



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:

It is important that we have CURRENT emergency contact information for our residents. Accordingly, a revised **Emergency Contact Information** form is available on our website and also located in the box hanging in the Clubhouse.

Please complete a form and submit to the office in the black mailbox at the door as soon as possible.

Note: The next Board Meeting (tentative): 10:00 AM Wednesday, February 21

January 19, 2024

Revised 1/23/2024

ATTENTION SHAREHOLDERS:

The Bonfire Annual Shareholders' meeting and Board of Directors' election will be held on Wednesday, February 14, 2024, at 9:00 AM in the clubhouse. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend, to support your Community and Board of Directors. We **MUST** have a quorum of Shareholders to conduct our annual meeting.

It is very important for you to come and sign in or give someone who will be attending the meeting your proxy. We have five (5) individuals running for three (3) open positions this year.

Please mark your ballot, that you recently received, and follow the specific directions for the two (2) envelopes. Please ensure that you Print your name, your house number, and sign the outer #2 envelope. If this is not done the ballot will be voided. Drop your ballot in the Ballot Box outside the Bonfire office or bring it to the meeting.

Filling out your ballot DOES NOT count toward the meeting quorum. You must come to the clubhouse and sign in by your lot number for it to count toward the meeting quorum.

If you have any questions, or did not receive your packet, contact the Bonfire office, a Board Member or Fran Oldfield, Election Committee Supervisor at 859-760-1384.

Thank you,
Fran Oldfield
100 Jodi Avenue

Submitted by the Bonfire Office: FYI-

Big Changes Coming to the Post Office in 2024

Before you head out to the post office, here's what you'll find that is new-From the price of stamps to procedures for forwarding mail:

1. Stamp prices are going up- Like other businesses, the post office is passing along its increased costs to its customers. Effective Jan. 21, a first-class "Forever" stamp will increase 2 cents to 68 cents. Across the board, prices are increasing about 2 percent.

2. ID is required for forwarding mail

Aiming to clamp down on identity theft and protect customers' information, the USPS is beefing up its procedures to verify your identity when you request a change of address. Now you must show ID either in person at your local post office or verify your identity online. A change of address request or COA has to be submitted **30 days before the date of your move and up to 90 days after your move.**

If you are doing it in person ...

Bring one of the following to your local post office:

- State issued driver's license or nondriver's license identification card (name and address must match the old or new address on your request)
- Uniformed Services Identification Card (requires a secondary form of identification)
- U.S. passport (requires a secondary form of identification)

Secondary forms of identification include:

- Lease, mortgage or deed of trust
- Voter or vehicle registration card
- Home or vehicle insurance policy or card
- The name and address on any secondary ID must match the old or new address on your change of address request.

If you are doing it online ...

- An email address is required for online COA submission.
- A one-time passcode or verification link will be texted to your cellphone.
- A \$1.10 credit card identity verification fee will be charged to your credit card.
- The billing address on the credit card must match either the old or the new address used in the COA request. Prepaid cards and gift cards are not accepted.

If the online verification fails, you'll have to visit the post office.

2024 - 2025 Social Club Board

President: Charlene Zeunik

1st Vice-President: Karen Heid

(Spring Fling, Tidbits, Calendar, Directory)

2nd Vice-President: Brenda Flint

(Flea Market, Fundraising Meals)

Secretary: Jamie Anderson

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."

Note from Social Club President, Charlene Zeunik: During the Social Club Membership Meeting I forgot to express our appreciation to Shirley Byrd, Barb Lambright and Karen Winchell for their dedication and contributions to the membership while serving on the Social Club Board. Thank you!

I also failed to mention and thank the Board of Directors for purchasing the paint for the Clubhouse walls. Thank you! Thank you to Tom Eddy, Sherrie Anderson and Paul Shortsleeve for their hard work in painting the Clubhouse walls in anticipation of the new décor. Brenda Flint, Angie Roth and Charlene Zeunik spent a day washing walls in preparation of painting.

Sara Sladen spoke up at the meeting inquiring of others if they wish to have a bowling league. She will have a sign-up sheet posted in the Clubhouse for folks to sign up if interested.

There has been an inquiry that we addressed at the meeting of some wishing to continue with the monthly Birthday Celebrations. We did not have anyone show an interest in organizing this so we will leave it out there if anyone is interested. We cannot continue purchasing cakes due to the expense but if others wished to help bake some cakes and provide organization to the event, we would look forward to that.

Committee and Activity News:

As we enter the New Year, the Dance Committee has been changed to the Entertainment Committee and has decided to call all future dances either by the Band Name or will be called Live Entertainment.

The Welcome Party held on Sunday, January 14 was well participated and we welcomed 8 of the 20 new residents to our community. Thank you to all who participated.

Unfortunately, on January 9th we had to cancel the Jacob Hunt Program due to inclement weather. We, however, still served our Ham and Bean Soup and Taco Soup Supper with many in attendance. We have re-scheduled Jacob's show to February 27th at 4pm.

On January 13 the Ladies Lunch was held in the Clubhouse and we were served a wonderful meal by Donna Kelley, Debbie Peavler and Robin Semon. We enjoyed sharing our different wines with each other and participated in community fellowship.

On January 19 we served 57 folks at a Pancake Breakfast served by Jamie Anderson, Jill Shank, Robin Semon and Charlene Zeunik. It was so well received that folks are asking when the next one will be.

On January 20 we held our Social Club Membership Meeting. We welcomed 3 new Social Club Board Members; 2nd Vice President: Brenda Flint, 1st Director: Connie Leeseberg and 3rd Director: Dawn Comins. Thank you all for stepping up to these responsibilities.

Several items were discussed, voted on and approved during the meeting:

- There was a discussion regarding the Memory Tree and the lack of anyone to keep it updated. We consequently voted to remove the tree and make a memory book for the Clubhouse library. Margaret Willis agreed to work on forming a book with all of this information for the history of Bonfire.
- Charlene Zeunik shared a new sample of a side table for the pool area as the old tables are just plain worn out. The new table was discussed, voted and approved on.
- Charlene shared some of the new décor ideas with the membership and asked for monies to finish the work. The monies were discussed, voted and approved on.
- We will, of course, be planning a Pool Party for the opening of the pool.

 Committee and Activity News:

- 12:00pm Thursday, February 1, 2024 Bonfire Community Luncheon: Gary Poley contacted the Social Club Board to ask if we thought there would be a need for a weekly luncheon to be served for our Bonfire Community for a donation of \$5.00 per person. The Board approved for a trial period to see how well it will be received. The first Lunch will be held on this date and the menu will be: Pork tenderloin, green beans, baked potato, dessert. Suggested donation \$5.00. Take-outs and delivery 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. Contact Gary Poley with questions. Lunches for the rest of February will be at 12:30 PM on Thursdays.
- Line Dancing is being held each week with Gail Graham on Mondays and Thursdays at 10:00am. Cathie York will continue her beginning line dancing on Thursdays at 11:00am beginning February 8.

Note: Next Social Club Membership Meeting: 10:00 AM Saturday, March 9

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 [Brenda Flint](#). Your donated items are sold at our March Compound 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 [Brenda Flint](#) 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. Brenda Flint



Food Bank

Thanks to everyone who has been and will be contributing to this ever-present need. The yellow Food Bank box is located just inside the hall at the Clubhouse. The box is checked daily and donated foods are delivered to the bank at least once a week. If you aren't able to shop but would like to help, please go to any of the following websites of local food banks to find out how to help directly.

lakecares.org salvationarmyusa.org leesburgfoodbank.org

Submitted by Donna and Rick Kelley

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

Get Well Cards were sent to:

Dick Longhouse, Karen Gilson, Brooke Idalski, DeAnna Barnhill, Barbara Carter, Tom Eddy

Sympathy Cards were sent to:

Mel & Karen Winchell (family member), to the family of Brenda Mayfield, Donna Matheny (brother), to the family of Diane Weinbaum, to the family of Maxine Gurdo, to the family of Robert Carlson, Warren White (son)

Thinking of You Cards were sent to:

Al Licht, Ramona Richardson, John and Karen Gilson

Health & Safety Committee Report

Current member is 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 Nelson Craig for more information.

SENIOR WATCH PROGRAM

Hello, from your Health and Safety Committee. Due to the sudden passing of Diane Weinbaum, it has come to light that there are single residents in the park that may like to have someone to contact or to be contacted by someone a couple times a day by phone or text to ensure everything is going ok.

There is a program in place in Lake County referred to as Senior Watch. The link can be found at [Senior Watch Lake County FL](https://www.lcso.org/bureaus/community_engagement/communityprograms/seniorwatch/index.php)

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If you would prefer for someone in the park to contact you, I am preparing a list of volunteers who would arrange with you the times and method of contact. If you are interested in the in-park service as a volunteer or single resident, you can sign up by contacting me, Nelson Craig, by text, phone call or email (ncraig@live.ca).

On another note, I am now a committee of one. If you are interested in being a member of the Health and Safety Committee, you can contact me via phone or see me personally and we can talk. There is no requirement for any specific background as we are a committee and may be asked to address or investigate any health or safety issues, along with organizing health and safety events in the park. In the past we have had nutritionists, pharmacists and the sheriff's department in for these events.

FEBRUARY 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 LUNCHEON

Date: 12:00 PM Thursday, February 1; 12:30 PM February 8; 12:30 PM February 15; 12:30 PM February 22; 12:30 PM February 29
Contact Person: Gary Poley

Sign-Up Deadline: 3 days before the event

Cost: Suggested donation: \$5.00 per person

Details: Gary Poley contacted the Social Club Board to ask if we thought there would be a need for a weekly luncheon to be served for our community. The Board approved for a trial period to see how well it will be received. The menu will be: pork tenderloin, green beans, baked potato and dessert. 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. Contact Gary Poley for any questions you may have.

INDOOR FLEA MARKET

Date: 8:00 AM – 2:00 PM Saturday, February 3

Sign-Up Sheet: for Tables, **Contact Person:** Rita Gould

Sign-Up Sheet: for Bake Sale items, **Contact Person:** Charlene Zeunik

Details: Set-up will be Friday evening from 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM. Euchre will meet on Thursday evening instead of Friday due to set-up on Friday for the Saturday event. There will be a light pastry breakfast and a light luncheon serving Grilled Cheese, cup or bowl of Chili and Taco Salad. There will also be a Bake Sale to help raise funds for the Social Club.

KARAOKE

Date: 7:00-10:00 PM Saturday, February 3- Karaoke; 3:00 PM- Practice

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT: MAIDEN VOYAGE BAND

Date: 7:00 – 10:00 PM Saturday, February 10

Contact Person: Connie Leeseberg

Cost: \$6.00 per person at the door.

Details: Maiden Voyage Band will have their first time performing at Bonfire. Coffee and popcorn will be provided. Bring your own beverage.

LADIES' LUNCH

Date: 11:30 AM Tuesday, February 13

Contact Person: Leslie Decator

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

Details: Please meet at the Crazy Gator 402 N Bay Street, Eustis. There will be a sign-up sheet in the Clubhouse for a count only.

MEN'S LUNCH

Date: 11:30 AM Tuesday, February 13

Contact Person: Rick Kelley

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

Details: This month we are hoping to see "many men" attend the lunch. Please be aware that we are only allowed to talk about you if you are there with us. We are planning to meet at the "Lake Eustis Waterfront Grill". There will be a sign-up sheet in the Clubhouse for a count only. We would like to give the restaurant a heads up. The Grill's address info is: 350 Lakeshore Dr., Eustis, FL --- Tel. 352-602-7446

BONFIRE ANNUAL SHAREHOLDERS' MEETING

Date: 9:00 AM Wednesday, February 14

Contact Person: Fran Oldfield

Details: We **MUST** have a quorum of Shareholders to conduct our annual meeting. Please see page 1 of this Tidbits for more details.

SPAGHETTI DINNER

Date: 5:00 PM Saturday, February 17

Cost: \$10.00 per person

Details: Tickets will go on sale February 1st through 16th. Tickets will be sold on Mondays from 5:00 PM to 6:00 PM prior to Bingo and on Fridays from 6:00-6:30 PM prior to Euchre. There will also be a Sign-Up Sheet in the Clubhouse for tickets to be delivered to you. When signing up please specify if you are using pick-up / take-out. Take-outs will be available from 3:30 to 4:00 PM at the back door to the kitchen.

We will be serving spaghetti and meatballs, salad, bread, dessert as well as coffee, tea, and lemonade.

Contact Person: Charlene Zeunik



KENTUCKY DAY DANCE

Date: 7:00 – 10:00 PM Sunday, February 25

Details: Dance will be free. Please bring appetizers to share and your own beverage.

Contact Person: Shirley and Don Byrd

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT:

JACOB HUNT

Date: 4:00 PM Tuesday, February 27

Cost: \$10.00

Details: Tickets will be on sale February 19 – 26. Tickets will be sold on Mondays before Bingo from 5:00 – 6:00 PM and also on Fridays before Euchre from 6:00-6:30 PM.

There will also be a Sign-Up Sheet in the Clubhouse to purchase tickets and have them delivered to you.

We will serve snacks, coffee, tea and lemonade. You may bring your own beverage.

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SET UP FOR COMPOUND YARD SALE

Date: 10:00 AM Thursday, February 29

Contact: Brenda Flint

Details: Will start setting up at 10:00 AM by putting tables out in the Compound, setting the sale items on the tables and making sure everything is priced. Will need volunteers to help with this process so that everything is ready for the sale on Friday morning at 8:00 AM. Your help will be very much appreciated.

UPCOMING MARCH EVENTS



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

COMPOUND YARD SALE

Date: 8:00 AM – 2:00 PM Friday, March 1 and Saturday, March 2

Contact: Brenda Flint

Details: Set up for the sale will take place on Thursday, February 29.

SOCIAL CLUB MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Date: 10:00 AM Saturday, March 9

KARAOKE

Date: 7:00-10:00 PM Saturday, March 9- Karaoke; 3:00 PM- Practice

SPRING FLING

Date: Saturday, March 16

Contact: Karen Heid

Details: This year’s theme is Mexican Fiesta. We are always looking for volunteers. It takes a village to make this happen.

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS



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

<i>Date</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Name</i>
1	Evelyn Raden	14	Ann Payne	19	Jeff Idalski
1	Richard Graham	15	Bruce Robinson	21	Larry Cross
3	Pamela Beauchamp	16	Claude Moss	22	Kay Park
6	Connie Leeseberg	16	Lloyd Sherwood	26	Dennis Boaz
8	Kenneth Fuller	16	Judy Holmgren	27	Paul Avis
8	Nelson Craig	16	Dawn Yakes	27	Karen Gilson
8	Jim Jeffrey	17	Reda Fordyce		
9	Brenda Jackson	17	Graham Wilgus		
13	Leslie Decator	17	Cristina Lopez-Duprey		

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

February 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
4 5:45pm Texas Hold'em	5 10:00am Line Dancing 2:00pm Ladies Harmony 6:00pm Bingo	6 10:00-11:30am Bible Class-Clubhouse/Gary Winters 12:00pm Pool League 6:00pm Mexican Dominoes 6:30pm Jam Session	7 8:30am Breakfast Club-Highway 441 Diner 10:00am-1:00pm Compound Open for Drop Off/Sales 12:00pm Spring Fling Mtg. 6:00pm Nickel Nickel	8 8:15am Golf 10:00am Line Dancing 11:00am Beginners Line Dancing 12:30pm Bonfire Community Lunch 2:00pm J&J Music 6:00pm Mexican Dominoes	9 8:00am Coffee/Tea Time 6:30pm Euchre	10 7:00-10:00pm Live Entertainment: Maiden Voyage Band
11 Super Bowl 5:45pm Texas Hold'em	12 10:00am Line Dancing 2:00pm Ladies Harmony 6:00pm Bingo	13 10:00-11:30am Bible Class-Clubhouse/Gary Winters 11:30am Ladies' Lunch-Crazy Gator in Eustis 11:30am Men's Lunch- Lake Eustis Waterfront Grill 12:00pm Pool League 6:00pm Mexican Dominoes 6:30pm Jam Session	14 Valentine's Day 8:30am Breakfast Club-Highway 441 Diner 9:00am Shareholders' Mtg. 10:00am-1:00pm Compound Open for Drop Off/Sales 6:00pm Nickel Nickel	15 8:15am Golf 10:00am Line Dancing 11:00am Beginners Line Dancing 12:30pm Bonfire Community Lunch 2:00pm J&J Music 6:00pm Mexican Dominoes	16 8:00am Coffee/Tea Time 6:30pm Euchre	17 5:00pm Spaghetti Dinner
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