



Tidbits

Bonfire 55+ Mobile Home Park Newsletter

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From the Office of the President- *Paul Shortsleeve*

Reminder: If you have any issues such as plumbing, electrical, etc., you must call the office first. Joe will check out the problem and determine if a contractor needs to be called. If you call a contractor before advising the office or Joe you will be responsible for the entire contractor's bill.

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!

NEW BONFIRE PHOTO DIRECTORY

YES, we are planning to print a photo directory this year. Everyone's cooperation will be necessary to pull this off. Your part is easy! Just provide us with a headshot photo you would like to be in the directory or let us take one.

NOTE: If you are a couple, please send a picture of both of you together.

Look for Margaret Willis at the clubhouse during any event to have your picture taken or email to amw423@gmail.com.

You can also text or Facebook message your picture to Margaret Willis.
A photo directory is SO helpful in getting to know who your neighbors are!



DIRECTORY CORRECTIONS

Correct address for Fillippelli, Silvano & Ana

1151 Ezard Cres, Milton, Ontario L9T 6W9

We are sorry for any inconvenience these errors may have caused and
will continue to make corrections as they are identified.

HEALTH & SAFETY COMMITTEE REPORT

**Health & Safety Committee members: Lee Semon, chair; Joanne Leddy, Susan Pierce,
and Susie Lorch.**

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.

Tips to stay safe in hot weather

Things you can do to lower your risk of heat-related illness:

- Drink plenty of liquids, such as water, fruit or vegetable juices, or drinks that contain electrolytes. Avoid alcohol and caffeinated beverages. If your doctor has told you to limit your liquids, ask what you should do when it is very hot.
- If you live in a home without air conditioning or fans, try to keep your space as cool as possible. Limit use of the oven; keep shades, blinds, or curtains closed during the hottest part of the day; and open windows at night.
- If your living space is hot, try to spend time during midday in a place that has air conditioning. For example, go to the shopping mall, movies, library, senior center, or a friend's home. You may also contact your local health department or city to find out if they have air-conditioned shelters in your area.
- If you need help getting to a cooler place, ask a friend or relative. Some religious groups, senior centers, and [Area Agencies on Aging](#) provide this service. Search the [Eldercare Locator](#) to find services in your area. You could also consider taking a taxi or other car service or calling your local government to see if they offer senior transportation. Don't stand outside in the heat waiting for a bus.
- Dress for the weather. Wear lightweight, light-colored, loose-fitting clothing. Natural fabrics such as cotton may feel cooler than synthetic fibers.



- Avoid outdoor exercising and other physical activity when it is very hot. Instead, try to find someplace you can be active while staying cool indoors.
- If you must go outside, try to limit your time out and avoid crowded places. Plan trips during non-rush-hour times.
- Make sure to use a broad spectrum sunscreen, SPF 15 or higher, and reapply it throughout the day, especially if your skin will have continuous exposure to the sun. Wear a hat and other protective clothing, and sunglasses. If you do get sunburned, stay out of the sun until your skin is healed and use cool cloths and moisturizers to treat the affected area.
- Ask your doctor if any of your [medications](#) make you more likely to become overheated or sunburned.

Key points to remember about hot weather safety

Older people can have a tougher time dealing with heat and humidity. The temperature inside or outside does not have to be high to put them at risk for a heat-related illness.

Headache, confusion, dizziness, or nausea could be a sign of a heat-related illness. Go to the doctor or to an emergency room to find out if you need treatment.

To keep heat-related illnesses from becoming a dangerous heat stroke, remember to:

- Get out of the sun and into a cool, ideally air-conditioned place.
 - Drink fluids but avoid alcohol and caffeine.
 - Shower, bathe, or sponge off with cool water.
 - Lie down and rest.
 - Source: <https://www.nia.nih.gov/health/safety/hot-weather-safety-older-adults>
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2026 - 2027 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:

All is quiet and the weather is hot. Hope you all are having a great summer even in the heat, stay safe and hydrated. The shuffleboard courts have been resurfaced and look great, thanks to Chris Leeseberg for coordinating this project. Just a reminder, the St. Augustine day trip is filling up, please reserve your spot before it's too late. There are a few activities being held in the clubhouse. Check the Bonfire Social Club Event page for any pop-up activities. Thank you to Candy Santamaria for keeping the marquee up to date with what's going on.



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!

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.

SUMMER POTLUCK AND POOL PARTY

Contact: Lee & Robin Semon, Margaret Willis

Date: Saturday, August 15, 2026 2pm

Bring some food to share. Bring your own tableware. Tea and lemonade will be provided. After the meal, if you desire, head to the pool for fun and fellowship. Or stay in the clubhouse if you wish and visit with friends and neighbors.

Sign up in the clubhouse.



LADIES' LUNCH & MEN'S LUNCH

Contact Person: Robin Semon

Date: Tuesday, August 11th @ 11:30 am

Location: Oakwood BBQ

2911 David Walker Dr Eustis

Please Sign up by Saturday August 8th to give restaurant a headcount



KARAOKE (last one until fall season)

Contact Person: Bert Zeunik

Dates: Saturday August 8 @ 7-10 PM

(Practice @ 1pm)

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!



NOTICE:

The Wednesday morning breakfast club, Friday morning coffee hour, and the Friday meal events are suspended for August and September.

CARD BINGO

On Mondays @ 6pm

Bring \$4 in quarters to play.

Each game costs 25 cents to play, there are 16 games.

Easy to play. No experience needed.



THIRSTY THURSDAY GAME NIGHT

Every Thursday @ 4pm in the clubhouse.

Bring food to share, your own beverage (tea & lemonade will be provided).

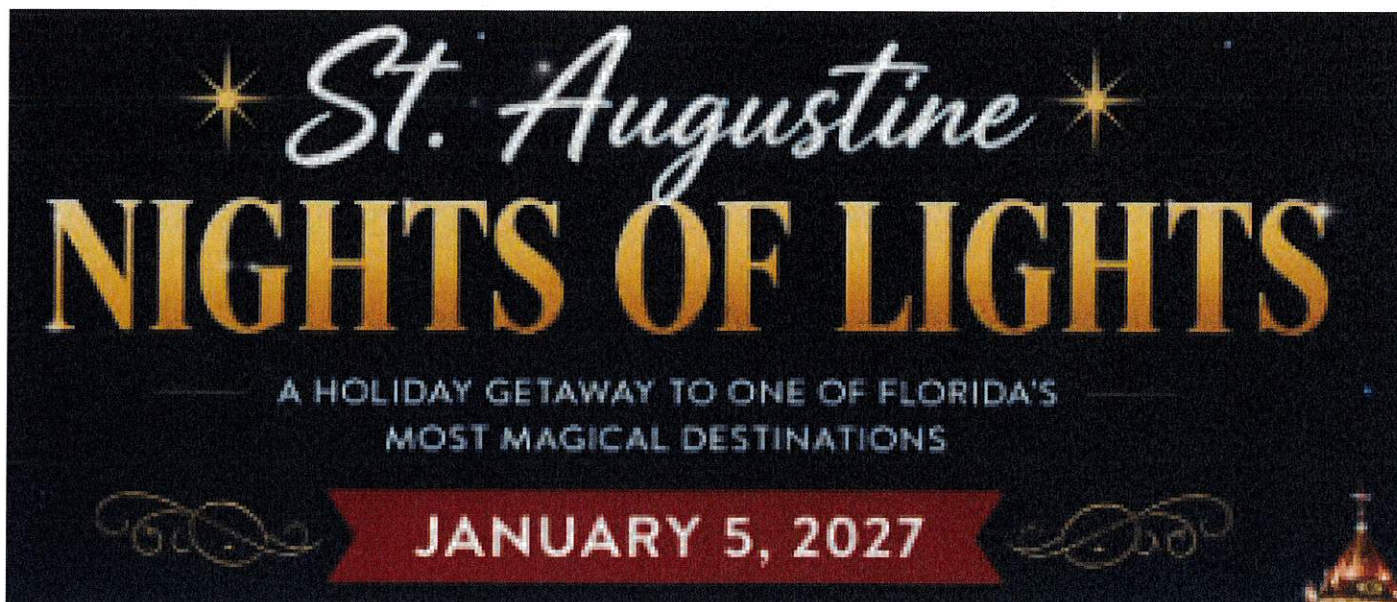
Prepare to enjoy games, laughs, food and fun.

No need to sign up, just come and plan to have a good time.



DECEMBER BAHAMAS CRUISE

If you reserved your room on our upcoming cruise in December, we have arranged for a bus to shuttle us from Bonfire to the Port and return to Bonfire. The fee including gratuity for the bus driver and port luggage handlers is estimated to be \$62 per person. Shelley Divall will be collecting these funds in November and further details will be forthcoming closer to our departure...BON VOYAGE



Your Day at a Glance

-  Pickup Location: Bonfire Mobile Home Village
-  10:45am Meet the Bus
-  11:00am – Depart Bonfire
-  1:00pm'ish – Arrive in St. Augustine
-  Free Time to Explore Enjoy shopping, sightseeing, dining, attractions, and holiday festivities
-  6:00pm - Nights of Lights Trolley Tour Departure
-  7:45pm – Meet Back at Bus
-  8:00pm - Depart for Home
-  10:00pm'ish – Approximate Return Home

Your Day Trip Includes

- ✓ Roundtrip motorcoach transportation
 - ✓ Free time to explore St. Augustine
 - ✓ Dream Team Vacations host assistance
 - ✓ Driver gratuities included
- Transportation Package-- \$49 Per Person**

Optional Add-Ons

- Historic Hop-On Hop-Off Trolley-- Add \$46 Per Person**
- Nights of Lights Trolley Tour @ 6:00 PM--Add \$25 Per Person**

*Go to website using this link to see all the details
and make your reservation.*

<https://cruise.dreamteamvacations.com/1-5-27-bon-staugustine>

DON'T WAIT... TRIP LIMITED TO FIRST 55 TO MAKE RESERVATIONS

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:

Karen VanMatre

Sympathy Cards were sent to:

David Meyer (Brother)

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Happy birthday to all those celebrating birthdays in August!

*Happy
Birthday !*

<i>Date</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Name</i>
3	Diane Hills	12	Steve Shampang	19	Marlene Ulloa
6	Dale Hunt	13	Karl Decker	23	Terrie Cervellera
8	J.D. Lawson	14	Carrie Clifton	29	Scott Siegel
9	Dona (DeDe) Bafia	16	Ron Wirtz	30	Gregory Pierce
	Becky Clough	18	George Elder		
10	Cheryl James		Gail Graham		
11	Nancy Sage		Sandy Johnson		
	Shirley Byrd		David Kubiak		

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

FUTURE EVENTS

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.



Note: this list is not complete and is subject to change

Monday Sept 7 Labor Day cookout or potluck
Thursday Oct 1 Oktoberfest Potluck
Wednesday Oct 28 National Chocolate Day Party
Saturday Oct 31 Halloween Costume Party
Saturday Nov 7 Poker Run
Wednesday Nov 11 Veterans' Day Program and Lunch
Saturday Nov 14 Social Club Membership Meeting
Saturday Nov 21 Fall Festival
Thursday Nov 26 Thanksgiving Dinner
Thursday Dec 3 Karaoke Christmas Program
Sunday Dec 13-Thursday Dec 17 Bonfire Bahamas Cruise
Friday Dec 25 Christmas Dinner
Thursday Dec 31 New Year's Eve Party
Tuesday Jan 5 Bus Trip to St Augustine
Saturday Jan 16 Social Club Membership Meeting
Tuesday Jan 19 Casino Night
Saturday Jan 30 Chicken Dinner
Saturday Feb 6 Party with Live Entertainment
Sunday Feb 7 Welcome to Newcomers Party
Tuesday Feb 9 Mardi Gras Potluck
Wednesday Feb 10 Shareholders' Meeting
Saturday Feb 13 Special Valentines' Karaoke
Sunday Feb 14 Valentines Day Potluck and Super Bowl Party
Saturday Feb 20 Spaghetti Dinner
Saturday Feb 27 Canada Day
Saturday Mar 13 Social Club Membership Meeting
Saturday Mar 20 Spring Fling: theme St Patrick's Day/Irish
Sunday Mar 28 Easter Potluck
Saturday May 1, 2027 Kentucky Derby Party

Bonfire Tidbits August

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
26	27	28	29	30	31	1
5:45pm - Texas Holdem	9am - Water Aerobics 2pm - Girls Night Out 6pm - Card Bingo	9am - Water Aerobics 6:30pm - Jam Session	9am - Water Aerobics 6pm - Nickel Nickel	9am - Water Aerobics 4pm - Game Day 6pm - Poker	9am - Water Aerobics 6pm - Euchre	9am - Water Aerobics 6pm - Nickel Nickel
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