



Tidbits

Bonfire 55+ Mobile Home Park Newsletter

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March, 2022

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2022 - 2023 Board of Directors

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The Office of the President- Bobby Wolgan

The office will not yet be open for walk ins, due to Covid-19. 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. Thank you for keeping all of us safe.

- **Important Shareholders Vote** on Wednesday, March 2 at 10:00 AM to vote to replace the old original (Fish Camp Days) Plot plan map with the new updated Bonfire map. We will need 158 "yes" votes. We will allow shareholders, who are NOT attending the meeting, to submit proxies at the Clubhouse between 8:00 – 9:00AM on the morning of the vote or drop off their form in the black box by the Office door prior to March 2.

- Remember, if you're not in last year's directory; please fill out your resident information (Release for Directory form) in the Clubhouse to be included in this year's Bonfire Directory. Place the completed form in the black mailbox at the Office. Updates to the Directory will be completed this summer. This form is also located on the Bonfire Website/Residents Only/Enter Username & Password (find this info in the front of your Bonfire Directory)/Forms/Release for Directory.

- Speed bump testing has begun. These can be moved as needed. Please share your feedback at the B.O.D. meetings.

- We are looking forward to celebrating with you at Spring Fling this year! Save Sunday, March 27th for "Margaritaville @ Bonfire" starting at 12:30. Join 2 bands, games, food, & drinks for the day.

Note: The next Board Meeting: Wednesday, March 16 at 10:00 AM

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)

Secretary: Jamie Anderson

Treasurer: Ramona Richardson

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:

This Month is going to be a busy one. Lots to look forward to.

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)

4th Director: position currently vacant

(Decoration of Park & Clubhouse for Events)

-IMPORTANT: If you are interested in receiving a printed copy of the Tidbits beginning in March, 2022, we are asking you to bring a stamped self-addressed envelope to the office for each month you wish to receive it. If you want all 12 months mailed to you; you will need 12 stamped self-addressed envelopes supplied to the office. Please consider which months you will be at a separate addresses.

-The soft drink and water price in the Clubhouse has been raised to \$.75, as the price has increased in the cost to provide.

-If you would like to host a social event, such as Ladies' Lunch, Men's Lunch, Potluck Dinner, or any other activity, please use the sign-up sheets on the Social Club bulletin board. This will prevent confusion when more than one person might want to host the same event. Thank you!

Note: The Next Social Club Meeting is: Saturday, March 12 at 10:00AM. Every single resident of the park is a member of the Social Club. You do not need to be a full-time resident. Please come and bring us your ideas.

Bonfire Memorial: Tuesday, March 22, 2022 2:00 PM at Bonfire Clubhouse

The COVID pandemic took away many things from us. One of those was the ability to gather together to share memories and pay tribute to our Bonfire neighbors who have passed away.

We would like to give you this opportunity to remember our friends who passed away since the shutdown in early 2020. On Tuesday, March 22nd we invite you to join us in the Clubhouse at 2:00 PM and remember the following Bonfire residents:

Charlie Bausick, Ken Beauchamp, Joe Campbell, Almar DaSilva, Jerry Fields, Rick Ford, Richard Holquist, Marv Lambright, Kathleen Longhouse, Mike Micallef, Dare Nestlerode, Gerry O'Connor, Jerry Ogborn, Jack Reynolds, Bob Romig, Eva Romig, Marilyn Smith, Ann Sonner, Dottie Thayer, Hazen Thayer, Morris Thompson, Gayle Williams, Mike Williams, Al Zeunik.

A modest display honoring these friends will be set up for you to view. If you have a picture of your loved one that you would like to be displayed, please provide a 4"x 6" copy to Charlene Zeunik, no later than March 19.

If you have made a tribute board of your loved one and would like to display that, please feel free to do so. Tables will be set up for that purpose. Cake and coffee will be served.

Any questions; please see Charlene Zeunik or Margaret Willis. (PS Please advise if I have overlooked anyone.)

Did You Know.....History of Bonfire Mobile Home Village

The property was originally owned by Milton and Jewel Hooks, who sold it in 1959 to Henry Morrison and widower Sarah Morrison. It was then called Haines Creek Cottages and Fishing Resort.

In 1961, Sarah Morrison (then Sarah Horne) and her husband, Claude Horne, sold the property (which was comprised of 6-7 fishing cottages) to Talmadge and Blanche Etheredge. They renamed the property Bonfire Mobile Home Village, after a place in the Miami area that Talmadge liked.

By 1973, while the only paved road was county road Lock Rd, the streets gained their current names. Many are the names of the Etheredge's granddaughters.

In 1981, the property was sold to Dr. Ronald and Charlotte Cunning. It was changed from a family park to an adults only park. In addition, Bonfire joined the Federation of Mobile Home Owners of Florida, Inc.

Bonfire became incorporated in 1984 and was called Bonfire Cooperative Association, Inc. In 1993, the Cooperative Association bought the property from the Cunnings. Residents bought shares, thus becoming shareholders.

This information was taken from the History of Bonfire Mobile Home Village, published in 2009, compiled by Dotti Champion.

"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>
Charles Bates & Colleen Varner	674 Lori Dr.	Ron & Diane Wirtz who bought 402 Kristi Dr.
Christina Shrout	578 Tammi Dr.	Melanie Vargas

Shareholders Meeting: *(The following was submitted by Fran Oldfield)*

February 19, 2022

**Considerations, as a Bonfire Shareholder to Think About Prior To March 2, 2022
Special Shareholders Meeting at 10 AM**

**I would like to share MY personal thoughts with you on the upcoming Special Meeting to vote to replace the old original (Fish Camp Days) Plot plan map with the new updated Bonfire map, as I have been involved with it since the start. Fran Oldfield 859-760-1384

Our current Board of Directors, nor its President, did not instigate updating the Lake County, old original fish camp map, currently attached to our Co-Operative Proprietary Lease. **Lake County Did!**

Then Lake County said, "Bonfire, you must update the plot plan map. Not your map in the directory, but Lake County's old original map." Bonfire volunteers started the project, May 2020.

Once the updated template was completed Bonfire had to hire a Civil engineering Company, Wickes Engineering, to create a new updated plot plan map. **We as Shareholders, have paid to have this map updated.**

Then Lake County had to approve the updated plot plan map. Approval from **Lake County was received November 15, 2021.**

Now the **State of Florida** says that we, Bonfire Shareholders, are required to vote to change our Co-Op documents to replace the original fish camp map, with the newly created, updated map.

The **Florida Statue states** that two thirds (2/3's) of the Bonfire shareholders must vote **YES** to be able to change our documents. That equates to 157 + 1 = 158 shareholders must vote **YES** to approve the change.

Note: if this **is not approved** by the above votes, we will not be able to sell the other three (3) lots. (408 Kristi, 631A Misti, and 608 Tammi Court.) Non passage will eliminate the possibility of selling the lots which would add \$58,500 to our operating funds. Neither would we get the \$1440 per year in maintenance fees, from each of the three (3) lots.

It does not take long to determine whose pockets the funds will come out of to continue to fund the future operating costs of the park. **THE SHAREHOLDERS' POCKETS! WE ARE THE ONES WHO OWN THIS CO-OP.**

Why would you not want to support **your investment** in Bonfire and have the Co-Operative documents be accurate and reflect how the park is today?? The Board of Directors cannot approve this. They are only the administrators of the meeting.

Here are the ways you can vote: Attend the Special Meeting or submit a Proxy and give it to someone who will be attending the meeting or fill out your proxy and put in the black mail box at the office door.

Please take any personal feelings you have toward any board members out of your vote. They are Shareholders and are volunteers elected to run our park.

Thank you.
Fran Oldfield



SPRING FLING

Date: Sunday, March 27 12:30 – 7:00 PM

Details: The Annual Spring Fling theme will be Margaritaville. You will be lured in by the sound of steel drums music and the smell of hamburgers, hotdogs and brats with sides of baked beans and potato salad to be served from 12:30-2:00 PM. Following lunch will be games and activities accompanied by the music of Mike Smithson from 4:00-7:00 PM. Virgin Margaritas will be served from under the Tiki Bar as well as soft drinks. Some of the activities will be the Cake Walk, the pie eating contest, corn hole competition and billiard competition. Please see sign-up sheets in the Clubhouse for pies, cakes and help with events. There will be three 50/50 drawings throughout the day. A great day to come out and meet your neighbors!

Note: The Social Club will be selling tickets for a chance to win a goody basket. There will be three baskets filled with many themed gift items. Themes will be: BEACH, SPRING GARDEN, and BATH/SPA. Tickets will be \$1 each or 6/\$5 and will be for sale at the Clubhouse activities during the month. Baskets will be on display as well, sometime during the month. Drawing will be held at the Spring Fling on March 27th. You do not need to be present to win. See Charlene Zeunik or Margaret Willis for more information.

Note: Wristbands for Spring Fling are being sold NOW for \$12.00 each at the following Clubhouse events:

<u>Contact Person</u>	<u>Event</u>
-Bill Richardson	Karaoke or call (513) 320-2164
-Charlene Zeunik	Dances
-Jaime Anderson	Bingo
-Brenda Flint	Euchre
-Shirley Prentice	Nickel Nickel
-Tom Eddy	Thursday evening card games

More timely information will be posted during the month on the Bonfire Social Club Facebook page.

Sunshine Report

DeAnna Barnhill

Get Well Cards:

Get Well Cards were sent to: Judy Wiene, Cathie York, Don Byrd, Millie Glendenning

Sympathy Cards:

Sympathy Card was sent to: Linda O'Connor (Husband Gerry)

Thoughts, Prayers and Love for all of these families!! ♥ Deanna Barnhill

Health Committee Report

Information courtesy of Bonfire Health & Safety Committee, submitted by Margaret Willis

The purpose of the Bonfire Health & Safety Committee is to provide education and information to ensure the health and safety of all the residents of our community. The Bonfire Health & Safety Committee members for 2021-22 are Faye Hensley, Margaret Willis, Mary Louise Wade, Diane Weinbaum, and Nelson Craig.



How Does Sleep Affect Your Heart Health?

Sleep is not a luxury. It is critical to good health. Sleep helps your body repair itself. Getting enough good sleep also helps you function normally during the day.

Adults who sleep less than 7 hours each night are more likely to say they have had health problems, including heart attack, asthma and depression. Some of these health problems raise the risk for heart disease, heart attack and stroke. These health problems include high blood pressure, Type 2 diabetes and obesity.

What can you do to get better sleep?

- Stick to a regular sleep schedule.
- Get enough natural light; try going for a morning or lunchtime walk.
- Get enough physical activity during the day, but not within a few hours of bedtime.
- Avoid artificial light within a few hours of bedtime, especially from your computer or phone.
- Don't eat or drink within a few hours of bedtime; especially avoid alcohol and foods high in fat or sugar.
- Keep your bedroom cool, dark and quiet.
- Work with your health care team to identify obstacles to good sleep, including other medical conditions.

<https://www.cdc.gov/bloodpressure/sleep.htm>

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.



SOCIAL CLUB BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Date: 2:00 PM Tuesday, March 1

Details: Agenda is posted on the Bonfire Social Club Event Group on Facebook. All are welcome to attend.

MARDI GRAS POTLUCK



Date: 4:00 PM Tuesday, March 1 (Fat Tuesday)

Details: Join us for a Bonfire Mardi Gras Party in the Clubhouse. Bring a dish to share (if you can, please bring Mardi Gras traditional foods: Cajun/Creole/New Orleans foods). Dress up in traditional Mardi Gras attire, if you desire. You do not HAVE to dress up or bring Mardi Gras themed food. Come anyway and bring something to share. Most importantly; have FUN! As they say in New Orleans: Laissez les bons temps rouler!!! (Let the Good Times Roll!!!)

DANCE**Date:** 7:00 – 10:00 PM Saturday, March 12**Contact Person:** Charlene Zeunik**Cost:** \$5.00 per person at the door**Details:** The band will be Homer Stiles. Come join your friends and enjoy delicious popcorn while listening to music by Homer Stiles. There will be 50/50 drawing and coffee available.**BONFIRE MEMORIAL****Date:** 2:00 PM Tuesday, March 22**Contact Person:** Charlene Zeunik**Details:** We would like to give you this opportunity to remember our friends who passed away since the shutdown in early 2020. We invite you to join us in the Clubhouse at 2:00 PM and remember the following Bonfire residents:

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AMPHIBIAN CAR CLUB PARADE**Date:** 12:30 PM on Friday, March 25**Contact Person:** Karen Van Matre**Details:** The Amphibians will park inside the Haines Creek Lock Parking Lot. Please park your golf carts in the vacant lot adjacent to the Lock Entrance. We'll be serving up Sloppy Joes, macaroni salad & baked beans along with lemonade and tea. All we ask is that those attending bring their favorite dessert to share. All tableware will be provided. Please bring your own lawn chairs!**SPRING FLING****Date:** 12:30 PM, Sunday, March 27**Sign-Up Sheet:** sign-up sheet is in the Clubhouse for pies, cakes and HELP with events.**Details:** The Annual Spring Fling theme will be Margaritaville. See additional info about this event on page 4 of this Tidbits. More timely information will be posted on the Bonfire Social Club FB page.**LADIES' LUNCHEON****Date:** 11:30 AM Tuesday, March 29**Contact Person:** Charlene Zeunik & Margaret Willis**Sign-Up Deadline:** Saturday, March 26; sign-up sheet is in the Clubhouse.**Details:** We will be gathering at the Clubhouse. We will be having a salad lunch and everyone is asked to bring a salad or a dessert to share. There will be a sign-up sheet in the Clubhouse. There will be a fashion show for your enjoyment by Ooh-La-La Boutique (this store is located on 441 in Leesburg).**MEN'S LUNCHEON****Date:** 11:30 AM Tuesday, March 29**Contact Person:** Bert Zeunik & Al Willis**Sign-Up Deadline:** Saturday, March 26; sign-up sheet is in the Clubhouse.**Details:** This month we will meet at Froggers Grill & Bar, 4931 Lake Park Ct, Mt Dora. 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 as we gather for lunch together.

SOME UPCOMING APRIL EVENTS

SNOWBIRD DANCE

Date: Saturday, April 9

Contact Person: Charlene Zeunik

Details: A farewell to our Snowbirds. There will be no fee and music will be done using the Clubhouse music. We will have a 50/50 drawing. More details to come.

EASTER POTLUCK DINNER

Date: Sunday, April 17

Contact Person: Charlene Zeunik

Details: We will have an Easter Basket Raffle. More details to come.

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

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



MARCH BIRTHDAYS

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

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

March 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 9:00 & 10:00am Water Aerobics 10:00am Shuffleboard 1:00pm Bowling @ Lakeside Lanes 2:00pm Social Club Board Mtg. 4:00pm Mardi Gras Potluck	2 9:00 & 10:00am Water Aerobics 10:00:00am Shareholders Mtg. After Shareholders Mtg.- Yard Sale Set-up 6:00pm Nickel Nickel	3 8:00am-3:00pm Yard Sale 8:30am Golf- Clubhouse 9:00 & 10:00am Water Aerobics 1:00-2:00pm Line Dancing 2:30-4:00pm J & J Music 5:45-10:00pm Cards/Games	4 7:30am Coffee Hour at the Clubhouse 8:00am-3:00pm Yard Sale 9:00 & 10:00am Water Aerobics 2:00pm JAM Session 6:30pm Euchre	5 8:00am-3:00pm Yard Sale 9:00 & 10:00am Water Aerobics 7:00pm Karaoke
6 5:45-10:00pm Texas Hold'em, Card Games	7 9:00 & 10:00am Water Aerobics 11:00am Spring Fling Mtg. 6:00pm Bingo	8 9:00 & 10:00am Water Aerobics 10:00am Shuffleboard 1:00pm Bowling @ Lakeside Lanes 5:00pm Fried Chicken Potluck	9 9:00 & 10:00am Water Aerobics 6:00pm Nickel Nickel	10 8:30am Golf- Clubhouse 9:00 & 10:00am Water Aerobics 1:00-2:00pm Line Dancing 2:30-4:00pm J & J Music 5:45-10:00pm Cards/Games	11 7:30am Coffee Hour at the Clubhouse 9:00 & 10:00am Water Aerobics 2:00pm JAM Session 6:30pm Euchre	12 9:00 & 10:00am Water Aerobics 10:00am Social Club Membership Mtg. 7:00-10:00pm Dance- Homer Stiles
13 Daylight Saving Begins 5:45-10:00pm Texas Hold'em, Card Games	14 9:00 & 10:00am Water Aerobics 6:00pm Bingo	15 9:00 & 10:00am Water Aerobics 10:00am Shuffleboard 1:00pm Bowling @ Lakeside Lanes	16 9:00 & 10:00am Water Aerobics 10:00am Board of Directors Meeting 6:00pm Nickel Nickel	17 Saint Patrick's Day 8:30am Golf- Clubhouse 9:00 & 10:00am Water Aerobics 1:00-2:00pm Line Dancing 2:30-4:00pm J & J Music 5:45-10:00pm Cards/Games	18 7:30am Coffee Hour at the Clubhouse 9:00 & 10:00am Water Aerobics 2:00pm JAM Session 6:30pm Euchre	19 9:00 & 10:00am Water Aerobics
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