



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 Office:

➡ **WHEN YOU ARRIVE IN THE PARK, PLEASE COMPLETE THE RESIDENT ARRIVAL FORM LOCATED IN THE CLUBHOUSE ABOVE THE DESK AND PUT IN THE BLACK MAILBOX LOCATED BY THE OFFICE DOOR. NO PHONE CALLS TO OFFICE REQUIRED. THANK YOU.**

➡ **EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2023 THE MAINTENANCE FEE WILL BE \$135.00 PER MONTH. IF YOUR BANK AUTOMATICALLY SENDS IN YOUR MONTHLY PAYMENT, PLEASE CONTACT YOUR BANK AND NOTIFY THEM OF THE INCREASE. IF YOU HAVE SUBMITTED PERSONAL CHECKS IN ADVANCE TO THE OFFICE, YOU WILL NEED TO SUBMIT A CHECK FOR \$15.00 EACH MONTH FOR THE BALANCE DUE.**

Notes from the Board:

- Annual Shareholders Meeting will be Wednesday, February 15th at 9:00am.

- Reminder that no pets are allowed in our Clubhouse (or any portion of it) or pool area. These areas are private property and not open to the public. This notice is for our residents and their guests; which is for everyone's safety and welfare. For reference for the previous info go to:

<https://www.bonfiremhp.com/media/documents/social-minutes-rules-and-regulations-5242021-amended.pdf>

- Homeowners need to make sure their properties are clean and remove mold and mildew. Also, replace trim that may have blown off in high winds.

- Boats kept on driveways have to be 10 ft. off the road per county code.

- We expect our new Water Tank to be delivered around Monday, May 1st. Water to homes will be turned off for at least 8 hours to install. A boil alert will be in effect until testing is completed.

Note: The next Board Meeting: 10:00 AM, Wednesday, January 18

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)

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)

Secretary: Jamie Anderson

4th Director: Sara Sladen

Treasurer: Ramona Richardson

(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.”

Notes from Social Club President, Leslie Decator:

1.) 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 appropriate Director. 4th Director will oversee a 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. If you have any questions about the duties, please ask any current board member. If you are interested in serving on the Social Club Board of Directors, contact a member of the Election Committee. Debbie Cross was asked if she would serve as election Coordinator and she has accepted. Karen Van Matre, Warren White and Margaret Willis have agreed to help Debbie.

2.) Committee and Activity News

- ✓ 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 arrange with the restaurants ahead of time.
- ✓ Clarification of Guests to 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 Association By-Laws, Bonfire Rules and Regulations, and the Bonfire Social Club By-Laws are at your fingertips. All of these documents are on the Bonfire website: (<https://www.bonfiremhp.com/>).

At the website; click on Residents Only and sign in. The username and password are in the front of the Bonfire Directory. Once logged in; go to “Shareholder” and scroll down until you see the document titled “Bonfire By-Laws”. Likewise, scroll to find the document “Rules and Regulations 5/24/2021 Amended”. For your convenience, here are the links:

<https://www.bonfiremhp.com/media/documents/social-minutes-bonfire-bylaws.pdf>

<https://www.bonfiremhp.com/media/documents/social-minutes-rules-and-regulations-5242021-amended.pdf>

To find the Social Club By-Laws, go to Residents Only, then Social Club. Scroll to find the document titled "Social Club By-Laws 11/13/21". Here is a link:

<https://www.bonfiremhp.com/media/documents/social-minutes-social-club-by-laws-111321.pdf>

It is important to be familiar with these rules and bylaws in order to be a responsible shareholder and member of the Bonfire community. Take time to read through them, you never know what you might learn.

Christmas Program Thank You

I want to thank everyone who came to the Bonfire Christmas Party on December 13th. The food tables were packed with an outstanding array of holiday delights.

Many thanks to those that participated in the program. Bonfire has many great traditions that started a long time ago. A good example was the costumes worn at the party. Santa and Mrs. Claus costumes were worn by Lloyd and Pat Johnstone, parents of Mary Lynn Woodcock for many years. They would dress as Santa and Mrs. Claus and lead a golf cart parade to the orphanage on Allyson Road. Pat also put on a Spaghetti Dinner fundraiser for many years. These are only two examples of traditions that have been kept alive in our park. Thanks to Mary Lynn for furnishing the costumes and helping keep these traditions alive.

I wish everyone at Bonfire a Happy New Year and thanks again for making this year's party a great event.

Submitted by Bill Richardson

Dance Committee Note

Starting in January dance prices will increase to \$6.00 per person for all regular dances. The New Year's Eve dance ticket price will be determined in November. Price increase is due to increased band prices. Thank you.

Highlights for January Calendar:

- Gail Graham will be teaching Line Dancing in the Clubhouse every Monday and Thursday at 11:00 AM starting January 2.
- Jam Session will now be every Tuesday at 6:30 PM.
- Crafts will be on Wednesdays at 1:00 PM. Stop in and create a craft which will be organized by Rita Gould. She will bring a sample to Bingo for the craft that will be completed on the following Wednesday. Typically the crafting will last 1-2 hours and Rita will have the supplies available. Normally \$1 will be collected for the craft.
- January 12- Spaghetti Dinner Planning Mtg. at 1:00 PM. Volunteers are needed.
- January 28- Fried Chicken Potluck Dinner at 5:00 PM. Contact persons: Don and Shirley Byrd

Spring Fling Planning Meeting

There is a preliminary Spring Fling planning meeting scheduled on Saturday, January 7 at 11:00 AM. This meeting will give us a head start on getting volunteers, setting up a committee and scheduling upcoming meetings before the Social Board Meeting on January 21. All volunteers are encouraged to bring their ideas for the upcoming 2023 Spring Fling. Thank you! *Submitted by Charlene Zeunik*

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: Barbara Kasik, Susie Collins, Karen Van Matre, Dede Bafia, Gloria Skeen, Gerry Graham, Wilma Cox, Jeri Foster, Sam Decator, Willie White

Sympathy Cards:

Sympathy Cards were sent to: Dave and Christine Sears (Dave's mother), Sam and Leslie Decator (Sam's brother)

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



JANUARY 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.

KARAOKE

Date: 7:00 PM Saturday, January 14; 1:00 PM (Practice)

WELCOME PARTY FOR OUR NEW RESIDENTS

Date: 2:00 PM Sunday, January 15

Contact Person: Barb Lambright

Details: All residents are invited to come together to meet and make our **new residents** feel welcome. I will be introducing each new resident and giving them time for comments if they desire. We will then follow up with refreshments for all. Look forward to seeing you all there. Volunteers would be greatly appreciated to help set up and decorate tables at 1:00 PM on Saturday, January 14, 2023. Thank you so much 😊 Barb Lambright

LADIES' LUNCH

Date: 11:30 AM Tuesday, January 17

Contact Person: Marti Ogborn

Sign-Up Deadline: Sunday, January 15; sign-up sheet is in the Clubhouse.

Details: We will be meeting at City Star Diner, Leesburg. We hope to see many of our friends and neighbors as we gather for lunch together. Please make your own arrangements for transportation. There will be a sign-up sheet in the Clubhouse only for a count.

MEN'S LUNCH

Date: 11:30 AM Tuesday, January 17

Contact Persons: Lee Semon

Sign-Up Deadline: Sunday, January 15; sign-up sheet is in the Clubhouse.

Details: We will be gathering at the Havana 1959 Cuban Cuisine, 1080 E Alfred St., Tavares, FL 32778
<https://www.havana1959cubancuisine.com/>

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.

SOCIAL CLUB MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Date: 10:00 AM Saturday, January 21

DANCE- The Country Junction Band

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

Details: The Country Junction Band will be playing for the first time here at Bonfire! Let's put on our cowboy/cowgirl hat and boots and have a great time! A 50/50 raffle will take place.

FRIED CHICKEN POTLUCK DINNER

Date: 5:00 PM Saturday, January 28

Contact Persons: Don and Shirley Byrd

Sign-Up Deadline: Thursday, January 26

Details: Fried chicken, coffee and tea will be provided. A sign-up sheet will be posted in order to list your generous side dish or dessert to share. Please bring your own plate & utensils. Remember guests are welcome at a charge of \$3.00 each.

UPCOMING FEBRUARY 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, February 4

VALENTINE'S DANCE

Date: 7:00 PM Saturday, February 11

Details: Copper Canyon Renegades Band will be playing.

ANNUAL SHAREHOLDERS MEETING

Date: 9:00 AM Wednesday, February 15

SPAGHETTI DINNER

Date: Saturday, February 18

Contact Person: Charlene Zeunik

KENTUCKY DAY CELEBRATION

Date: Saturday, February 25

Contact Person: Fran Oldfield and Shirley Byrd

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

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



<i>Date</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Name</i>
4	Robert Pierce	12	Robert Raden	20	Doyle Grenoble
	Noreen O'Brien	14	Linda Brisbois		Lynn Harlan
6	Eric Schwalbach		Thomas Boyle	23	Gloria Skeen
7	Kathy Beauchamp	15	Eileen Barker	29	Charles "Eddie" Kelly
	Lee Semon	17	Joyce Walrath	30	Ken Williams
8	Susie Collins		Robert Wolgan	31	Deatra Moss
11	James Winkler	19	Rick Kelley		

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

January 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
1 New Year's Day 5:45pm Texas Hold'em	2 9:00 & 10:00am Water Aerobics 11:00am Line Dancing 6:00pm Bingo	3 9:00 & 10:00am Water Aerobics 6:30pm Jam Session	4 8:30am Breakfast Club- Highway 441 Diner 9:00 & 10:00am Water Aerobics 1:00pm Crafts 6:00pm Nickel Nickel	5 8:30am Golfing Meet Time at the Clubhouse 9:00 & 10:00am Water Aerobics 11:00am Line Dancing 5:45pm Cards/Games	6 8:00am Coffee Hour 9:00 & 10:00am Water Aerobics 6:30pm Euchre	7 9:00 & 10:00am Water Aerobics 11:00am Spring Fling Planning Mtg.	
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15 2:00pm Welcome Party for New Residents 5:45pm Texas Hold'em	16 Martin Luther King Jr. 9:00 & 10:00am Water Aerobics 11:00am Line Dancing 6:00pm Bingo	17 9:00 & 10:00am Water Aerobics 11:30am Ladies' Lunch- City Star Diner, Leesburg 11:30am Men's Lunch- Havana 1959 Cuban Cuisine, Tavares 6:30pm Jam Session	18 8:30am Breakfast Club- Highway 441 Diner 9:00 & 10:00am Water Aerobics 10:00am Bd. of Directors Meeting 1:00pm Crafts 6:00pm Nickel Nickel	19 8:30am Golfing Meet Time at the Clubhouse 9:00 & 10:00am Water Aerobics 11:00am Line Dancing 5:45pm Cards/Games	20 8:00am Coffee Hour 9:00 & 10:00am Water Aerobics 6:30pm Euchre	21 9:00 & 10:00am Water Aerobic 10:00am Social Club Membership Mtg. 7:00-10:00pm Dance- Country Junction Band	
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