



Tidbits

Bonfire 55+ Mobile Home Park Newsletter

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August, 2022

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2022 - 2023 Board of Directors

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The Office of the President- Bobby Wolgan

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.

Notes from the Board:

- Lots 542 and 201 waiting on new home deliveries.
- Tree damaged by lightning removed from Lot 561.
- Some homeowners reporting rodent and armadillo incursions. A reminder to seal openings and discard food items that may attract them. We do not trap wild animals and homeowners are responsible for their removal.

Note: The next Board Meeting: Cancelled for August

2022 - 2023 Social Club Board

President: Leslie Decator

1st Vice-President: Charlene Zeunik

(Spring Fling, Tidbits, Calendar, Directory)

2nd Vice-President: Russell Porwitzky

(Flea Market, Fundraising Meals)

Secretary: Jamie Anderson

Treasurer: Ramona Richardson

1st Director: Shirley Byrd

(Dances, Karaoke, Choir, Entertainment)

2nd Director: Joyce Walrath

(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: The Next Social Club Meeting is: Saturday, November 12, 2022

Did You Know.....History of Orlando

Submitted by Margaret Willis

HISTORY OF ORLANDO

Long before Walt Disney came to Florida, there was Orlando.

Orlando’s history dates back to 1838 and the height of the Seminole Wars. The U.S. Army built Fort Gatlin south of the present day Orlando City limits to protect settlers from attacks by Indians.

By 1840, a small community had grown up around the Fort. It was known as Jernigan, named after the Jernigan family, who had established the first permanent settlement in the area. Jernigan had a post office, established May 30, 1850.

Six years later with the settlement expanding northward, the community officially changed its name to Orlando. In 1857, the U.S. Post Office adopted the name change. The Town of Orlando was incorporated in 1875 with 85 inhabitants, 22 of whom were qualified voters.

History is not as clear on where the name Orlando originated. There are four stories that are told. One involves Judge James Speer, who worked hard in getting Orlando as the county seat, naming Orlando after a man who once worked for him. Another is that Speer named it after a character from Shakespeare’s, “As You Like It”.

A third version has Mr. Orlando on his way to Tampa with a caravan of ox. It is said that he got ill, died and was buried, and that folks would come by and say, “There lays Orlando”.

The final theory is about a company of soldiers on duty during the height of the Seminole Wars. After battling Indians back into the swamps on the east side of Lake Minnie (now Cherokee), the military troop settled there for the night. Sentinel Orlando Reeves was guarding the camp when he spotted a log floating toward him. Recognizing the Indian disguise and wanting to warn his fellow soldiers, he fired his gun. Arrows felled the poor fellow as the Indians came out to ambush the camp. The Indians were chased back again, and the south side of Lake Eola was chosen to bury Orlando Reeves.

<https://www.orlando.gov/Our-Government/History#section-1>

"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</i>	<i>Purchased From</i>
Louise Douglas	583 Kelli Dr.	Ellie Fricker
Dawn Yakes	542 Lock Rd.	Caroline Campbell

Printed Copies of Tidbits

There is a sign-up sheet at the Clubhouse for those needing a copy of the Tidbits or just the Calendar. No additional copies will be printed.

Please allow 2 days for printing after Tidbits are posted online. Copies will be on desk, stapled, and names written on each. You will be responsible for picking up your copy at the Clubhouse.

We will not be delivering copies at this time, however, **IF YOU ARE UNABLE FOR ANY REASON**, please contact Jamie Anderson or Charlene Zeunik.

Thank you for your cooperation!

Sunshine Report

Please notify DeAnna Barnhill 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: no cards were sent this month.

Sympathy Cards:

Sympathy Card was sent to: Dave and Deb Niles – Faith (Great Granddaughter)

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 2021-22 are Faye Hensley, Margaret Willis, Mary Louise Wade, Diane Weinbaum, and Nelson Craig.

NUISANCE WILD ANIMALS

Recently, there have been sightings of wild animals in the park. Small animals... cute little armadillos, possums, raccoons, and squirrels. Many think they are adorable and harmless. Think again. These rascals can do serious damage if they get under your home. They love to gnaw at insulation and wiring. They dig tunnels to where they want to get.

So, what to do? Watch for signs of their presence. Holes dug in your yard, especially near your home, would be a surefire sign. If you are not in the park, ask the person you have hired to maintain your property to look for signs as they are mowing and trimming. Then, if such signs are seen, or if you catch the animals on your security cameras, it would be wise to act before damage is done.

It is the responsibility of the homeowner to maintain their home and property in Bonfire. Therefore, the correct action is to contact a local pest control company (not the board). If you Google, "wild animal nuisance control", several local companies can be found.

Above all, remember, DO NOT feed ANY wildlife.





AUGUST 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.

LADIES & MEN'S LUNCHEON

Date: 11:30 AM, Tuesday, August 16

Contact Persons: Charlene or Bert Zeunik

Sign-Up Deadline: A signup sheet (for count only) will be posted in Clubhouse on August 2 thru August 12.

Details: We will meet at The Dog House located at 201 W. Ruby St. in Tavares. There will be a sign-up sheet in the Clubhouse only for a count. Please make your own arrangements for transportation.

UPCOMING SEPTEMBER EVENTS

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

LADIES & MEN'S LUNCHEON

Leslie and Sam Decator will be hosting a combined Ladies & Men's Luncheon in September, when and where TBD.

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

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



AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

<i>Date</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Name</i>
6	Dale Hunt	10	Cheryl James	18	George Elder
8	J.D. Lawson	11	Nancy Sage	23	Stephen Goulette
	Ken Wagner		Shirley Byrd		Terrie Cervellera
	John Munroe		Steve Shampang	26	Boyd Waddell
9	Dona Bafia	13	Karl Decker		Charlie Cox
	Norman Riggs	16	Ron Wirtz	29	Scott Siegel
				30	Gregory Pierce

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

August 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 9:00 & 10:00am Water Aerobics	2 9:00 & 10:00am Water Aerobics	3 9:00 & 10:00am Water Aerobics 6:00pm Nickel Nickel	4 9:00 & 10:00am Water Aerobics	5 9:00 & 10:00am Water Aerobics 6:30pm Euchre	6 9:00 & 10:00am Water Aerobics
7	8 9:00 & 10:00am Water Aerobics	9 9:00 & 10:00am Water Aerobics	10 9:00 & 10:00am Water Aerobics 6:00pm Nickel Nickel	11 9:00 & 10:00am Water Aerobics	12 9:00 & 10:00am Water Aerobics 6:30pm Euchre	13 9:00 & 10:00am Water Aerobics
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