



Tidbits

Bonfire 55+ Mobile Home Park Newsletter

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February 2026

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2025 - 2026 Board of Directors

President: Dave Meyer

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Treasurer: Susan Lorch

Secretary: Dave Niles

Director: Ken Dixon

Director: Tom Eddy

Director: Paul Shortsleeve

From the Office of the President- *Dave Meyer*

Even though the office door is locked for security reasons, the office is open. If you have business with the office, you can buzz the intercom button at the office door and you will be admitted. You may also call (352-787-4891) with questions or make an appointment to meet with office staff. Other means would be to 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. **OFFICE HOURS: MON - THURS 9am to 2pm**

Annual Shareholders' Meeting: Wednesday, February 11, 2026 @ 9:00 AM

Returning residents: Please be sure to complete an Arrival Form and turn in to the office (put in black mailbox at the office door).

Important annual meeting information will be delivered to you at Bonfire if you are here or mailed to you at your permanent address on file.

Just a friendly reminder that maintenance fees are now \$170 per month. If you have a balance of \$5.00 from January, please pay by check or add it to next month's balance. **Office staff cannot accept cash**

If you could please put the address on the check memo line so the office knows who's fees are being paid as the name on the cheque doesn't always match the resident's name.

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!

HEALTH & SAFETY COMMITTEE REPORT

It is the Health and Safety Committee's mission to promote safety and well-being at Bonfire 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.

Huge thanks to Lee Semon (former volunteer fire fighter) and Louise Townsend (retired RN) for adding their extensive experience and expertise to the team! We are now three strong, but always looking for more volunteers. Do you have a desire to serve, but don't have a lot of time? This is the committee for you! Are you a certified CPR trainer? This is the committee for you! We NEED you! Won't you volunteer a little of your time to make a really big difference in our community? Let's do this...together!

If you're a senior and live alone or are disabled, please take advantage of the **Senior Watch Program** through the Lake County Sheriff's Office. Once enrolled, you simply call the Senior Watch operator each morning to check in. If they do not hear from you by a designated time, they will call you. If you do not answer, there will be a welfare check. Call the Community Services Unit at 352-326-8108 or email commservices@lcsd.org to enroll.

From the 6 Pillars of Health: #2 Sleep Well

Quality sleep is essential for seniors' health and well-being. 7 to 9 hours of sleep each night is still the recommended amount of sleep for people of all ages. If you are struggling, here are some natural sleep strategies that may help you get more restful nights.

- **Establish a routine**
 - Go to be at the same time every night, even on weekends
 - Create a bedtime habit, like reading, to send "sleepy time" signals to your brain and body
 - Stop drinking liquids in the evening to minimize nighttime potty breaks
- **Create a comfortable sleep environment**
 - Make sure your room is dark and quiet
 - Keep restless pets out of your bed while you sleep
 - A temperature of 65-72 degrees is ideal
 - Try a white noise machine to mask sleep distractions
- **Avoid heavy meals, caffeine, and alcohol near bedtime**
 - Don't drink coffee after noon
 - Alcohol can disrupt sleep if consumed any time during the day
 - Digesting heavy meals can adversely affect sleep
- **Turn off your TV and cell phone**
 - Blue light emitted from electronic devices is not good for sleep
 - Watching violent or sad programs can prevent good sleep

Benefits of quality sleep:

- Improved memory, attention, and cognitive function
- Boosts mood and emotional stability
- Strengthens the immune system
- Lowers the risk of chronic health conditions, such as heart disease and diabetes
- Supports healthy weight management and regulates blood pressure
- Enhances physical coordination and balance

Still Can't Sleep? Don't Stress Out!

It can be easy to become increasingly more upset and stressed when you continue to look at the clock and watch the hours tick away while you stay awake and wonder why you can't fall asleep! However, boosting your stress levels will only make sleep even more challenging. Instead, try some meditative deep breathing exercises and relax. While regularly getting sleep is important to overall health, one bad night of sleep isn't the end-all. If you continue to struggle getting a good night's sleep, talk to your doctor. Perhaps a sleep study can help discover the cause.

2026 - 2025 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:

February is here and our social calendar is full of fun activities!

Check out the articles and the calendar to see what's happening in Bonfire.

We want to thank Karen Heid for serving and doing a great job on the Social Club Board, it is not easy keeping track of all the activities and meetings, plus writing them down on both calendars. Thank you so much!

We want to welcome and thank Candy Santamaria for volunteering to take Karen's position of 1st Vice President on the Social Club Board. We are happy to have you on our team. Congratulations, Candy!

I also would like to thank all officers and directors on the Social Club board; it is a pleasure to work with each of you. Thanks for all your time, ideas and hard work in organizing all the activities.

A big thank you to all our volunteers, you are greatly appreciated!

NEW ACTIVITY AND MEETING INFORMATION FORM

As presented at the November Social Club Membership meeting, if you are responsible for a recurring activity in the clubhouse (such as Bingo or Euchre) OR a meeting, whether one time or repeating, such as the Entertainment Committee, there is a form you need to complete.

The form is located on the Bonfire website under the Social Club tab:

<https://www.bonfiremhp.com/media/documents/social-minutes-activity-information-form.pdf>

and in the clubhouse in the Social Club forms files. You can also get a copy from Karen Heid, the 1st Vice President of the Social Club board. The completed forms will then be turned in to Karen or Charlene.

The information given on the forms will help keep the calendar updated and correct, as well as prevent any misunderstandings or conflicting requests that can occur with verbal communications.

Thanks to everyone for your cooperation in this.

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!

Next Social Club Membership Meeting: Saturday, March 7, 2026 @ 10:00 AM

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.

Friday Morning Coffee is BACK!

Every Friday at 8:00am. Join your neighbors for coffee and conversation.
Feel free to bring a breakfast sweet to share.

Contact Persons: Lee & Robin Semon



Breakfast Club is BACK!

Meet every Wednesday at 441 Diner for 8:30 am
381 E Burleigh Blvd, Tavares

Contact Robin Semon



COMMUNITY LUNCHEONS

Dates: Friday February 13 & 27 @ 12noon

Contact Person: Charlene Zeunik

Cost: \$5 per person—There will be a 50/50 drawing. Bringing your own tableware helps cut costs.
Menu will be posted on white board and sign up sheet available the week of the meal.
Please sign up as early as possible to assist the kitchen to plan how many to prepare for.

KARAOKE

Dates: Saturday Feb 7th @ 7-10 PM (NO PRACTICE)

Contact Person: Bert Zeunik



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!

GOLF

Contact Person: Ken Dixon

Date: Thursdays at 8:15

Everyone is welcome to this fun mixed golf league. Meet at the clubhouse in the pool room for 8:15 to draw teams and then meet at Mt. Dora Golf Course for a 9:30 tee time...Fore!

Congratulations to Byron for his "Hole in One" on hole 11!



LADIES' & MEN'S LUNCH **Contact Person:** Lee & Robin Semon

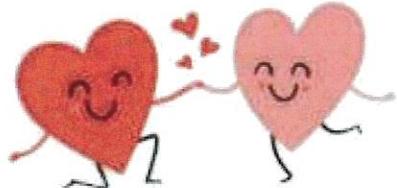
Date/Time: Tuesday, February 10, 2026 @ 11:30am

Location: Lake Eustis Waterfront Grille 350 Lakeshore Dr. Eustis, FL 32726

Please sign up by Monday, February 9 to give the restaurant a headcount.



VALENTINE'S DAY PARTY WITH LIVE ENTERTAINMENT



By Avalanche

Saturday February 14 7 - 10 pm

\$6 at the door

Bring your own snacks and drinks. 50/50 will be sold at the door. **Contact Person:** Connie Leesburg

SPAGHETTI DINNER

Date: 5:00-7:00 PM Saturday, February 21

Contact Person: Charlene Zeunik

Cost: \$10.00 each

Details: We will be serving spaghetti with meatballs, salad, bread plus dessert and coffee, tea, and lemonade.

If you would like take out, please indicate that when you buy your ticket. Take out will be picked up only at the back door @3:30-4pm. This is to eliminate congestion inside.

We will have a 50/50 drawing and several door prizes.

Note : There will be no reserving of tables. We have servers that will seat you, if you have a group, please arrive together or tell your server how many will be joining you. Thank you for your cooperation.

Tickets will be sold by: Charlene Zeunik, Margaret Willis, and Tom Eddy.

KENTUCKY DAY DANCE

Date: 7:00-10:00 PM Saturday, February 28 **Contact Persons:** Shirley Byrd, Susie Collins,

Details: Kentucky Dance is hosted by Bonfire Kentucky residents. The band is Copper Canyon Renegades. There is no charge and no sign-up required. BYOB and snacks. 50/50 Draw will be held

SPA DAY

February 1, 2025

12-5pm

Services to be offered:

Simple
hair cut



Chair
massage



Mini-Facial
& waxing



Simple
manicure



Fairy
Hair



Tarot Card reading



Costs depend on service. List of prices will be posted on Social Club bulletin board.

Services not needing appointments:

Jewelry sales

Mary Kay Cosmetics sales

See Charlene Zeunik or Margaret Willis to make appointments and payments.

Services MUST be paid for when making reservations.

Must be paid by January 25th to ensure our vendors can provide the desired services. If we do not have enough demand for a vendor to come, that service will be cancelled.

We will also have drawings for THREE amazing spa gift baskets. Baskets will be on display in the clubhouse the week prior to the event. Tickets will be \$5 and you do not need to be present to win.



It's time for the annual Flea Market!!!

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 7, 2026

8AM-2PM

Bonfire Clubhouse

This is your opportunity to sell your crafts and new or slightly used items. You may request more than one table, but no guarantees—after everyone who wants to participate gets one table, if there are more tables, they will be assigned.

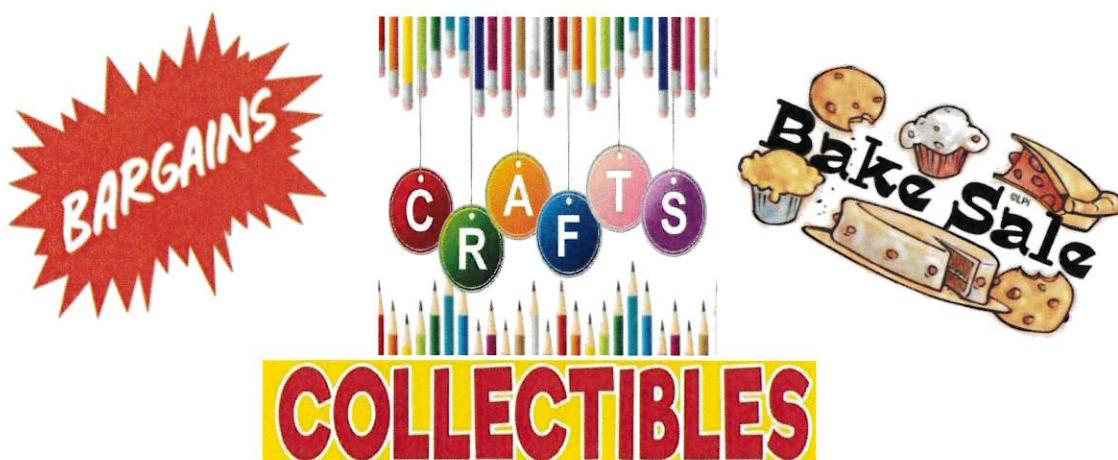
We will also be serving a lunch of Sloppy Joes and chips.

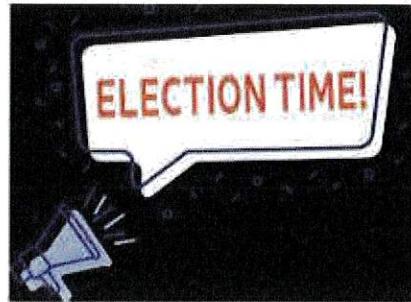
For table information, contact Rita Gould

For bake sale information, contact Sherry Anderson

For lunch information, contact DeAnna Barnhill

Sign up sheets are in the clubhouse.





ATTENTION SHAREHOLDERS

The Bonfire Annual Shareholders' Meeting and Board of Directors' election will be held on Wednesday, February 11, 2026, at 9:00AM in the clubhouse. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend to support your community and Board of Directors.

There are FIVE (5) individuals running for TWO (2) open positions on the Board of Directors.

Please review all of the material in the packet you recently received. (Note: if you haven't received it yet, it is in the process of being delivered or in the mail)

NOTE: You must follow the specific instructions included in the packet for your vote to count!!! Please read them carefully. Drop your ballot in the Ballot Box outside the Bonfire office or bring it to the meeting.

We MUST have a quorum of Shareholders to conduct our annual 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 **or** turn in a proxy for you to count toward the meeting quorum.

Please attend and encourage your neighbors to attend.

Thank you,

Margaret Willis

Election Committee Chair

BONFIRE SPRING FLING

Back to the '60s /Hippie days

SATURDAY, MARCH 14, 2026

1PM – 6PM



TICKETS \$15

Tickets available from
Shelley Divall
Tom Eddy
Connie Leeseberg
Margaret Willis
Charlene Zeunik



**JOIN US FOR THE FUN AND MEMORIES &
WEAR YOUR GROOVIEST HIPPIE ATTIRE**

TICKETS GO ON SALE JANUARY 15

COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

Costume Karaoke Meeting: Feb 6th at noon

Entertainment/Spring Fling: Feb 9th 11 am

Spaghetti Dinner Planning Meetings: Feb 10th at 1:30pm, Feb 16th at 11 am, Feb 19th at 10 am

Tidbits Meeting: Feb 24th 11 am

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:

Aj Toyias	Susan Kappotis	Doris Jackson	Shirley Prentice	Henry Schneider
	Dave Meyer	Francine Amoroso		Deatra Moss

Sympathy Cards were sent to:

Corey and Dave Meyer (Corey's Mother)	BJ Lacasse (Mother)
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Thinking About You Cards were sent to:

Karen Gilson	Bryan Hills	Dennis & Barbara Herald	Shirley Byrd
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FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

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

Date	Name		Date	Name		Date	Name
1	Evelyn Raden		11	Barbara Lacasse		17	Reda Fordyce
1	Richard Graham		13	Leslie Decator		17	Graham Wilgus
3	Pamela Beauchamp		14	Ann Payne		17	Cristina Lopez-Duprey
6	Connie Leesburg		15	Bruce Robinson		18	Mark Divall
8	Kenneth Fuller		16	Claude Moss		19	Jeff Idalski
8	Nelson Craig		16	Lloyd Sherwood		22	Kay Park
8	Jim Jeffrey		16	Judy Holmgren		26	Dennis Boaz
9	Brenda Jackson		16	Dawn Yates		27	Paul Avis
						27	Karen Gilson

Please notify Shelley Divall via email (bonfiretidbits@gmail.com) if you would like your name added or removed from this Birthday List.

UPCOMING MARCH EVENTS

Costume Karaoke, March 3, 2026

Social Club Membership meeting, March 7, 2026

SPRING FLING, March 14, 2026 Theme: the 60's (Hippies)

Community Yard Sale, March 21, 2026 Contact person: Brenda Flint

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.



Bonfire Tickets, Holidays in United States

Feb 2026 (Eastern Time - New York)						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
12pm - Spa Day	9am - Water Aerobics	9am - Water Aerobics	8:30am - Breakfast Club	8:15am - GOLF	8am - Coffee Hour	8am - Flea Market
5:45pm - Texas Hold'em Poker	10am - Pool League Practice	11:30am - Pool League Home Game	9am - Water Aerobics	9am - Water Aerobics	9am - Water Aerobics	9am - Water Aerobics
	6pm - Bingo	6:30pm - Jam Session	6pm - Nickel Nickel	2pm - J&J Music	12pm - Costume Karaoke Practice	7pm - Karaoke
				3pm - Flea Market Setup		
5:45pm - Texas Hold'em Poker	9am - Water Aerobics	9am - Water Aerobics	9am - Annual Shareholders Meeting	8:15am - GOLF	8am - Coffee Hour	Valentine's Day
	10am - Pool League Practice	11:30am - Ladies & Men's Lunch	9am - Water Aerobics	9am - Water Aerobics	9am - Water Aerobics	9am - Water Aerobics
	11am - Spring Fling Planning Meeting	1:30pm - Spaghetti Planning Meeting	6pm - Nickel Nickel	2pm - J&J Music	12pm - Community Lunch	7pm - Valentines Party
	6pm - Bingo	6:30pm - Jam Session			1pm - Costume Karaoke Practice	
				6pm - Euchre		
5:45pm - Texas Hold'em Poker	9am - Water Aerobics	9am - Water Aerobics	8:30am - Breakfast Club	8:15am - GOLF	8am - Coffee Hour	9am - Water Aerobics
	10am - Pool League Practice	11:30am - Pool League Home Game	9am - Water Aerobics	9am - Water Aerobics	9am - Water Aerobics	5pm - Spaghetti Dinner
	11am - Spaghetti Planning Meeting	6:30pm - Jam Session	6pm - Nickel Nickel	10am - Spaghetti Planning Meeting	1pm - Costume Karaoke Practice	
	6pm - Bingo			2pm - J&J Music	6pm - Euchre	
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