



# Tidbits

## Bonfire 55+ Mobile Home Park Newsletter

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# August, 2024

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### 2024 - 2025 Board of Directors

President: Dave Meyer

Vice President: Larry Dennis

Treasurer: Cheryl Hytinen

Secretary: Dave Niles

Director: Ken Dixon

Director: Tom Eddy

Director: Paul Shortsleeve

### The Office of the President- Dave Meyer

The office is locked and not open for walk-ins. You can call with questions or make an appointment to meet with office staff. Please communicate to the office staff by phone (352-787-4891), the intercom at the office door, email ([bonfiremhp@aol.com](mailto:bonfiremhp@aol.com)), or use the locked black mailbox to the left of the door for your written communications. The box is secure and checked periodically throughout the day. If you need immediate assistance, you may contact any Board Member.

**President's Report:** no report for this month.

**Note: The next Board Meeting:** To be determined

### 2024 - 2025 Social Club Board

President: Charlene Zeunik

1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President: Karen Heid  
(Tidbits, Calendar, Directory)

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President: Brenda Flint  
(Flea Market, Fundraising Meals)

Secretary: Jamie Anderson

Treasurer: Margaret Willis

1<sup>st</sup> Director: Connie Leeseberg

(Karaoke, Choir, Entertainment, Spring Fling)

2<sup>nd</sup> Director: Jill Shank

(Potlucks, 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](http://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:

- \*The Community Luncheons have been well received. We strongly suggest you sign up if interested and show up if you signed up.
- \*When in the Clubhouse, check out the Hurricane Information Bulletin Board. We are now in hurricane season.
- \*Card Bingo will be on Mondays at **5:45 PM**. You must be there by 5:45 to play.
- \*Tidbits printing will be suspended until September due to minimal activities. Tidbits will be available on the website.
- \*Social Club Calendar is on the wall by the door of the Clubhouse. Major activities will also be shown on the marquee.

**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. Please contact Charlene Zeunik or Margaret Willis if you need any assistance.

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



Want to know what the Social Club has for sale in the sheds? But it's just too hot right now to go and look? Solution!!

Your Bonfire Social Club has created a new Facebook group webpage, called SOCIAL CLUB SALES. On it will be pictures of some of the furniture and other items available for sale.

To become a member and be able to view this page, go to Facebook, click on groups, in the search box type "SOCIAL CLUB SALES" and ask to join. One of the admins will approve

you and then you can see what we have from the comfort of your home.

Any problems or questions, please contact Charlene Zeunik or Margaret Willis.

PS: site is under construction, so please be patient. AND ONLY residents of Bonfire will be approved as members.

**"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>
Lashua, David	788 Sandi Dr.	Cox, Charles

### SECURITY AND SAFETY ISSUES

On June 28, 2024, a meeting was held to discuss the ongoing security issues in our park. A summary of this meeting was posted on the Bonfire website. It can be seen at [www.bonfiremhp.com](http://www.bonfiremhp.com), under the Residents Only section, Shareholders tab.

Gary Poley has arranged for representatives from the Lake County Sheriffs' Office to come and address our questions and concerns. This meeting will be held on **October 9, 2024 at 3:30pm** in the Clubhouse. More information will be provided as the date draws closer.



Meanwhile, it needs to be emphasized that every resident is responsible for securing their own property. Lock up, install cameras, motion lights...anything to deter theft. And if you see something that doesn't look right, someone who doesn't seem to belong in our park, question it.



Security is not a new issue in our area, but it needs to be re-emphasized often. Thank you for doing your part.

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

**Sympathy Card was sent to:**

Russell and Ellie Porwitzky (Ellie's daughter)

**Health & Safety Committee Report**

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

**LEARN ABOUT SENIOR SCAMS**

**A lady was at the Dollar General trying to purchase four \$500 gift cards. Luckily, the employees were aware the woman was being scammed and, after refusing to sell her the cards, notified law enforcement to assist the woman. This was an example of the "Family Member in Need Scam".**

This one plays on the close family ties to scam funds from a loved one. The scammer will convince the victim that a family member is in need. This need can range from a car accident and help with a medical bill to a kidnapping and ransom scenario. They may even hack into your family member's social media to send messages posing as your grandchildren.

There are many other ways we can fall victim to a scam. But, how can we avoid being scammed?

The best way to avoid being scammed is to be aware of them. Whenever you are contacted by a party you are unfamiliar with, do your due diligence and make sure the person you are talking to is the person they say they are. Here are some tips to help you avoid these senior scams:

- Block unwanted calls and text messages.
- NEVER give out personal information over the phone or email in response to a request for it.
- Resist the pressure to act immediately (especially in regards to a prize or medical bill).
- Never pay someone with a gift card, real businesses don't get paid this way.
- Stop and talk to someone you trust about what happened.
- REPORT SCAMS TO THE FTC.

We have all worked too hard for our retirement savings to allow someone to take it from us. Stay alert!

[https://confident-living.org/blog/how-to-avoid-senior-scams-and-protect-your-retirement/?gclid=Cj0KCQjwspKUBhCvARIsAB2IYuv8b5Zv2d7iFIWe7JAhnAVukiHq3GxwQ40z5TEb\\_jkqMP8o\\_uxVTOKaAm-xEALw\\_wcB](https://confident-living.org/blog/how-to-avoid-senior-scams-and-protect-your-retirement/?gclid=Cj0KCQjwspKUBhCvARIsAB2IYuv8b5Zv2d7iFIWe7JAhnAVukiHq3GxwQ40z5TEb_jkqMP8o_uxVTOKaAm-xEALw_wcB)

**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.*

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

**BONFIRE COMMUNITY LUNCHEONS**

**Dates:** 12:00 PM Friday, August 2, August 16, August 30

**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. You must be present by 12noon to participate. Menu to be announced later. Contact Gary Poley for any questions you may have. Reminder: there will be a 50/50 drawing. We will need Volunteers to help serve.

### **KARAOKE**

**Date:** 7:00-10:00 PM Saturdays (1:00 PM- Practice) August 10 and 24

**Details:** You don't have to sing, just come and enjoy the fun.

### **LADIES' LUNCH**

**Date:** 11:30 AM Thursday, August 22

**Contact Persons:** Leslie Decator

**Sign-Up Deadline:** Monday, August 19

**Details:** Please meet at Mason Jar Restaurant, 37534 State Rd. 19, Umatilla.

There will be a sign-up sheet in the Clubhouse for a count only.

### **MEN'S LUNCH**

**Date:** 11:30 AM Thursday, August 22

**Contact Persons:** Sam Decator

**Sign-Up Deadline:** Monday, August 19

**Details:** Please meet at Lake Harris Hideaway, 11912 Lane Park Rd, Tavares.

There will be a sign-up sheet in the Clubhouse for a count only.

## **UPCOMING SEPTEMBER EVENTS**

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

### **BINGO RESUMES**

**Date:** September 2, 2024 at 6:00 PM

### **LABOR DAY POTLUCK**

**Date:** 2:00 – 4:00 PM Monday, September 2

**Contact Person:** Margaret Willis

**Details:** This will be a true "Potluck": no main meat provided.

### **KARAOKE**

**Date:** 7:00-10:00 PM Saturdays (1:00 PM- Practice) September 7 and 21

**Details:** You don't have to sing, just come and enjoy the fun.

### **BONFIRE COMMUNITY LUNCHEONS**

**Dates:** 12:00 PM Friday, September 13 and 27

**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. You must be present by 12noon to participate. Menu to be announced later. Contact Gary Poley for any questions you may have. Reminder: there will be a 50/50 drawing. We will need Volunteers to help serve.

### **LADIES' LUNCH**

**Date:** 11:30 AM Tuesday, September 17

**Contact Persons:** Charlene Zeunik

**Sign-Up Deadline:** Sunday, September 15

**Details:** Please meet at Ellen's Café, 712 W Main St., Leesburg.

There will be a sign-up sheet in the Clubhouse for a count only.

**MEN'S LUNCH**

**Date:** 11:30 AM Tuesday, September 17

**Contact Persons:** Bert Zeunik

**Sign-Up Deadline:** Sunday, September 15

**Details:** Please meet at Puddle Jumpers, 111 W. Ruby St., Tavares.  
There will be a sign-up sheet in the Clubhouse for a count only.



**LIVE ENTERTAINMENT AND OTHER EVENTS TO LOOK FORWARD TO  
OCTOBER 2024 –MARCH 2025**

EVENT	ENTERTAINMENT	DATE
Halloween Costume Party	Nathan Jay Leslie	October 26, 2024
Live Music	HWY 94 Band	November 9, 2024
Beacon College Choir	Beacon College	December 5, 2024
Christmas Bazaar 8AM to 2PM		December 7, 2024
New Year's Eve Party	The Occasional Astronauts	December 31, 2024
Live Comedy Show	Frankie Paul Morrell	January 28, 2025
Live Music	TBD	February 22, 2025
Spring Fling		Tentatively March 15, 2025

**AUGUST BIRTHDAYS**



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

<i>Date</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Name</i>
3	Diane Hills	11	Nancy Sage	19	Marlene Ulloa
6	Dale Hunt	11	Shirley Byrd	23	Stephen Goulette
8	J.D. Lawson	12	Steve Shampang	23	Terrie Cervellera
9	Dona Bafia	13	Karl Decker	26	Boyd Waddell
9	Norman Riggs	16	Ron Wirtz	29	Scott Siegel
9	Becky Clough	18	George Elder	30	Gregory Pierce
10	Cheryl James	18	Gail Graham		
		18	Sandy Johnson		

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

# August 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				<b>1</b> 9:00am Water Aerobics 6:00pm Mexican Dominoes	<b>2</b> 8:00am Coffee/Tea Time 9:00am Water Aerobics 12:00pm Community Luncheon 6:30pm Euchre	<b>3</b> 9:00am Water Aerobics
<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> 9:00am Water Aerobics 5:45pm Card Bingo	<b>6</b> 9:00am Water Aerobics 10:00 Bible Study 6:00pm Mexican Dominoes 6:30pm Jam Session	<b>7</b> 8:30am Breakfast Club-Highway 441 Diner 9:00am Water Aerobics 6:00pm Nickel Nickel	<b>8</b> 9:00am Water Aerobics 6:00pm Mexican Dominoes	<b>9</b> 8:00am Coffee/Tea Time 9:00am Water Aerobics 6:30pm Euchre	<b>10</b> 9:00am Water Aerobics 1:00pm Karaoke Practice 7:00pm-10:00pm Karaoke
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