 cup mozzarella cheese and 1/2 cup soup mixture and repeat layers. Top with the remaining noodles and 1/2 cup soup mixture. Cover the baking dish with foil and bake.

Step 3

Bake for 45 minutes. Uncover and top with the remaining 1/2 cup mozzarella cheese and parmesan cheese. Bake for another 15 minutes or until the cheese is melted and lightly browned. Remove from the oven and let stand for 15 minutes before

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