



Tidbits

Bonfire 55+ Mobile Home Park Newsletter

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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), 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:

1. **The monthly Maintenance Fee for 2024 is being raised \$15.00 per month, totaling \$150.00 per month effective January 1, 2024. If you prepaid any 2024 fees in advance, you will receive an invoice with the Balance Due.**
2. If your bank sends a check every month for your Maintenance Fee, be sure to contact your bank and advise them of the change in the amount to \$150.00 per month beginning January 1st, 2024.
3. There will NOT be a December Board Meeting.
4. Mailing address: If you are not using Bonfire as your permanent address for mailings, and you have not completed a permanent address form, please do so as soon as possible as mailings for the annual meeting in February 2024 will be going out soon. If you forward your mail to Bonfire from your permanent address on file, please check with your post office as forwarding addresses have an expiration date. If you are not sure what address we have in your file, please call the office.

Note: The next Board Meeting: No meeting has been planned for December

2023 - 2024 Social Club Board

President: Charlene Zeunik

1st Vice-President: Karen Heid

(Spring Fling, Tidbits, Calendar, Directory)

2nd Vice-President: Karen Winchell

(Flea Market, Fundraising Meals)

Secretary: Jamie Anderson

Treasurer: Margaret Willis

1st Director: Shirley Byrd

(Dances, Karaoke, Choir, Entertainment)

2nd Director: Jill Shank

(Potlucks, Ladies Lunch, Friday Coffee)

3rd Director: Barbara Lambright

(Welcome Packet, Welcome to Bonfire Event)

4th Director: Vacant

(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 from Social Club President, Charlene Zeunik: I want to thank everyone who volunteered to be on a committee or just to volunteer when extra help is needed. If anyone else is interested in volunteering, it is not

too late, just let someone on the Social Club Board know. **Please note** that Social Club upcoming events will only be placed on the Bonfire Social Club Event Group Facebook Page and NOT the Bonfire Friends Facebook Page.

Committee and Activity News:

- PLEASE: If you have an event in the Clubhouse and use the kitchen, please clean the dishes that you used and do not leave it for the next group to clean up. Thank you.
- Charlene is ordering chair bottom pads for the blue chairs so that they do not scrape the floors. If the first order works, we will order additional pads.
- Spring Fling Planning Committee Meeting will be held at noon on December 12. This year's theme will be Mexican Fiesta. Please come join us and bring your ideas. If you have questions, please contact Karen Heid.
- There will be new Sign-Up Sheets in the Clubhouse for Men's and Ladies' Luncheons. December luncheon will be held on Wednesday, December 13, 2023 at 11:30am. Women's luncheon will be hosted by Judy Holmgren and held at Ski Beach and Men's Luncheon will be at Olive Garden. Sign-up sheets will be in the Clubhouse.

Note: Next Social Club Membership Meeting (Elections) is: 10:00 AM Saturday, January 20, 2024

Bonfire Compound Hours for Donations and/or Needs

When: Wednesday of each week 10:00 AM-1:00 PM. The Compound is open during these hours for purchases or donations. Should you have larger items to donate, please contact Karen Winchell...Your donated items are sold at our March Yard Sale and throughout the year...The proceeds from the sales of your donated items go into your Social Club Treasury. When offering items to the Compound for sale, please provide items that are gently used and cleaned.

We thank you for your donations. Please contact Karen Winchell for any of your needs.

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. Karen Winchell



COFFEE (OR TEA) HOUR- FRIDAYS



Your Social Club provides the coffee, all that is needed is YOU! We meet at 8:00 o'clock AM in the Clubhouse on Fridays just to talk to each other (no agenda). You will meet some of the most interesting neighbors. Please join us and enjoy the original "SOCIAL MEDIA" each week, no batteries required.

Contact Persons: Donna & Rick Kelley

DID YOU KNOW?

WATER CONSERVATION

Why is water conservation important in Florida when there is water everywhere?

Florida is surrounded on three sides by water, and has 7,700 lakes, 700 springs and 50,000 miles of streams and rivers. Florida also receives 50 to 55 inches of rainfall each year, although only 13 inches actually reach the aquifer, the principal source of freshwater in central Florida. Water is discharged from the aquifer when water rises to form springs and free-flowing artesian wells. In addition, more water is discharged when wells are drilled to pump out water from the aquifer. This can result in unacceptable impacts, such as drying out wetlands, reducing spring flows, lowering lake levels and degrading groundwater quality from saltwater intrusion.



Typical Florida residential water usage is 50% outside and 50% inside. Therefore, irrigation/lawn watering is a prime activity that affects the water source. St. John’s River Watering Restrictions, which Bonfire rules follow, allow lawn watering on only ONE day per week in Standard Time, before 10am and after 4pm and limited to no more than ¾ inches of water per zone. (Reclaimed water, new plantings and spot watering exempted). This time of year is the ‘dry’ time for our area.

Remember, life without water is impossible and every drop counts.

https://cfwiwater.com/value_of_water.html

Submitted by Margaret Willis

"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>
Johnson, Brad & Sandy	795 Sandi Dr.	Kenneth Benson Estate
Perkins, Anita (formerly at 571 Tammi Dr.)	659 Misti Dr.	Dotti Champion
Dubeansky, Pauline (previous long term renter at 634 Misty Dr.)	571 Tammi Dr.	Anita Perkins
Cortese, Russell	204 Allyson Dr.	Marcy Ford, William Ruot
Morris, Denise	671 Lori Dr.	Geraldine Penrose Estate

Sunshine Report

Please notify Rosa Sherwood via text 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: Debbie Cross, Tony Kasik

Sympathy Cards:

Sympathy Cards were sent to: Gregory Pierce (brother), to the family of Dorothy Coleman, to the family of Gloria Petersen, JD Lawson (brother)

Thinking of You Cards:

Thinking of You Cards were sent to: Allan Licht, Donald and Kathleen Lowe

Thank You Card:

Thank You Card was sent to: Charlene and Bert Zeunik

♥♥♥ Please contact Rosa Sherwood via text with your requests of cards to be mailed out.

Health & Safety Committee Report

Current members are Diane Weinbaum (Chairman) and Nelson Craig. If you would like to join the Health and Safety Committee; you can join our meetings which are usually held every two weeks on Fridays at 1:00 PM during Fall through Spring and once a month on Fridays during the Summer. Call or email dwein95@aol.com for more information.

HEALTHY LUNGS

We rarely think about breathing except when we have trouble doing so. If we take care of our lungs, our lungs will take care of us. Lung disease affects a huge number of Americans. Around 10 million are diagnosed with chronic bronchitis each year, 25 million are believed to be living with asthma and over 150,000 die from lung cancer annually. Our lungs are important.

What can you do?

1. Give up smoking. Leaving tobacco behind is a hard feat to accomplish but once you do, your efforts will pay off with an improved ability to breathe deeper and longer and healthier life can soon begin.
2. Clean your house. Lots of people have allergies, especially to dust and animal dander. Make sure that you are regularly dusting your house, washing your blankets and rugs, and brushing your dogs and cats for any excess hair.
3. Know the warning signs. If you have a cough that won't go away, see your doctor. It may be nothing but it could be an early warning sign of a respiratory condition affecting your lungs. Other symptoms include tightness of the chest, wheezing, and ongoing shortness of breath, especially when physically exerting yourself. Discover community resources (many at low or no cost) that can help you breathe easy for years to come.
4. Get a check-up. The best way to know if your lungs are functioning properly is to check in with your doctor. Discuss any shortness of breath and be honest about any symptoms. Pretending symptoms don't exist won't make them go away. With a good bill of health and an action plan for better lung maintenance, you'll breathe easier.

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.

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

DISNEY SPRINGS TRIP

Date: 3:00 PM Thursday, December 7

Contact Person: Karen Van Matre

Sign-Up Deadline: Tuesday, December 5; Sign-up sheet is in the Clubhouse.

Details: Join us December 7, Thursday at 3:00 PM at the Clubhouse as we head to Disney Springs for the evening. Once we get there you can do some Christmas shopping, grab something to eat or drink at a local restaurant while also checking out all the decorated Christmas Trees along the way (19 in total). Steven Kelley is going to be our tour guide when we're there. He works for Disney and has inside information that he loves to share. Please make your own arrangements for transportation. If you are driving, please note this on the sign-up sheet.

Many ask, "Does Disney Springs Do Anything at Christmas?" And the answer is a big festive Yes! It's magical! There's shopping galore, restaurants overflowing with festive feasts, plus live holiday entertainment and Christmas cheer all around.

Disney Springs is decked out in splendor for the holidays, with over 2,000 decorations and a shimmering 45-foot Christmas tree. Each piece of elegant Christmas decor has been custom designed to fit in with the classic Florida town theme. And it wouldn't be the holidays without snowfall. Snow flurries are forecast every evening throughout The Town Center of Disney Springs.

BONFIRE CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

Date: 7:00 PM Saturday, December 9

Details: Please join us in celebrating the holiday season. Please bring snacks to share. Coffee, tea and lemonade will be provided.



LADIES' LUNCH

Date: 11:30 AM Wednesday, December 13

Contact Person: Judy Holmgren

Sign-Up Deadline: Monday, December 11; sign-up sheet is in the Clubhouse.

Details: We are going to Ski Beach Bar and Grill- 21 Dozier Cir, Leesburg. No gift exchange this year. If you care to donate to "Toys for Tots", a basket will be passed at the luncheon. There will be a sign-up sheet in the Clubhouse for a count only.

MEN'S LUNCH

Date: 11:30 AM Wednesday, December 13

Contact Person: Lee Semon

Sign-Up Deadline: Monday, December 11; sign-up sheet is in the Clubhouse.

Details: We will be gathering at Olive Garden in Leesburg at 10046 US 441 on Wednesday, December 13. Meet at the restaurant at 11:30 AM. There will be a sign-up sheet in the Clubhouse for a count only.

CHRISTMAS DAY POTLUCK



Date: 2:00 PM Monday, December 25

Contact Person: Bert & Charlene Zeunik

Sign-Up Deadline: Friday, December 22

Details: Ham and rolls will be provided by the Social Club. Please bring your favorite holiday dish to share as well as your own table service. Seating may be reserved after 12:00 PM on the day of the event.

DANCE- NEW YEAR'S EVE

Date: 8:30 PM – 12:30 AM Sunday, December 31

Contact Person: Charlene Zeunik

Sign-Up Sheet: Sign-Up Sheet is in the Clubhouse so that the Committee members will know who is interested in tickets, so please sign-up as soon as possible.

Cost: \$13.00 per person

Details: Bassville Park Band will be playing. Tickets will go on sale December 1st. Tickets will be sold on Mondays before Bingo from 5:30pm to 6:00pm and on Fridays before Euchre from 6:00pm to 6:30pm. There will be limited tickets available so you should purchase early. The Social Club will provide shrimp and small slider sandwiches. Coffee, tea and lemonade will also be provided. Please bring your own beverage of choice. Everyone is to bring an appetizer to share with others.

UPCOMING JANUARY EVENTS

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

COMEDIAN/SINGER- JACOB HUNT

Date: 4:30 PM is the Meal and 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM is the Program on Tuesday, January 9, 2024

Cost: Tickets will be on sale at the door for \$10.00 and the meal will be \$5.00.

Details: Get ready to enjoy an evening of entertainment with Jacob Hunt, a powerful voice, comedic impersonator and memorable crowd engagement. Jacob is a master of his craft and sure to be a favorite. Social Club will provide a dinner of soup, bread and dessert at 4:30 PM. Jacob will begin his program at 6:00 PM.

KARAOKE

Date: 7:00 PM Saturday, January 13- Karaoke; 1:00 PM- Practice

WELCOME TO NEW RESIDENTS PARTY

Date: 2:00 PM Sunday, January 14, 2024

Details: Please come greet our new residents and make them feel welcome.

SOCIAL CLUB MEMBERSHIP MEETING (ELECTIONS)

Date: 10:00 AM Saturday, January 20, 2024

DANCE

Date: 7:00 PM – 10:00 PM Saturday, January 20, 2024

Cost: \$6.00 per person at the door.

Details: Dance with the Roundabouts Band.

CHICKEN DINNER

Date: 5:00 PM Wednesday, January 27, 2024

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS



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

<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	24	Fran Oldfield
4	Kathy Grenoble	14	Ellie Porwitzky		Carlos Nunez
5	Charlene Zeunik		Lisa Jones	25	Ron Wienen
6	Rose Nelson	15	Robin Semon	28	Debbie Winkler
7	Rosa Sherwood	17	Darlene Kreiser	30	Carol Melnyk
9	Art Sage	21	Gordon Holmgren		Terry Imhoff
10	Cheryl Odea				
	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 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
3 5:45pm Texas Hold'em	4 2:00pm Ladies Harmony 6:00pm Bingo	5 10:00-11:30am Bible Class-Clubhouse/Gary Winters 12:00pm Pool League 3:00pm Christmas Program Practice 6:00pm Mexican Dominoes 6:30pm Jam Session	6 8:30am Breakfast Club-Highway 441 Diner 10:00am-1:00pm Compound Open for Drop Off/Sales 6:00pm Nickel Nickel	7 11:00am Beginners Line Dancing 2:00pm J&J Music 3:00pm Disney Springs Trip 6:00pm Mexican Dominoes	8 8:00am Coffee/Tea Time 6:30pm Euchre	9 7:00pm Christmas Program
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