



Tidbits

Bonfire 55+ Mobile Home Park Newsletter

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December, 2021

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2021 - 2022 Board of Directors

President: Bobby Wolgan

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Treasurer: Dave Meyer

Secretary: Mike Micallef

Director: Ken Dixon

Director: Chris Leeseberg

Director: Paul Shortsleeve

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.

- New lot 407 Kristi Drive has re-sold and anticipate a new home to be set up.
- 105 Jodi Ave. has new long-term renters
- 744 Lock Road has sold.
- 541 Lock Road has re-sold to current Shareholders who will be relocating.

December Board Meeting is tentatively scheduled for 2:00pm on Wednesday, December 15, 2021, provided we have a quorum.

MAIL DELIVERY:

As most of you are aware, there are problems with mail delivery. We are receiving returned mail from the USPS stating no forwarding address or it has expired. For example, we received a returned mail that went out in April and the office didn't receive it back until November 10th. We have contacted USPS customer service regarding the length of time it took to return it to us and are waiting for a response.

Florida Statute #719 states one permanent address be maintained in our file system. Accordingly, unless you complete and sign a form stating your permanent address is other than Bonfire, all mail will be sent to your Bonfire address.

It is your responsibility to file a forwarding address with the USPS when you are not at Bonfire. Directions for forwarding your mail can be found on the USPS internet site or you can pick up a copy in the office. If you have questions, please contact the USPS.

The current Departure Form has a place for your address other than Bonfire; however, that is for us to notify you should there be an emergency with your home. We cannot change your mailing address without the appropriate form signed as it is a violation of Federal law for us to do so. We have prepared a new Departure Form that states for **Emergency Use Only**.

Additionally, the Directory Form you completed has space for another address you want printed in the directory. It is **NOT** for forwarding your mail.

We hope that this helps with delivery of your mail going forward. All forms are on our website under Residents Only tab, forms.

*Note: The next Board Meeting: **Wednesday, December 15 at 2:00 PM***

2020 - 2021 Social Club Board

President: Leslie Decator

1st Vice-President: Robin Semon

(Spring Fling, Tidbits, Calendar, Directory)

2nd Vice-President: Russell Porwitzky

(Flea Market, Fundraising Meals)

Secretary: Margaret Willis

Treasurer: Ramona Richardson

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.

1st Director: Shirley Byrd

(Dances, Karaoke, Choir, Entertainment)

2nd Director: DeAnna Barnhill

(Potlucks, Ladies Lunch, Friday Coffee)

3rd Director: Joyce Worman

(Welcome Packet, Welcome to Bonfire Event)

4th Director: Karen Van Matre

(Decoration of Park & Clubhouse for Events)

The Annual Meeting of the Social Club for Elections is: **Saturday, January 15, 2022 at 10:00AM**

"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, Leslie Decator:

- Our November membership meeting was held on November 13. The minutes from this meeting are posted on the Bonfire website. Go to the Residents Only section and click on the Social Club tab.
- Social Club Board elections will be held at our next meeting, January 15, 2022, at 10am. Details about this election can be found later in this newsletter. Please consider taking part by serving on the Board or hosting one or more of the various activities we enjoy. Without your help, we cannot continue to have these events.
- Our Yard Sale last month was a success. MANY thanks to all the volunteers who made this happen. We profited \$1760, which will be a great help in underwriting the Social activities this season.
- Bingo has resumed on Monday nights at 6pm. We are always looking for callers....if you can help in this area, contact Leslie Decator and she will arrange training for you.
- Our next Karaoke will be Saturday December 4th, 7-10 pm. Come and participate as much as you like. You can sing or sing along or just listen and enjoy. Bring your own snacks and drinks. There will be a 50/50 drawing.
- Dances have also resumed. The November dance was well attended and enjoyed by all. The next dance will be New Year's Eve.
- Other weekly cards and games are taking place, as well as Friday Coffee/Donut Hour, and the Ladies' and Men's Lunches. Consult the calendar or the contact person for each activity in which you are interested.
- Also, if you have not already done so, add the "Bonfire Social Club Event Group" to your Facebook Groups list. This is a private page for Bonfire residents and will keep you currently informed on activities in the park.

Social Club Election Details:

Do you enjoy the activities at Bonfire?? Would you like to see them continue??

OR would you like to see changes on how activities are held at Bonfire??

Then you should consider serving on the Board where you can make a difference!! Bonfire Social activities can only happen if you are involved.

Contact **Debbie Cross** to have your name added to the ballot. Thank you, Debbie, Rosa Sherwood, and Sara Sladon for volunteering to be the election committee.

The following offices are up for election at the January 15, 2022 meeting at 10:00am in the Clubhouse:

1st Vice-President—responsible for over-seeing the annual Spring Fling, the Tidbits, calendar.

Secretary—takes minutes at meetings and makes available to membership and the Bonfire office for publication on the Website.

1st Director—Responsible for over-seeing entertainment organized by the Social Club, such as dances, choir, karaoke, etc.

3rd Director—Responsible for creating and over-seeing the committee to welcome new members to the Social Club.

4th Director—Responsible for over-seeing the decoration of the park and Clubhouse, for events such as Christmas, Halloween, etc.

BONFIRE CHRISTMAS CART PARADE

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2021

Meet at Clubhouse at 5:30pm

Prizes will be awarded for the two best decorated carts, then parade around the park!

Also, prizes will be awarded for the **two best decorated homes**.



Coffee Hour

Come on Friday morning to the Clubhouse for coffee and donuts. The donuts are here at 7:30am every Friday. Everyone is welcome to come any time before 9:00am. There will be coffee and maybe donuts until 9:00.

Fall Frolic Thank You

Rick, Donna, Steven Kelley and Karen Van Matre wish to thank everyone who attended the "Fall Frolic" on November 10th. Thanks to your generosity, Trout Lake Nature Center received \$200.00. The money will be used to improve the displays at the center. You should all plan to visit TLNC soon. Bring the grandchildren, it's free. Donations are accepted.

Food Bank

The "Food Bank" box remains in the Clubhouse. There continues to be a need in our surrounding community. Please be generous in this season of giving and great joy.

Golf

Golf is starting on Thursday, December 2 at 8:30 AM- meeting at the Clubhouse.....Come join the fun!

Contact Person: Jim Titus

J & J Music

Come to the Clubhouse on Thursdays from 2:30 – 4:00 PM to listen, dance and enjoy the percussion and piano music performed by Judy Longhouse and John Leddy.

"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>
Tamberly Chaszar	744 Lock Road	David & Patti Boster

Toys for Tots 2021

The "Toys for Tots" box will be picked up on December 3rd. You still have a few days to contribute a new unwrapped toy for a child in Lake and Sumter County. Thank you to all who have contributed already.

Sunshine Report

DeAnna Barnhill

Get Well Cards:

Get Well Cards were sent to: Bobby Wolgan, Bill Richardson, Dick Searles, Deb Niles

Sympathy Cards:

Sympathy Cards were sent to: Graham Wilgus (Brother), Family of Dottie Thayer, Paula Romig (Bob), Betty Tincher (Morris Thompson), Leslie and Sam Decator (Daughter)

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

TWELVE WAYS TO HAVE A HEALTHY HOLIDAY SEASON

1. **Wash hands often to help prevent the spread of germs.** It's flu season. Wash your hands with soap and clean running water for at least 20 seconds.
2. **Bundle up to stay dry and warm.** Wear appropriate outdoor clothing: light, warm layers, gloves, hats, scarves, and waterproof boots.
3. **Manage stress.** Give yourself a break if you feel stressed out, overwhelmed, and out of control. Some of the best ways to manage stress are to find support, connect socially, and get plenty of sleep.
4. **Don't drink and drive or let others drink and drive.** Whenever anyone drives drunk, they put everyone on the road in danger. Choose not to drink and drive and help others do the same.
5. **Be smoke-free.** Avoid smoking and secondhand smoke. Smokers have greater health risks because of their tobacco use, but nonsmokers also are at risk when exposed to tobacco smoke.
6. **Fasten seat belts while driving or riding in a motor vehicle.** Buckle up every time, no matter how short the trip and encourage passengers to do the same.
7. **Get exams and screenings.** Ask your health care provider what exams you need and when to get them. Update your personal and family history.
8. **Get your vaccinations.** Vaccinations help prevent diseases and save lives. Everyone 6 months and older should get a flu vaccine each year.
9. **Monitor children.** Keep potentially dangerous toys, food, drinks, household items, and other objects out of children's reach. Protect them from drowning, burns, falls, and other potential accidents.
10. **Practice fire safety.** Most residential fires occur during the winter months, so don't leave fireplaces, space heaters, food cooking on stoves, or candles unattended. Have an emergency plan and practice it regularly.
11. **Prepare food safely.** Remember these simple steps: Wash hands and surfaces often, avoid cross-contamination, cook foods to proper temperatures and refrigerate foods promptly.
12. **Eat healthy, stay active.** Eat fruits and vegetables which pack nutrients and help lower the risk for certain diseases. Limit your portion sizes and foods high in fat, salt, and sugar. Also, be active for at least 2½ hours a week.

Be inspired to stay in the spirit of good health!

Source: <https://www.cdc.org/healthequity/features/holidayseason/index.html>

DECEMBER 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 LUNCHEON:

Date: 11:30 AM Wednesday, December 15

Contact Person: Margaret Willis

Sign-Up Deadline: Sunday, December 12; sign-up sheet is in the Clubhouse

Details: We will be gathering at the Golden Corral, 15810 US 441, Eustis.

Meet at the restaurant, pay upon entry. Private room has been reserved. OPTIONAL Gift Exchange. If you want to participate, bring a gift of about \$15 value. There will be a sign-up sheet in the Clubhouse only for a count. Please make your own arrangements for transportation. We hope to see many of our friends and neighbors as we gather for lunch together.

MEN'S LUNCHEON:

Date: 11:30 AM Wednesday, December 15

Contact Person: Russell Porwitzky & Sam Decator

Sign-Up Deadline: Sunday, December 12; sign-up sheet is in the Clubhouse

Details: We will be gathering at the "City Star Family Diner" 10332 NW US 441, Leesburg at 11:30 AM;

<http://www.citystardiner.com/menu/> There will be a sign-up sheet in the Clubhouse only for a count. Please make your own arrangements for transportation. We hope to see many of our friends and neighbors gather for lunch together.

CHRISTMAS POTLUCK DINNER

Date: 2:00 PM Saturday, December 25

Contact Person: Margaret Willis

Sign-Up Deadline: Sunday, December 19, 2021; sign-up sheet is in the Clubhouse

Details: Ham & rolls provided by Social Club. Bring your favorite side dish or dessert and your own tableware.

Enjoy the company of your friends and neighbors as we share a meal and good times. We are asking guests to pay a small fee of \$3.



NEW YEAR'S EVE DANCE: Copper Canyon Renegades Band

Date: Friday, December 31st from 8:30PM – 12:30AM in the Clubhouse.

Contact Person: Charlene Zeunik

Cost: Tickets are \$12 per person.

Details: Let's celebrate bringing in the New Year with our Bonfire friends and neighbors! Tickets will not be sold at the door. Only 110 tickets will be available for Bonfire residents/guests for this event, so be sure to get yours when they go on sale!

Beginning Wednesday, December 1 Committee members will be selling tickets

30 minutes before Clubhouse events on Mondays/Wednesdays/Fridays. The Clubhouse will be open at 8:00PM on the night of the dance for everyone to enter. Tables cannot be reserved until AFTER 12:00PM on New Year's Eve.

Please bring an appetizer or dessert to share; a sign-up sheet for your food item will be located in the Clubhouse. Coffee will be provided. Please bring your own drinks.



SOME UPCOMING JANUARY EVENTS

SHAREHOLDERS ANNUAL MEETING

Date: 9:00 AM Saturday, January 8, 2022

SOCIAL CLUB ELECTIONS MEETING

Date: 10:00 AM Saturday, January 15, 2022

Contact Person: Leslie Decator

Details: Elections will be held at this meeting.

DANCE

Date: 7:00 – 10:00 PM Saturday, January 22, 2022

Details: The band will be Ssnakeyez.

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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



DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

<i>Date</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Name</i>
3	A. J. Toyias	13	Gaynell Tolley	25	Ron Wiener
4	Kathy Grenoble	14	Ellie Porwitsky	28	Debbie Winkler
	Nancy Kline		Lisa Jones	29	Eleanor Fricker
5	Charlene Zeunik	15	Robin Semon	30	Carol Melnyk
6	Rose Nelson	17	Darlene Kreiser		Terry Imhoff
7	Rosa Sherwood	21	Gordon Holmgren	31	Mary Zeunik
9	Art Sage	23	Carol White		
10	Cheryl Odea	24	Fran Oldfield		
	Mary Louise Wade				

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

December 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 9:00 & 10:00am Water Aerobics 1:00pm Bowling 6:00pm Nickel Nickel	2 8:30am Golf- Clubhouse 9:00 & 10:00am Noodles 2:30-4:00pm J & J Music 5:45-10:00pm Cards/Games	3 7:30am Coffee Hour at the Clubhouse 9:00 & 10:00am Water Aerobics 6:30pm Euchre	4 9:00 & 10:00am Noodles 7:00-10:00pm Karaoke
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