



Tidbits

Bonfire 55+ Mobile Home Park Newsletter

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March, 2024

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The office is locked and not open for walk-ins. You can call with questions or make an appointment to meet with office staff. Please communicate to the office staff by phone (352-787-4891), the intercom at the office door, 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.

President's Report:

February 21, 2024

Fellow Shareholders:

With the new Bonfire Board of Directors in place, it is time to look to the future. Your new Board is prepared to make the needs of Bonfire our top priority, just as all the past Boards have done.

I want to remind all of us of the outstanding and selfless efforts of Bobby Wolgan in his tenure as Board President. Through his leadership, the park has been updated and improved in so many areas. We all owe Bobby a note of thanks and respect.

As your new president, I want to set a new tone with respect to the Board's relationship with the Shareholders. I sense a level of friction that borders on contempt in some corners. This is not a healthy environment to oversee a park.

I remind you all that except for Janice and Candice in the office and Joe in maintenance, we are all volunteers! Everything that is done from the Social Club to the entire Board of Directors and its functions are done on a volunteer basis. Who covers the pool at night? Who locks up the Clubhouse? Who works in the kitchen? Who plans and executes Spring Fling? Etc., etc. Volunteers!

Bonfire Shareholders have escaped paying much higher maintenance fees and possible special assessments because of a volunteer Board of Directors over the years. As the new president, I'm just beginning to see all the "behind the scenes" work that is to be done and I hope I can do the job as well as Bobby Wolgan did it!

In response to the negative remarks at the annual Shareholders' Meeting and some of the Shareholders support of those remarks, concerning the finances, maintenance fees, financial reports, spending and lack of communication, describing the Board of Directors as dictators is a disgrace! Every decision that has been made over the last five years since I've been a director, has been made by people of integrity and concern for Bonfire. If the volunteer system is not doing the job to the Shareholders' satisfaction, maybe we should look for a park manager.

The decision was made during and after Covid to limit access to the office by President Bobby Wolgan and supported by the entire Board of Directors. This allowed a level of protection for Candice and Janice from Covid and kept a vital entity of Bonfire in operation.

The office will remain under limited access procedures. Anything that you may need can be accomplished by pressing the button at the office door. I leave it to the office personnel to accomplish those requests as they see fit. They assured me they have and will continue to help residents. Bonfire depends on that office running smoothly and efficiently. Janice and Candice work diligently to perform their duties and answer outside requests. They should be shown civility and respect as any of you would want to be treated.

There are a lot of homeless people around Bonfire. Some come to the office door looking for handouts; some have been found sneaking around the park. A top priority of your President and the Board of Directors is to keep our residents and employees safe. Keeping the office door locked is safe!

Our water is monitored by General Utilities and reported to the state. Historically, we have not had issues with the water. We will look into it further; however, I drink the water and have not had any problems. You may wish to purchase water to drink.

I will be looking into the need for committees and how they will be used.

With civility, common courtesy and respect, we can be the best place Bonfire can be!

Thank you!

David B. Meyer,
President

February 27, 2024

Shareholders:

We recently had to have the sewer system pumped due to a blockage from a towel being flushed down a toilet. It was necessary to pump out the system twice resulting in a bill of \$5,016.00.

PLEASE DO NOT FLUSH ANYTHING DOWN THE TOILET EXCEPT WHAT IS INTENDED FOR A TOILET.

We need your cooperation as we do our best to keep expenses under control.

Thank You,
Dave Meyer
President

Note: The next Board Meeting: 10:00 AM Wednesday, March 27

2024 - 2025 Social Club Board

President: Charlene Zeunik

1st Vice-President: Karen Heid

(Spring Fling, Tidbits, Calendar, Directory)

2nd Vice-President: Brenda Flint

(Flea Market, Fundraising Meals)

Secretary: Jamie Anderson

Treasurer: Margaret Willis

1st Director: Connie Leeseberg

(Karaoke, Choir, Entertainment)

2nd Director: Jill Shank

(Potlucks, Ladies Lunch, Friday Coffee)

3rd Director: Dawn Comins

(Welcome Packet, Welcome to Bonfire Event)

4th Director: Vacant

(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.”

Note from Social Club President, Charlene Zeunik: I would like to say it is so great seeing “new faces” attending social events and volunteering to help with events. The Social Club Entertainment Committee is actively planning new activities and live events for your enjoyment. Please consider volunteering on this committee, we welcome fresh new ideas and suggestions.

Thanks to all our volunteers who made events such as the Indoor Flea Market and Spaghetti Dinner a success, for those who work hard organizing and pricing donated items for sale, also those who help with the Community Lunches, and potluck dinners. You all are very much appreciated!

The Clubhouse transformation is almost complete. Thanks for your patience and all the positive comments and suggestions! Brenda Flint and I would like to especially thank Angie Roth and Paul Shortsleeve for helping paint the Clubhouse and Bert Zeunik for hanging all the wall décor. A special thanks to Lee Semon for furnishing the materials and his talent in reupholstering the stage stools. They look awesome!

The new side tables are assembled and really compliment the new pool chairs. I am so excited; our pool area is going to look so nice and inviting! A pool party is being planned; details will be posted on the Social Club Events Facebook page.

Committee and Activity News:

- Line Dancing will be held with Gail Graham on Mondays and Thursdays at 10:00am through March 21, 2024. Cathie York will continue her Beginning Line Dancing on Thursdays at 11:00am.
- March 1st and 2nd, 2024: Compound Yard Sale will be held from 8:00am to 2:00pm. Volunteers are needed for the sale and take down.
- Wednesday Compound sales from 10:00am to 1:00pm will end on March 20, 2024 for the season. When offering items to the Compound for sale, please provide items that are gently used and cleaned.
- Be watching Facebook for pool opening and Pool Party.
- We are always in need of additional volunteers, please look to see where you could be of help and add your name to the Entertainment Committee list or any other committee you may like.

Note: Next Social Club Membership Meeting: 10:00 AM Saturday, March 9

Bonfire Compound Hours for Donations and/or Needs

When: Wednesday of each week 10:00 AM-1:00 PM. March 20 will be the last date for the Compound to be open on Wednesdays. The Compound is open during these hours for purchases or donations. Should you have larger items to donate, please contact Brenda Flint. Your donated items are sold at our March Compound Yard Sale and throughout the year...The proceeds from the sales of your donated items go into your Social Club Treasury. When offering items to the Compound for sale, please provide items that are gently used and cleaned.

We thank you for your donations. Please contact Brenda Flint for any of your needs.

Just a reminder: we will NO longer accept the following:

- ✓ Large appliances
- ✓ Books- CDs-DVDs-8 Tracks
- ✓ Golf clubs and golf bags
- ✓ Mattresses and box springs
- ✓ Clothing- Shoes

Thanks to everyone for your donations. Brenda Flint



Did You Know?

COMMUNICATION

Have you heard people say there is a lack of communication in Bonfire?

Did you know there is a Bonfire Website? <https://www.bonfiremhp.com>

Did you know there are two official Bonfire Facebook pages? *Bonfire Friends* and *Bonfire Social Club Event Group*.

Did you know there is a monthly newsletter, the Tidbits? (You must, as you are reading it now!)

Did you know there are multiple bulletin boards in the Clubhouse?

Did you know there is a marquee outside the door of the Clubhouse?

Did you know that announcements are made at every major event?

So, if you know all this, next time you hear someone complain of lack of communication, please share these sources of information with them.

Submitted by Margaret Willis

FOOD

FUN

SPRING FLING

FELLOWSHIP

GAMES

It's that time again...the Bonfire Spring Fling

SATURDAY MARCH 16, 2024 1-6PM

TICKETS (WRISTBANDS) \$12



THEME: MEXICAN FIESTA

ACTIVITIES: from 1-4

- CAKE WALK
- NACHO EATING CONTEST
- MEXICAN BINGO
- SOMBRERO-MARSHMALLOW CONTEST
- BURRO RACE
- POOL SHOOTOUT
- 50/50 DRAWINGS
- BIG MONEY PINATAS



LIVE PROFESSIONAL MUSIC during entire event



DRINKS (water, soda/pop) available during entire event
Margarita mix available (BYOB)

FOOD: from 4-?

- TACOS AND TACO SALAD, CHICKEN ENCHILADAS,
- BEANS, SPANISH RICE, CHIPS AND SALSA
- BRATS (for those with an aversion to Mexican food)
- FRIED ICE CREAM



TICKETS ARE BEING SOLD MONDAY and FRIDAY 5:00-6:00PM AT THE CLUBHOUSE.
ALSO BEING SOLD BY:

- Tom Eddy
- Connie Nash
- Margaret Willis
- Charlene Zeunik

IT'S THE 'DON'T MISS' BONFIRE EVENT OF THE YEAR

"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 of New Purchase</i>	<i>Purchased From</i>
Divall, Mark & Shelley	104 Jodi Ave.	Janice Schiller
Proper, Faith	624 Misti Dr.	Faye Hensley

Sunshine Report- ❤️❤️ Please contact Rosa Sherwood via text with your requests of cards to be mailed out.

Get Well Cards were sent to:

Deborah Waterman, Barbara Herald, Paula Ray, David Niles, Janet Schwalbach, Gualter Andrade, Laverne Crissman

Sympathy Cards were sent to:

Gary Poley (mother), Debi Robinson (mother), Kathleen Lowe (husband)

Thinking of You Card was sent to:

Nadine Munroe

Thank You Card was sent to:

Bobby Wolgan

Health & Safety Committee Report

Current members are Nelson Craig, Judy Holmgren and Sandy Parnaby. If you would like to join the Health and Safety Committee; call or email Nelson Craig for more information.

With the sudden passing of Diane Weinbaum, the Health Committee was down to one. I posted a notice in the February Tidbits and now I have two new members: Judy Holmgren and Sandy Parnaby. If there are any others interested in joining, they can contact myself or one of the two new members.

I have been keeping the Tidbits articles for the Health & Safety Committee Report going and plan on holding two AED Workshops on March 6, 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM and another one at 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM in the Library in the Clubhouse. There will be a maximum of 8 attendees allowed for each session. A Sign-up Sheet will be under the Health and Safety board.

STORAGE TIMES FOR REFRIGERATOR AND FREEZER

These short time limits for home-refrigerated foods will help keep them from spoiling or becoming dangerous to eat. The guidelines for freezer storage are for quality only. Frozen food constantly stored at 0° or below can be kept indefinitely.

Food	Type	Refrigerator [40°F (4°C) or below]	Freezer [0°F (-18°C) or below]
Salad	Egg, chicken, ham, tuna, and macaroni salads	3 to 4 days	Does not freeze well
Hot dogs	Opened package	1 week	1 to 2 months
	Unopened package	2 weeks	1 to 2 months
Luncheon meat	Opened package or deli sliced	3 to 5 days	1 to 2 months
	Unopened package	2 weeks	1 to 2 months
Bacon and sausage	Bacon	1 week	1 month
	Sausage, raw, from chicken, turkey, pork, or beef	1 to 2 days	1 to 2 months
	Sausage, fully cooked, from chicken, turkey, pork, or beef	1 week	1 to 2 months
	Sausage, purchased frozen	After cooking, 3-4 days	1-2 months from date of purchase
Hamburger, ground meats & ground poultry	Hamburger, ground beef, turkey, chicken, other poultry, veal, pork, lamb, and mixtures of them	1 to 2 days	3 to 4 months
Fresh beef, veal, lamb, and pork	Steaks	3 to 5 days	4 to 12 months
	Chops	3 to 5 days	4 to 12 months
	Roasts	3 to 5 days	4 to 12 months
Ham	Fresh, uncured, uncooked	3 to 5 days	6 months
	Fresh, uncured, cooked	3 to 4 days	3 to 4 months
	Cured, cook-before-eating, uncooked	5 to 7 days or "use by" date	3 to 4 months
	Fully-cooked, vacuum-sealed at plant, unopened	2 weeks or "use by" date	1 to 2 months
	Cooked, store-wrapped, whole	1 week	1 to 2 months
	Cooked, store-wrapped, slices, half, or spiral cut	3 to 5 days	1 to 2 months
	Country ham, cooked	1 week	1 month
	Canned, labeled "Keep Refrigerated," unopened	6 to 9 months	Do not freeze
	Canned, shelf-stable, opened Note: An unopened, shelf-stable, canned ham can be stored at room temperature for 2 years.	3 to 4 days	1 to 2 months
	Prosciutto, Parma or Serrano ham, dry Italian or Spanish type, cut	2 to 3 months	1 month
Fresh poultry	Chicken or turkey, whole	1 to 2 days	1 year
	Chicken or turkey, pieces	1 to 2 days	9 months
Fin Fish	Fatty Fish (bluefish, catfish, mackerel, mullet, salmon, tuna, etc.)	1 - 3 Days	2 - 3 Months
	Lean Fish (cod, flounder, haddock, halibut, sole, etc.)		6 - 8 Months
	Lean Fish (pollock, ocean perch, rockfish, sea trout.)		4 - 8 Months

Food	Type	Refrigerator [40°F (4°C) or below]	Freezer [0°F (-18°C) or below]
Shellfish	Fresh Crab Meat	2 - 4 Days	2 - 4 Months
	Fresh Lobster	2 - 4 Days	2 - 4 Months
	Live Crab, Lobster	1 day .	Not recommended
	Live Clams, Mussels, Oysters, and Scallops	5 - 10 Days	Not recommended
	Shrimp, Crayfish	3 - 5 Days	6 - 18 Months
	Shucked Clams, Mussels, Oysters, and Scallops	3 - 10 Days	3 - 4 Months
	Squid	1 - 3 Days	6 - 18 Months
Eggs	Raw eggs in shell	3 to 5 weeks	Do not freeze in shell. Beat yolks and whites together, then freeze.
	Raw egg whites and yolks Note: Yolks do not freeze well	2 to 4 days	12 months
	Raw egg accidentally frozen in shell Note: Toss any frozen eggs with a broken shell	Use immediately after thawing	Keep frozen, then refrigerate to thaw
	Hard-cooked eggs	1 week	Do not freeze
	Egg substitutes, liquid, unopened	1 week	Do not freeze
	Egg substitutes, liquid, opened	3 days	Do not freeze
	Egg substitutes, frozen, unopened	After thawing, 1 week or refer to "use by" date	12 months
	Egg substitutes, frozen, opened	After thawing, 3 to 4 days or refer to "use by" date	Do not freeze
	Casseroles with eggs	After baking, 3 to 4 days	After baking, 2 to 3 months
	Eggnog, commercial	3 to 5 days	6 months
	Eggnog, homemade	2 to 4 days	Do not freeze
	Pies: Pumpkin or pecan	After baking, 3 to 4 days	After baking, 1 to 2 months
	Pies: Custard and chiffon	After baking, 3 to 4 days	Do not freeze
Quiche with filling	After baking, 3 to 5 days	After baking, 2 to 3 months	
Soups and stews	Vegetable or meat added	3 to 4 days	2 to 3 months
Leftovers	Cooked meat or poultry	3 to 4 days	2 to 6 months
	Chicken nuggets or patties	3 to 4 days	1 to 3 months
	Pizza	3 to 4 days	1 to 2 months

<https://www.foodsafety.gov/keep/charts/storagetimes.html>

Date Last Reviewed- September 19, 2023

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.

Check Bonfire Social Club Event Group Facebook Page for any spontaneous pop-up events.

COMPOUND YARD SALE

Date: 8:00 AM – 2:00 PM Friday, March 1 and Saturday, March 2 **Contact:** Brenda Flint

Details: Volunteers are needed to help with this sale. Thank you for your help.

BONFIRE COMMUNITY LUNCHEONS**Date:** 12:00 PM Fridays; March 1, 8, 22, 29**Sign-Up Deadline:** 3 days before the event**Cost:** Suggested donation: \$5.00 per person**Details:** Bring your own silverware and plates. Take-outs and delivery will be available. Our hope is that if residents know of shut-in Bonfire residents, that they would be willing to deliver meals to them. There is a Sign-Up Sheet in the Clubhouse and you will need to specify delivery when signing up. Contact Gary Poley for any questions you may have.**Contact Person:** Gary Poley**AED WORKSHOPS****Date:** 10 AM-12 PM and 6 PM-8 PM Wednesday, March 6**Contact Person:** Nelson Craig**Sign-Up Sheet:** A sheet will be under the Health and Safety Board.**Details:** The Health & Safety Committee will plan on holding two AED Workshops on March 6, 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM and another one at 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM in the Library in the Clubhouse. There will be a maximum of 8 attendees allowed for each session.**SOCIAL CLUB MEMBERSHIP MEETING****Date:** 10:00 AM Saturday, March 9**KARAOKE****Date:** 7:00-10:00 PM Saturday, March 9- Karaoke; 1:00 PM- Practice**LADIES' LUNCH****Date:** 11:30 AM Tuesday, March 12**Contact Person:** Margaret Willis**Sign-Up Deadline:** Sunday, March 10; sign-up sheet is in the Clubhouse.**Details:** Please meet at the Hurricane Dockside, 3351 W Burleigh Blvd., Tavares. There will be a sign-up sheet in the Clubhouse for a count only.**MEN'S LUNCH****Date:** 11:30 AM Tuesday, March 12**Contact Person:** Lloyd Sherwood**Sign-Up Deadline:** Sunday, March 10; sign-up sheet is in the Clubhouse.**Details:** This month we are gathering together at Salsa Restaurant at 2270 Vindale Rd. Tavares. There will be a sign-up sheet in the Clubhouse for a count only.**SPRING FLING****Date:** 1:00 – 6:00 PM Saturday, March 16**Contact:** Karen Heid**Details:** This year's theme is Mexican Fiesta. See the flyer with more details on page 4 of this Tidbits. Set-up for Spring Fling is Friday, March 15 at 9:00 AM. Volunteers are needed to help set-up the tents, stage and Tiki Bar. It takes a village to make this happen.**COSTUME KARAOKE****Date:** 7:00-10:00 PM Saturday, March 30- Costume Karaoke; 1:00 PM- Costume Karaoke Practice**NEW BEGINNINGS EASTER POTLUCK****Date:** 2:00 – 4:00 PM Sunday, March 31**Contact:** Charlene Zeunik**Details:** This is a potluck meal, so please bring a dish to pass and your own table service. Coffee, tea and lemonade will be provided.

MARCH BIRTHDAYS



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

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

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

March 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
3 5:45pm Texas Hold'em	4 9:00am Water Aerobics 10:00am Line Dancing 12:00pm Karaoke Mtg. 2:00pm Ladies Harmony 6:00pm Bingo	5 9:00am Water Aerobics 10:00am Water Aerobics 10:00-11:30am Bible Class-Clubhouse/Gary Winters 12:00pm Pool League 6:00pm Mexican Dominoes 6:30pm Jam Session	6 8:30am Breakfast Club-Highway 441 Diner 9:00am Water Aerobics 10:00am Water Aerobics 10:00am-12:00pm AED Class 10:00am-1:00pm Compound Open 12:00pm Spring Fling Meeting 6:00pm Nickel Nickel 6:00-8:00pm AED Class	7 9:00am Water Aerobics 10:00am Line Dancing 11:00am Beginners Line Dancing 2:00pm J&J Music 6:00pm Mexican Dominoes	8 8:00am Coffee/Tea Time 9:00am Water Aerobics 10:00am Water Aerobics 12:00pm Bonfire Lunch 1:30-3:30pm Crafts 6:30pm Euchre	9 9:00am Water Aerobics 10:00am- Social Club Membership Meeting 1:00pm Karaoke Practice 7:00pm Karaoke
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17 St Patrick's Day 5:45pm Texas Hold'em	18 9:00am Water Aerobics 10:00am Line Dancing 2:00pm Ladies Harmony 6:00pm Bingo	19 9:00am Water Aerobics 10:00am Water Aerobics 10:00-11:30am Bible Class-Clubhouse/Gary Winters 6:00pm Mexican Dominoes 6:30pm Jam Session	20 8:30am Breakfast Club 9:00am Water Aerobics 10:00am Water Aerobics 10:00am-1:00pm Compound Open for Drop Off/Sales 6:00pm Nickel Nickel	21 9:00am Water Aerobics 10:00am Line Dancing 11:00am Beginners Line Dancing 2:00pm J&J Music 6:00pm Mexican Dominoes	22 8:00am Coffee Time 9:00am Water Aerobics 10:00am Water Aerobics 12:00pm Bonfire Lunch 1:30-3:30pm Crafts 6:30pm Euchre	23 9:00am Water Aerobics
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