



Tidbits

Bonfire 55+ Mobile Home Park Newsletter

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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**

Happy New Year!

Next board meeting is January 21st at 10 am.

The budget for 2026 has been approved. The monthly maintenance fee is \$170.00 per month due on the 1st of each month beginning January 1, 2026. A late fee of \$25.00 is due if payment received after the 5th of each month.

The new boat slip fees are:

\$481.50 large slip (\$450.00 + \$31.50 sales tax)

\$401.25 small slip (\$375.00 + \$26.25 sales tax)

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.

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. Join us on January 9 at noon for a Lunch & Learn in the Clubhouse. Be sure to sign up and show up for this informative presentation from a dental professional: Dr. Summer Young, DDS. Not hungry? No problem, just come at 12:30PM for the presentation.

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!

From the 6 Pillars of Health: #3 Move More

Great timing for the resolutions we all like to make in the new year...LET'S MOVE MORE IN 2026!

Regular physical activity is one of the most important things you can do for your health. Adults need at least 150 minutes of moderate-intensity physical activity each week, but don't let that scare you. This could be 22 minutes every day, 30 minutes 5 days a week, or any other combination that works for you. Think of activities that get you breathing harder and your heart beating faster such as brisk walking, dancing, swimming, or riding a bike.

Remember, some activity is better than none! You can also count smaller chunks of physical activity during the day, like 5 minutes of climbing stairs or dancing – get your groove on! Did you know that physical activity can also help improve your mood!?

Tips for moving more:

- Make a schedule. Whether it is a 5-minute dance break or a 30-minute brisk walk, it all adds up!
- Try activities with friends or family that you enjoy together.
- Keep it fun!
- Look for ways to make physical activity a part of your daily routine, such as walking the dog or walking in place during commercial breaks.
- Park farther away from your destination or take the stairs instead of the elevator.
- Schedule physical activity for times in the day or week when you feel more energetic.
- Choose activities you can do safely, and increase the amount you do gradually as your confidence and abilities grow.

Everyone can experience the health benefits of physical activity—age, ability, race, ethnicity, shape, or size do not matter. A single bout of moderate to vigorous physical activity provides immediate health benefits. Regular physical activity helps prevent many chronic diseases.

Benefits include:

- Improved sleep.
- Lowered risk of heart disease, stroke, some cancers, and type 2 diabetes.
- Reduced stress.
- Improved weight management.

Be social. Stay local. Make time. Overcome barriers.

2024 - 2025 Social Club Board

President: Charlene Zeunik

1st Vice-President: Karen Heid
(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:

Happy New Year! We would like to thank all of those who stepped up and volunteered in 2025. We have several fun events planned in January, February and March, you will not want to miss any of these events, so buy your tickets now! I encourage all to become more involved in your social club this new year. We need new ideas for clubhouse activities, recipes for community meals, plus volunteers/organizers in planning events for next year.

We have 3 social club board positions open, 1st Vice President, Secretary, and 1st Director.

If you're interested, please contact Patty Carpenter before January 17, 2026. Thank you.

Next Social Club Membership Meeting: Saturday, January 17, 2026 @ 10:00 AM

Elections will be held for 3 social Club board positions.

ALL residents are eligible to vote in this election.

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 (place in mailbox at office). Facebook is not a proper avenue to get your concern resolved or question answered. Thank you!

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 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, January 17, 2026 @ 10:00 AM

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 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



COMMUNITY LUNCHEONS

Dates: Friday January 2, 9, 16, 30 @ 12noon

Contact Person: Charlene Zeunik

NOTE: The January 9 th lunch will be a Lunch & Learn. The Health Committee is hosting a presentation by a dentist.



SPECIAL EVENT: Friday, January 23 @ 9am-- Community Breakfast

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.

KARAOKE

Dates: Saturday January 3 & 17 @ 7-10 PM (Practice @1pm)

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

Date: Thursdays at 8:15

Contact Person: Ken Dixon

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!



ROARING 20'S SPEAKEASY & CASINO



January 13, 2026 6-9 pm

Bonfire Clubhouse

\$15 per person



DRESS FOR THE OCCASION! (THINK: GREAT GATSBY)

TAKE A RIDE IN A 1929 MODEL A—FUN AND PHOTO OP-- \$5



(This will happen earlier in the afternoon, during daylight)

ERA APPROPRIATE MUSIC FOR YOUR LISTENING AND DANCING ENJOYMENT

Our very own special Bonfire SPEAKEASY (you bring your bottle to share and we provide the mixers)



FOOD—we ask you to bring party food to share

PHOTO OPS with CASINO and ROARING 20'S PROPS

CASINO GAMES WITH PROFESSIONAL DEALERS: CRAPS, ROULETTE, BLACKJACK



Your **\$15** admission ticket gives you **\$100** in FUNNY MONEY

(which will be traded for casino chips at the casino table).

Lose it all?? You can buy more—\$50 in FUNNY MONEY for \$5.

End of night raffle—trade in your casino chips for tickets for chances to win one of several great prizes.

TICKET SALES WILL BE LIMITED—get yours now

SEE CHARLENE ZEUNIK or BRENDA FLINT

LADIES' LUNCH**Contact Person:** Fran Oldfield**Date/Time:** Thursday January 15, 2026 @ 11:30am**Location:** Lampu Japanese Steakhouse & Sushi Bar, 18862

US 441 #2, Mt Dora



Please sign up by Monday, January 12 to give the restaurant a headcount.

MEN'S LUNCH **Contact Person:** Bert Zeunik**Date/Time:** Thursday January 15, 2026 @ 11:30am**Location:** Puddle Jumpers, 111 W Ruby St, Tavares

Matt Roberts is an Emmy-nominated performer who has appeared in 30 states, on Broadway, on TV and shows at Boston Symphony Hall. He's performed alongside celebrities (including Slimer from "Ghostbusters" & The Muppets!), hosted his own PBS series and has been a guest on NBC's Today Show. Matt's show is a unique mix of clean comedy, astonishing illusions, jaw-dropping mentalism, time travel and charisma.

Saturday, January 24, 2026 @ 5pm-7pm**Cost:** \$15 per person – tickets will be sold in advance**Ticket sellers:** Connie Leeseberg & Dawn Comins**NEWCOMERS' WELCOME PARTY****Contact Persons:** Dawn Comins & Pat Carpenter**Date/Time:** Sunday, January 25, 2026 @ 2:00pm**Details:** Join us to welcome our new 2025 residents. Meet and visit with your new neighbors. Cake and ice cream, coffee, tea, and lemonade will be served.

CHICKEN DINNER POTLUCK

Contact Persons: Dawn Comins & Paul Shortsleeve



Date/Time: Saturday, January 31, 2026 @ 5:00pm

Sign up DEADLINE: Thursday, January 29

Details: Fried chicken will be provided as well as coffee, tea and lemonade. You are asked to bring a side dish or dessert to share. Please bring your own tableware.

There will be a 50/50 drawing.

BUNCO - come for the chicken dinner and stay for the fun!

Contact: Susie Lorch



Date/Time: Saturday, January 31 @ 7pm

Sign up Sheet in the Clubhouse - NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY

Details: \$5 per person to play with 100% payout to winners.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

Library Committee: Tuesday Jan 6 at 9:30 am

Entertainment/Spring Fling: Tuesday Jan 6 at 3:00pm

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



Colorstreet Nails...

(sales and application assistance)



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.

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:

Sharon Elder

Sam Decator

Bob Foster

Denise Morris

Karen Winchell

Sympathy Cards were sent to:

Jim and Karen Heid (Karen's Father)

Thinking About You Cards were sent to:

Charlene Zeunik

Brenda Flint

Pam Lind

Rory Romig

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

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



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

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

UPCOMING FEBRUARY EVENTS

Spa Day, February 1, 2026 Contact person: Charlene Zeunik

Flea Market, February 7, 2026 Contact person: Brenda Flint

Ladies and Mens Lunches, February 10, 2026 @11:30 am Lake Eustis Waterfront Grille, 350 Lakeshore Dr, Eustis Contact persons: Lee & Robin Semon

Valentines' Day Party, February 14, 2026 Avalanche Band Contact person: Connie Leeseberg

Mardi Gras Potluck, February 17, 2026 Contact person: Margaret Willis

Spaghetti Dinner, February 21, 2026 Contact person: Charlene Zeunik

Kentucky Day Dance, February 28, 2026

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.



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

Bonfire Tidbits, Holidays in United States

Jan 2026 (Eastern Time - New York)						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
28	29	30	31	1	2	3
		New Year's Eve	New Year's Day	8am - Coffee Hour 12pm - Community Lunch 6pm - Euchre	1pm - Karaoke practice	
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
9am - Water Aerobics 6pm - Bingo	9am - Water Aerobics 9:30am - Library Committee Meeting 3pm - Entertainment/ Spring fling Committee Meeting 6:30pm - Jam Session	9am - Water Aerobics 6pm - Nickel Nickel	8:15am - Golf 9am - Water Aerobics 2pm - J&J Music	8am - Coffee Hour 9am - Water Aerobics 12pm - Community Lunch & Learn - Dental Health 6pm - Euchre	9am - Water Aerobics	
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
9am - Water Aerobics 6pm - Bingo	9am - Water Aerobics 6pm - Roaring 20's & Casino Night	9am - Water Aerobics 6pm - Nickel Nickel	8:15am - Golf 9am - Water Aerobics 11:30am - Men's & Ladies Lunch 2pm - J&J Music	8am - Coffee Hour 9am - Water Aerobics 12pm - Community Lunch 6pm - Euchre	9am - Water Aerobics 10am - Social Club Membership Meeting 1pm - Karaoke practice 7pm - Euchre	
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
Martin Luther King Jr. Day	9am - Water Aerobics 6:30pm - Jam Session	9am - Water Aerobics 10am - Board Meeting 6pm - Nickel Nickel	8:15am - Golf 9am - Water Aerobics 2pm - J&J Music	8am - Coffee Hour 9am - Community Breakfast 9am - Water Aerobics 6pm - Euchre	9am - Water Aerobics 5pm - Matt Roberts Magic & Comedy Show	
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
5pm - Newcomer's Party 9am - Water Aerobics 6pm - Bingo	9am - Water Aerobics 6:30pm - Jam Session	9am - Water Aerobics 6pm - Nickel Nickel	8:15am - Golf 9am - Water Aerobics 2pm - J&J Music	8am - Coffee Hour 9am - Water Aerobics 12pm - Community Lunch 6pm - Euchre	9am - Water Aerobics 5pm - Chicken Potluck Dinner 7pm - Bunco	