



Tidbits

Bonfire 55+ Mobile Home Park Newsletter

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2022 - 2023 Board of Directors

President: Bobby Wolgan

Vice President: Larry Dennis

Treasurer: Dave Meyer

Secretary: Cheryl Hytinen

Director: Ken Dixon

Clubhouse/Social Club Liaison & Director: Chris Leeseberg

Director: Paul Shortsleeve

The Office of the President- Bobby Wolgan

The office is not open for walk-ins. 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.

Notes from the Board:

- Just a reminder, if you have not already done so, that residents returning for the winter need to complete the Bonfire Arrival Form and put it in the black mailbox at the office door. The form is located in the Clubhouse above the desk with all the other necessary forms. This form allows the office to know who is here and who is not, should the office need to contact someone.
- Annual Shareholders Meeting will be on Wednesday, February 15th, 2023 at 9am.
- We are asking homeowners to put out rat poison if you suspect critters under your home. We are getting reports of problems. Do not leave food out for feral cats, as it will attract rats and mice as well.
- Winter Lawn Watering rules by Lake County are now in effect. They will fine you for non-compliance. Watering allowed only one day per week. Odd number addresses on Saturday, and Even number addresses on Sunday. "No watering" allowed between 10am and 4pm. Please reset your timers.
- Both our Sewer Plant and our Water Plant are going to require significant investments these next few months. These are a tremendous asset to the Shareholders and our low cost of living here. Be mindful that your Board is doing all it can to keep costs down, but prices for repair, replacement, and chemicals continue to climb. Thank you.

Note: The next Board Meeting: 10:00 AM, Wednesday, December 14

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

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, Leslie Decator:

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)

1.) There will be a change in the price of soft drinks and water in the Clubhouse, as the price has increased and we are not recouping monies for all soft drinks/water purchased. Leslie has increased the number of times each week that she is collecting so as to keep more firm control. At the November Social Club Meeting it was voted on to increase soft drinks and water to \$1.00 and the box will be locked so we will not be able to make change. Correct change will be required to purchase. A sign will be posted on the fridge that you will be recorded by a camera.

2.) The following offices are up for election in January:

President: the President shall preside at all meetings of the Social Club, enforce the By-Laws, appoint any committee chairperson as needed and perform other duties usually incumbent upon the President.

2nd Vice President: The 2nd Vice President shall attend all meetings of the Social Club, assist the President and act as President in his/her absence. The 2nd Vice President will oversee any fundraising events such as the Indoor Flea Market, Yard Sale, or fundraising meal.

2nd Director: Will be responsible for over-seeing the potluck dinners, Ladies Lunch and Friday Coffee, etc. 2nd Director will oversee any committee organized to fulfill their responsibilities.

4th Director: Shall be responsible for over-seeing the decoration of the park and Clubhouse, for events such as Christmas, Halloween, etc. He/She will assist in the decoration of the Clubhouse for dances and dinners as requested by the other appropriate Director. 4th Director will oversee any committee organized to fulfill their responsibilities.

Treasurer: The Treasurer shall govern the financial affairs of the Social Club and keep a detailed record of all receipts and disbursements of the Social Club funds, deposit all funds in a bank(s) designated by the Social Club Board of Directors and draw upon the bank account(s) by use of checks.

Many of these folks have performed these functions for years and are praying that new folks will step up and donate their time and talents. Debbie Cross was asked if she would serve as election Coordinator and she has accepted. Margaret Willis, Karen Van Matre and Warren White agreed to help Debbie.

3.) Committee and Activity News

- ✓ There will be a Bonfire Compound Yard Sale to be held Dec. 2nd and 3rd from 8 to ?
- ✓ December 6, 2022 11:00 am. Help will be needed to decorate the Clubhouse/Bonfire for Christmas.
- ✓ December 13, 2022 will be the Bonfire Christmas Karaoke Party at 7:00 pm. We traditionally would have had a choir performance but it will now be coordinated with Karaoke. The first practice will be November 15th at 7:00 pm and each Tuesday following at the same time. Residents are encouraged to participate as groups, sharing musical talents and/or performing skits.
- ✓ December 31, 2022- New Year's Eve Dance: The Shades Band, 8:30 pm – 12:30 am.
- ✓ There will be new sign-up sheets in the Clubhouse for Men's and Ladies' Luncheons. We need volunteers each month to plan where and when the luncheons will be and make the arrangements with the restaurants ahead of time.
- ✓ The next Social Club Meeting will be Saturday, January 21, 2023 at 10:00 am in the Clubhouse.
- ✓ Clarification of Guests attending Bingo at Bonfire: Residents and renters (considered temporary residents) are allowed to invite guests or a combination of guests to Bingo not to exceed 8 times per year. The resident must sign-in their guest at the Bingo card purchase table. This will keep us within the law. We are not a bingo parlor open to the public.

Note: Social Club Membership Meeting is: 10:00 AM, Saturday, January 21, 2023. All are invited.

Did You Know.....

Submitted by Margaret Willis

The Bonfire Board of Directors consists of seven positions. Each member serves a three year term, overseeing the operation of the park and its residents' needs. In February 2023, two of these positions will be up for election. Shareholders elect the candidates to the board, then the board members determine among themselves

who will serve in each position (president, vice president, secretary, treasurer, and three directors with specific areas of responsibility).

The Bonfire Social Club Board consists of nine members. In January 2023, five positions will be open. How is the Social Club Board election different?

- Every resident of the park (owners and renters) is a voting member of the Social Club.
- Candidates run for a specific position.

This year, the following are open:

- President
- 2nd Vice President
- 2nd Director
- 4th Director

Note: the board member OVERSEES these responsibilities. Do not think you have to do it alone!

So whether you like the way things are in Bonfire or you don't, you can learn a lot and make a difference by serving on a board of directors.

If you would consider serving in any of these capacities, please contact a member of the respective board.

Members' names and responsibilities are listed elsewhere in this publication.

P.S. You do NOT need to be a full-time resident to serve on either board.

Breakfast Club

On Wednesdays starting on December 7th a long time tradition will be brought back. We will meet at "Highway 441 Diner" for breakfast at 8:30 AM. For the first breakfast a sign-up sheet will be available at the Clubhouse. Please join with your friends and neighbors for a really great breakfast and good chatting. With questions contact the Semons or the Kelleys.

Food Bank (Nonperishable food and personal care items)

Bonfire has contributed to several related causes such as The Open Door Mission, Salvation Army and Lake Cares Food Bank. All programs such as these are constantly in need of contributions. Please keep them in mind when shopping. The yellow box in the Clubhouse is checked on a regular basis and items are delivered soon afterwards.

"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>
Richard and Anne-Marie Morse	662 Misti Dr	Fred & Sharon Cook

Toys for Tots

We are into the last few days of collecting new, unwrapped toys for this great program; Toys for Tots. We plan to take the box of toys to the collection group on Friday, December 9th. It has been a tough time this year for everyone with the higher cost of everything including toys. But, many families are having to make "tougher" decisions. Please do what you can for this or another such cause of your choice.

Contact persons: Rick/Donna Kelley.



YARD SALE

Location: Bonfire Compound

Date: DECEMBER 2nd and 3rd

Time: 8:00AM until ----

This sale is open to the public, so please help spread the word. Tell your friends and relatives, church members, everyone you know.

Also, we need helpers. Please contact Russell Porwitzky to volunteer. If you have items to donate, please send a text to Jody Pudenz for pick-up. Volunteers needed at 9:00 AM on Thursday, December 1 for setting up for the sale in the Compound.

This is our biggest fund-raiser, so please help us to continue to have the funds to have activities for you. Thank you!!!

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: Janet Schwalbach, Mel Winchell, Karen Van Matre, Kathy Behling, Joyce Walrath, LaVerne Crissman, Bob Gibbings, Helen Flory, Mike Mitchell (Bonfire renter), Gerry Graham, Linda Bergman

Sympathy Cards:

Sympathy Cards were sent to: Family of Mary Zeunik, John Bristol (wife- Pat)

Thoughts, Prayers and Love for all of these families!! ♥ Deanna Barnhill

Note: Thank you to Deanna for your service of time and mailing out cards to Bonfire friends and families. Starting immediately, Rosa Sherwood has graciously volunteered to continue this service. So please contact Rosa via text with your requests of cards to be mailed out.

Deanna would like to thank all those who contacted her about mailing a card to someone.

Health Committee Report

*Submitted for the Bonfire Health & Safety Committee, Faye Hensley, Chair; By Margaret Willis, co-chair
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.*

BE A GOOD NEIGHBOR

Did you know that your relationship with your neighbors could affect your mental health and well-being? Being and having a good neighbor can make life in our small community a healthier place to be. It is important to remember that in Bonfire, we live very close together. Our homes are physically closer than many of us have ever lived before. This closeness is a blessing, or it can be a curse. It is up to each of us to determine which it will be. This closeness can provide each of us with a feeling of security. It would be good to know if you needed assistance, there are neighbors who are there. But to ensure that feeling, each of us must do our part to be a good neighbor.

Look out for your neighbors. Have you missed seeing a neighbor out and about lately, and they usually are in the yard or at the pool? It would be neighborly to check on them. It is not being nosy to just say, hey, are you ok?

Although we live close together, we still treasure our personal space. Look closely at what you have in 'your space' that may invade 'your neighbor's space'. Sounds of music and wind chimes can carry far on a quiet



evening. You enjoy hearing them, but your neighbors may not. The lights on the exterior of your home may give you a good feeling of security, but if they glow out into the neighbor's area, they may disturb their feeling of peace. Your music may calm you but annoy your neighbor. Yardwork or other activities early in the morning or late at night or even slamming of car doors can really be grating on your neighbors' nerves! In other words, what you are doing to improve your mental health may be to the detriment of your neighbor's health. As a good neighbor, think about what normal activities may annoy your neighbor. There is a show on TV now called "Neighborhood Wars". Tune in and watch it sometime and be glad that Bonfire is a friendly, mostly quiet community!

Like Mr. Rogers says, "It's a beautiful day in the neighborhood. Won't you be my neighbor?"

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

DECORATE BONFIRE AND CLUBHOUSE FOR CHRISTMAS

Date: 11:00 AM, Tuesday, December 6

Contact Person: Charlene Zeunik

Sign-Up Sheet: Located in the Clubhouse

Details: Many volunteers are needed. Please meet at the Clubhouse to participate in the decorating fun. It will be a good time of gathering together to accomplish the decorating of the Clubhouse and Bonfire common areas.

BINGO CALLER TRAINING

Date: 1:00 PM, Tuesday, December 6

Contact Person: George Elder

Details: Anyone interested in calling BINGO can get training by showing up at the Clubhouse. ALL ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND. Come and learn. We always need new callers.

KARAOKE CHRISTMAS PARTY

Date: 7:00 PM, Tuesday, December 13

Contact Person: Bill Richardson

Sign-Up Sheet: Located in the Clubhouse

Details: This Karaoke Christmas Party will be held in the Clubhouse. Practice will take place on each Tuesday at 7:00 PM leading up to the Party. Entertainment for the evening will be Christmas Karaoke and sing-alongs. Karaoke presenters may include individuals or groups for singing, skits, etc. Please bring a Christmas sweet or appetizer to share at the party. There is no entry fee.

LADIES' LUNCH

Date: 11:30 AM, Tuesday, December 20

Contact Persons: Donna Kelley & Margaret Willis

Sign-Up Deadline: Sunday, December 18; sign-up sheet is in the Clubhouse.

Details: We will be meeting at Olive Garden located at 10026 US Hwy. 441, Leesburg.

OPTIONAL: gift exchange. If you wish to participate, bring a gift of around \$15 value. We hope to see many of our friends and neighbors as we gather for lunch together. There will be a sign-up sheet in the Clubhouse only for a count.

MEN'S LUNCH

Date: 11:30 AM, Tuesday, December 20

Contact Persons: Rick Kelley

Sign-Up Deadline: Sunday, December 18; sign-up sheet is in the Clubhouse.

Details: Lunch will be at Lake Harris Hideaway located at 11912 Lane Park Rd., Tavares. Hope to see you there. There will be a sign-up sheet in the Clubhouse only for a count.

CHRISTMAS POTLUCK DINNER

Date: 2:00 PM, Sunday, December 25

Contact Person: Charlene Zeunik

Sign-Up Deadline: Friday, December 21

Details: Volunteers are needed; please contact Charlene Zeunik. Bring a dish to share and your own tableware.

NEW YEAR’S EVE DANCE

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

Contact Person: Charlene Zeunik

Cost: Ticket Price is \$12 each. Tickets will **NOT** be sold at the door.

Sign-Up Sheet: Snacks/hor’dourves sign-up sheet will be posted in the Clubhouse

Details: The band, The Shades, will perform. The band price of \$1800 is higher this year; however, ticket price was kept at \$12. We are hopeful that all 110 tickets will be sold this year and we encourage everyone to buy their tickets early. There will be 110 tickets for sale starting December 1st through 30th. On Thursday, December 1st at 5:15 PM tickets will be sold. After the 1st, tickets will be available in the Clubhouse, ½ hour before all Clubhouse events. The following committee members will be selling tickets:

Marti Ogborn, Sharon Elder, Bill Richardson, Charlene Zeunik.

UPCOMING JANUARY EVENTS

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

KARAOKE

Date: 7:00 PM, Saturday, January 14; 2:00 PM (Practice)

SOCIAL BOARD MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Date: 10:00 AM, Saturday, January 21

DANCE- The Country Junction Band

Date: 7:00 – 10:00 PM, Saturday, January 21

Details: Chili fundraiser meal before the dance. Details will be posted later.

FRIED CHICKEN POTLUCK DINNER

Date: 5:00 PM, Saturday, January 28

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	10	Cheryl Odea	21	Gordon Holmgren
4	Kathy Grenoble		Mary Louise Wade	23	Carol White
5	Charlene Zeunik	13	Gaynell Tolley	24	Fran Oldfield
6	Rose Nelson	14	Ellie Porwitzky	25	Ron Wiene
7	Rosa Sherwood		Lisa Jones	28	Debbie Winkler
9	Art Sage	15	Robin Semon		Jodi Stiles
		17	Darlene Kreiser	30	Carol Melnyk
					Terry Imhoff

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



Join us for an Evening of Fun

Bonfire Christmas Party

Tuesday, December 13

7:00 PM

**Entertainment &
Christmas Sing-a-Long**

Please Bring Something to Share

**Baked Treats
Hors d'oeuvres
Christmas Sweets**



**A sign-up sheet
will be posted**



December 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 8:30am Golfing Meet Time at the Clubhouse 9:00am- Yard Sale Set-up 9:00 & 10:00am Water Aerobics 2:00pm J&J Music 5:45pm Cards/Games	2 8:00am Coffee Hour 8:00am-? Yard Sale 9:00 & 10:00am Water Aerobics 2:00pm Jam Session 6:30pm Euchre	3 8:00am-? Yard Sale 9:00 & 10:00am Water Aerobics
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