



Tidbits

Bonfire 55+ Mobile Home Park Newsletter

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March, 2020

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Director: Bill Richardson

The Office of the President

Bobby Wolgan

As you can tell, the park is at full capacity, which makes the rules of the park more important. Please note the following:

- Pets: All cats and dogs must be on a leash when outside. Pick up after your pet. No one wants to clean up after someone else's pet.
- Keep your golf carts and motor vehicles at a safe speed – 10 mph.
- Be aware, there have been many sightings of snakes in and around the marina area.
- Make sure your house numbers are visible to emergency vehicles and delivery trucks.
- Parking cars and golf carts on the grass is prohibited.

*Note: The next Board Meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, March 18 at 9:00 AM.***

2020 Social Club Board

President: Leslie Decator

1st Vice-President: Vacancy

(Spring Fling, Tidbits, Calendar, Directory)

2nd Vice-President: Russell Porwitzky

(Flea Market, Fundraising Meals)

Secretary: Margaret Willis

Treasurer: Ramona Richardson

1st Director: Shirley Byrd

(Dances, Karaoke, Choir, Entertainment)

2nd Director: DeAnna Barnhill

(Potlucks, Ladies Lunch, Friday Coffee)

3rd Director: Joyce Worman

(Welcome Packet, Welcome to Bonfire Event)

4th Director: Karen Van Matre

(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.

THANK YOU to Joyce Walrath for all her years of service to the Social Club. The 1st Vice-President position is currently vacant due to Joyce's resignation. Please contact any Board Member listed above if you would be interested in serving on the Social Club Board.

Please plan on attending the next Social Club Membership Meeting in March. ALL residents are invited.

The next scheduled Social Club Membership Meeting: Saturday, March 14, 2020 at 10:00 AM

Social Club Meeting

The Social Club Meeting will be one hour each month. This month it will be on **March 24 at 11am**. This will be one hour each month on the calendar for you, the members of the Social Club, to let everyone know what is on your mind. Also, it will be an opportunity to find out about the upcoming activities. And, yes, it will be a time for you to become involved in areas that interest you.

Bonfire Cookbook: Due to lack of input this project has been cancelled.

Bridge Group: A Bonfire Bridge Group will be meeting in individual homes and no longer at the Clubhouse. Contact Dotti Champion for further information.

Dance Committee News

Co-chairs: Karen Van Matre and Debbie Andrade Note: Please bring your own drinks and snacks to the dances.

MARCH DANCE: HOMER STILES LAST DANCE OF THE SEASON

Date: March 21st, Saturday from 7-10PM. Tickets are \$5 per person

Contact Person: Karen Van Matre & DeAnna Barnhill

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Friday Coffee Break

Date: Every Friday from 8-9am

Place: Clubhouse

Contact Person: Karen Van Matre

Cost: \$1 per donut

Details: Join us for donuts and coffee and a chance to catch up with friends every Friday. Everyone is welcome.

Volunteers Needed: We're always looking for someone to help out, if you'd be interested please let them know at Friday's Coffee Break. If you don't know how to make the coffee we can teach you :) Donuts are picked up from Publix that morning.

Help Wanted

We encourage everyone to bring a snack/treat periodically to Bingo Night to share with all. We're also looking for help calling Bingo, helping out beforehand with setup or afterwards with cleanup please let Leslie know.

"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</i>	<i>Purchased From</i>
Bob & Karen Logan (seasonal renters)	660 Misti Dr	Mabel Ashbury
Dennis & Louise McCartney (from Ontario Canada)	555 Tammi Dr.	The Pearce's (McCartneys' Relatives)

Indoor Flea Market: was well attended in spite of the rain. Thanks to Russell Porwitzky for assuming my position as 2nd Vice President which includes this function. *—submitted by Ramona Richardson*

Spaghetti Dinner Donors for Door Prizes February 8, 2020:

Thanks to everyone who helped with this year's Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser! I am always overwhelmed with the amount of people that help with this undertaking. It could not be successful without them.

I failed to mention the door prize donors, or the prizes we awarded! Sorry, Ramona Richardson.

<u>Donor</u>	<u>Donation</u>	<u>Total</u>
Fish Camp on Lake Eustis	(2) \$10.00	\$20.00
August Nails & Spa	(2) \$15.00	\$30.00
Fantastic Sams Cut & Color	(2) value unknown	
Ruby Tuesday Store (Leesburg location only)	(4) \$25.00	\$100.00
Waffle House	(14) free waffles - value unknown	
Triangle Marine Center	(2) \$25.00	\$50.00
Buchanan Health Group, Jim Bronson LMT	30 minute stress buster – value unknown	
Highway 441 Diner	(2) \$10.00	\$20.00
Olive Garden	(4) \$5.00	\$20.00
Haines Creek Garage	(1) free oil change – 5 qts.	
Lilly's Super Subs	(1)	\$20.00
Rita Gould & Dottie Thayer	Gift basket – value unknown	

WATERING RESTRICTIONS (SJRWMD)

The St. Johns River Water Management District's watering restrictions are designed to ensure the efficient use of water for landscape irrigation. The restrictions allow enough water to maintain healthy landscapes year-round. The mandatory restrictions specify the time when watering may occur, the amount of water that may be applied, and the days when watering may occur for residential and nonresidential locations. These days depend on whether the address ends in an odd or even number, and on the time of year.

Time of year	Homes with odd numbered or no addresses	Homes with even numbered addresses	Nonresidential properties
Daylight saving time	Wednesday/Saturday	Thursday/Sunday	Tuesday/Friday
Eastern Standard Time	Saturday	Sunday	Tuesday

- Daylight saving time: Second Sunday in March until the first Sunday in November
- Eastern Standard Time: First Sunday in November until the second Sunday in March
- An odd numbered address is one that ends in 1, 3, 5, 7 or 9.
- An even-numbered address is one that ends in 0, 2, 4, 6 or 8.
- Water only when needed and not between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m.
- Water for no more than one hour per zone.
- Restrictions apply to private wells and pumps, ground or surface water and water from public and private utilities.
- Some exceptions apply.

https://www.lcwa.org/water_resources/water_resources_page_and_links.php

--submitted by Bobby Wolgan

Yard Sale Update: March 4, 5, 6, 7

We will start at 8:00 am on Wednesday to set up tables and then start to bring items over from sheds. We have a lot of items for the sale. We would appreciate any help we can get. Many hands make for light work. We also have to pick up some items at people's homes as well. The Yard Sale is the biggest money maker for the Social Club so let's help where we can and have some fun as well. If you have questions please contact Ruth Klatt.

Sunshine Report

Brenda Mayfield

Get Well Cards:

Get well cards were sent to: Norma McVicker (husband), Paula Romig, Joyce Walrath, Jack Reynolds, Ruth Klatt

Sympathy Cards:

No Sympathy Cards were sent.

I hope I did not miss anyone. Remember to let me know if anyone needs a card. Please call me at the phone number listed in the Bonfire Directory and leave a message if I am out. I am thankful for the people who do let me know.

Health Committee Report

Faye Hensley

HEALTH & SAFETY COMMITTEE NEWS

On February 12, 2020, nearly 30 residents attended a presentation entitled "Senior Safety" given by Lake County Sheriff's Office Master Deputy Walter Wolfe and Deputy Bill Chrisman. They briefly described many of the services offered by the Sheriff's Office, many of particular interest to senior citizens. These included:

- Tours of the County Jail. This 2-3 hour tour requires a minimum of 12-15 participants for a bus. You can see how the Lake County Jail is using inmates to save the taxpayer money as well as prepare inmates for employment after release. Some examples are a 12 acre garden, which provides food for the jail and to the local food bank. Inmates also work on grounds details, at the animal shelter, sewing uniforms, and in maintenance. In addition, this year, inmates will be used to help build ten Habitat for Humanity homes.
- Sheriff's Citizens Academy. Providing an opportunity for citizens to become familiar with the operations of the Sheriff's Office, this 12 week class includes tours of the courthouse and the CSI operations. In addition, ride-along with law enforcement for up to 12 hour shifts are scheduled. If you plan on doing this, you will need to have a background check, wear a bulletproof vest, and sign a waiver. The Academy classes can be held on our site with buses taking participants on the tours.
- Vial of Life. These vials can save your life. Ask any Health Committee member how to use them.
- Safety Net Program. If you know someone who might become lost if they leave their home, the Sheriff's Department has a program to help. A bracelet with Lo-Jac capability can be worn by the person, allowing them to be found quickly. At no cost to you, the program has 100% success rate of finding lost persons within an hour of reporting.
- Neighborhood/Crime Watch. Look out for your neighbors!! Most home burglaries take place during the day, when residents are out and about. Most car burglaries take place at night.

Snowbirds: have a neighbor act as caretaker of your home. Take pictures of everything in your home, and leave with your neighbor. Give them Power of Attorney to act on your behalf if your home is burglarized. This will save time for law enforcement to proceed with their investigation and prosecution. What can you do to protect yourself?

- Record the serial numbers/VINs of everything of value. Pawn shops in Florida have a duty to record serial numbers of any items sold to them. This aids greatly in recovering stolen goods.
- Install motion detector lights and/or alarms. Lock your home and your car whenever you are not in them.
- Golf cart security: install a hidden switch to cut off the battery. Change the key set to a unique key. Tire locks are also available.

There is so much more information these gentlemen could provide, we ran out of time. We intend to bring them back another time to discuss Active Shooters, Identity Theft, and other topics.

If you have any health or safety topics you would like presented in a program, please contact any Health & Safety Committee member. They are: Faye Hensley, Joanne Leddy, Margaret Willis, Nelson Craig, Diane Weinbaum, and Mary Louise Wade.

MARCH 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.

If you would be interested in hosting a Holiday Dinner, Potluck or Ladies Luncheon, contact Deanna Barnhill for details. It's so easy to do and we'll help! Potluck hints: Remember that



potlucks/dinners servings are a tasting size not a huge serving size per side. We are serving many residents at these events and ask that you bring a dish to share that serves at least 12. Guests are \$3 per person at any of the potlucks and it's on the Honor System. Donation jar will be on the kitchen pass thru counter.

BONFIRE YARD SALE:

Date: Wednesday-Saturday, March 4 – 7, 2020 with Set-up day on Wednesday March 4.

Location: Grassy area beside County Rd 473.

KARAOKE:

Date: 7-10:00 PM Saturday, March 7

Location: In the Clubhouse

Details: Join us for a night of singing to your heart's content. If you'd like to practice first we'll be in the Clubhouse at 1:30 PM that day to get your vocal chords warmed up.

DANCE COMMITTEE/SPRING FLING/PICNIC MEETING(S):

Date: March 9th, Monday 10:00 AM in the Clubhouse

Details: Join us as we make plans for the 2021 Dance Season, the upcoming Spring Fling, the Amphicar Picnic and the Antique Steamboat Picnic April 7th, Tuesday. All are welcome to attend. We need lots of help and ideas to plan and make these events happen. Please stop in.

LADIES LUNCHEON:

Date: 11:30 AM Thursday, March 12 in the Clubhouse

Contact Person: Mary Lou Wade

Sign-Up Deadline: Tuesday, March 10

Details: March Ladies Luncheon will be a Bon Worth Trunk and Fashion Show. Please bring a salad or dessert to share. A sign up sheet is in the Clubhouse. Please indicate what salad or dessert you plan to bring. If you want to be a model please let Karen Van Matre know. You will need to go to Bon Worth March 6-9 to pick the outfit you want to model. You'll have an opportunity to shop after lunch. See you all there.

The Ladies Luncheons for the season are....

April is being planned by Donna Kelley. Details will be in the April Tidbits.

May is sponsored by Dottie Champion and will be at the Rose Plantation in Fruitland Park on Thursday, May 7th. Details in the April Tidbits.

SPRING CHOIR CONCERT:

Date: 6:30 PM on Tuesday, March 17 at the Clubhouse.

KENNEDY SPACE CENTER 1 DAY TOUR AND DINNER BUFFET: \$119

Date: ~~Friday, March 20th~~ CANCELLED **Contact Person:** Karen Van Matre

Due to lack of people signing up for this trip, it has been cancelled (we need at least 40 people for the bus).

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AMPHICAR PICNIC:

Date: 11:30 – 1:30 PM, Friday, March 27; Lunch at Noon **Contact Person:** Karen Van Matre

Sign-Up Deadline: Wednesday, March 25

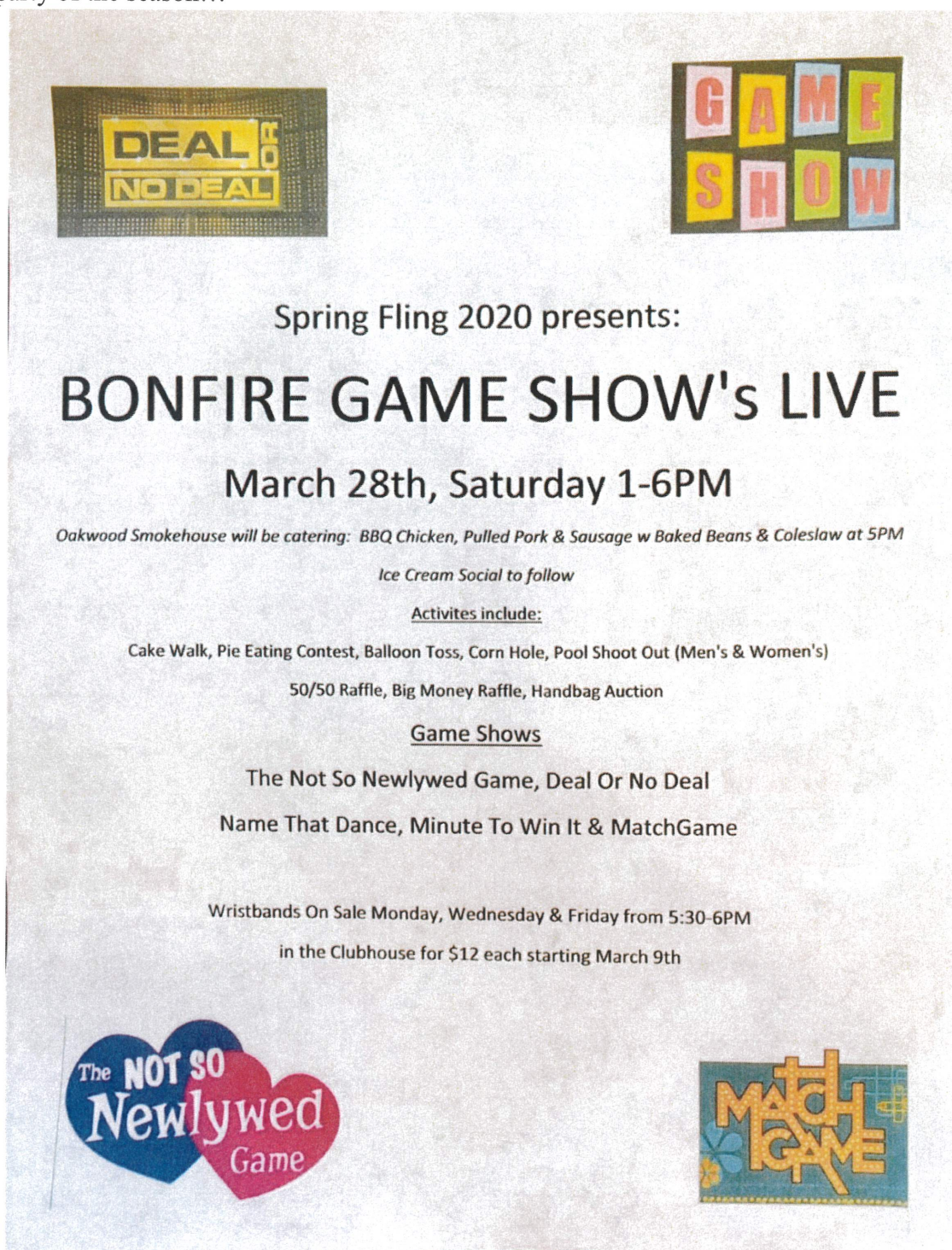
Details: The Amphicars are coming back again this year. Bring a dish to share and your own lawn chair and enjoy a day outside down at the Burrell Lock area. Sloppy Joes, hot dogs, macaroni & cheese, cold pasta salad, ice tea & lemonade will be served at Noon. Mike Smithson will be playing music the entire time. So come on out, relax, eat, drink and check out the Amphicars. There will be a 50/25/25 raffle to help offset the cost of the picnic. Please stay around afterwards to see some of the Amphicars go through the Lock as they head to Lake Eustis.

SPRING FLING 2020: GAME SHOW's LIVE

Date: 1:00 – 6:00 PM Saturday, March 28

Contact Person: Karen Van Matre

Details: Dinner at 5:00 PM. See the Spring Fling Flyer below. Be ready to join us for an afternoon of fun, games and a catered dinner by Oakwood BBQ at 5:00 PM with an ice cream social to follow. We'll be looking for contestants for several of our game shows, so be ready to step up and be part of the fun. Speaking of volunteers we'll need plenty. Please come to our Planning Meeting March 9th at 10AM. Let's make this the blow out party of the season!!!



UPCOMING EVENTS

ANTIQUE STEAMBOAT PICNIC/POTLUCK:**Date:** 11:30 – 1:30PM on Tuesday, April 7**EASTER DINNER:****Date:** Sunday, April 12- We are looking for someone to host Easter Dinner (cook & serve).**BIRTHDAY HAPPY HOUR: Contact Person:** Karen Van Matre & DeAnna Barnhill**Details:** Join us on the 3rd Wednesday of every month to celebrate that month's Birthdays.

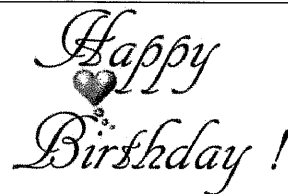
It's a chance to get out, mingle with residents and of course have cake & ice cream. This is

open to all residents not just the birthday people. Getting to know one another is one of

our goals. We ask the Birthday celebrants two questions 1) what brought you to Bonfire

2) what is on your bucket list that we can help you accomplish. We've had some great answers over the months and

we're working on several bucket list ideas now.



*Happy
Birthday !*

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

<i>Date</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Name</i>
2	Jody Pudenz	16	Jill Shank	25	James Yonkers
3	DeAnna Barnhill	17	Paul Shortsleeve		Lloyd Sova
4	Kathleen Longhouse	18	Ronald Morton	26	Janet Adkins
5	Gerald Davis	19	Carole Ballard		Willie White
6	Michael Neal	21	Terry Black	27	Robert Logan
8	Wayne Matheny		Sara Sladen	28	Don Byrd
14	Allan Sparling	23	Johnny Tolley	29	Diane Weinbaum
	James J. Beauchamp	24	Fred Shank	31	Loreto DaSilva
					Charlotte Thompson
					George Glendenning

Please let the office know if your name isn't on the birthday list and you want it to be.

March 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 6:00pm Games/Cards	2 9:30am Water Aerobics 12:30-1:00pm Beg. Line Dance 1:00-2:00pm Reg. Line Dance 5:45pm Bingo	3 9:30am Noodles 10:00-Noon Choir 1:00pm Bowling 6:00pm Games/Cards 6:30pm Choir	4 Bonfire Yard Sale Begins 8:30am Breakfast Club 9:30 & 10:30am Water Aerobics 10:00-Noon Shuffleboard 1:00-3:00pm Crafts 2:00pm Health/Safety Com. Mtg. 6:00pm Nickel Nickel	5 Bonfire Yard Sale 8:45am Golf 9:30am Noodles 12:30-1:00pm Beg. Line Dance 1:00-2:00pm Reg. Line Dance 6:00pm Hand & Foot	6 Bonfire Yard Sale 8:00am Coffee Hour 9:30am Water Aerobics 6:30pm Euchre	7 Bonfire Yard Sale 9:30am Noodles 7-10:00pm Karaoke
8 Daylight Saving Begins 6:00pm Games/Cards	9 9:30am Water Aerobics 10:00am Dance Com. Mtg. 12:30-1:00pm Beg. Line Dance 1:00-2:00pm Reg. Line Dance 5:45pm Bingo	10 9:30am Noodles 10:00-Noon Choir 1:00pm Bowling 6:00pm Games/Cards 6:30pm Choir	11 8:30am Breakfast Club 9:30 & 10:30am Water Aerobics 10:00-Noon Shuffleboard 12:00 Billiards 1:00-3:00pm Crafts 6:00pm Nickel Nickel	12 8:45am Golf 9:30am Noodles 11:30am Ladies Luncheon- Bon Worth Trunk Sale 12:30-1:00pm Beg. Line Dance 1:00-2:00pm Reg. Line Dance 6:00pm Hand & Foot	13 8:00am Coffee Hour 9:30am Water Aerobics 6:30pm Euchre	14 9:30am Noodles 10:00am Social Club Membership Mtg. 7-10:00pm Dance- Lost Boyz
15 6:00pm Games/Cards	16 9:30am Water Aerobics 10:00am Finance Com. Mtg. 12:30-1:00pm Beg. Line Dance 1:00-2:00pm Reg. Line Dance 5:45pm Bingo	17 Saint Patrick's Day 9:30am Noodles 10:00-Noon Choir 1:00pm Bowling 6:00pm Games/Cards 6:30pm Choir Concert	18 8:30am Breakfast Club 9:00am Board Mtg. 9:30 & 10:30am Water Aerobics 10:00-Noon Shuffleboard 1:00-3:00pm Crafts 4:00-5:00pm Birthday Hour 6:00pm Nickel Nickel	19 8:45am Golf 9:30am Noodles 12:30-1:00pm Beg. Line Dance 1:00-2:00pm Reg. Line Dance 6:00pm Hand & Foot	20 8:00am Coffee Hour 9:30am Water Aerobics 6:30pm Euchre	21 9:30am Noodles 7-10:00pm Dance- Homer Stiles
22 6:00pm Games/Cards	23 9:30am Water Aerobics 12:30-1:00pm Beg. Line Dance 1:00-2:00pm Reg. Line Dance 5:45pm Bingo	24 9:30am Noodles 11:00 Social Club Mtg. 1:00pm Bowling 6:00pm Games/Cards	25 8:30am Breakfast Club 9:30 & 10:30am Water Aerobics 10:00-Noon Shuffleboard 1:00-3:00pm Crafts 6:00pm Nickel Nickel	26 8:45am Golf 9:30am Noodles 12:30-1:00pm Beg. Line Dance 1:00-2:00pm Reg. Line Dance 6:00pm Hand & Foot	27 8:00am Coffee Hour 9:30am Water Aerobics 11:30-1:30PM Amphicar Picnic 6:30pm Euchre	28 9:30am Noodles 1:00-6:00PM- Spring Fling
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