



Tidbits

Bonfire 55+ Mobile Home Park Newsletter

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2025 - 2026 Board of Directors

President: Paul Shortsleeve

Vice President: Dave Lashua

Treasurer: Susan Lorch

Secretary: Dave Niles

Director: Ken Dixon

Director: Tom Eddy

Director: Pat Carpenter

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**

From the Office of the newly elected President- *Paul Shortsleeve*

I would like to thank Dave Meyer our past President and Larry Dennis VP for their time on the board.

We welcome David Lashua VP and Patricia Carpenter, Director to the board. With the help of the entire board, office staff and maintenance we will have a smooth year operating the park.

We had our first BOD meeting 02/18/26 and started forming committees. We would like the entire Bonfire community to be involved.

We will be working on a paper directory, and be on the lookout for more information.

We are also working on new red flags at all mailboxes for when we have a boil water advisory.

Next Board of Directors Meeting: Wednesday, March 11 , 2026 @ 10:00 AM

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

Time for a New Directory!



If you are in the 2023 directory, and nothing has changed, you will be in the new directory.

If you need to make changes to your 2023 listing OR if you are not in the 2023 directory and would like to be in the new directory, contact one of the following:

Pat Carpenter, Margaret Willis, or Debbie Cross (numbers are in the directory)

We will also be in the clubhouse for your convenience on Mondays from 4-5, Wednesdays from 11-12, and Fridays from 11-12. In addition, we will be available after the Social Club meeting on March 7th and at Spring Fling on March 14th.

Please contact us by March 15th as we would like to get this done as soon as possible.

HEALTH & SAFETY COMMITTEE REPORT

Health & Safety Committee Update. Those who have signed up had a brief chat following the February Board of Directors' Meeting. We agreed to have our first official meeting following the March Board of Directors' Meeting. There will be an agenda posted on the mailbox Bulletin Boards. We are seeking additional members, especially current or retired medical professionals to our group.

Meeting Date: March 11, 2026 at approximately 11:00am

It is the Health and Safety Committee's mission to promote safety and well-being 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.

We couldn't be more excited about our volunteer team this year: Lee Semon has taken charge as the committee chair, Joann Leddy has graciously taken on the responsibilities of secretary, while Susan Pierce will be our "face to the people" as our community liaison. We are still looking for another volunteer with some medical expertise. Are you a certified CPR trainer? We NEED you! Won't you volunteer a little of your time to make a really big difference in our community? We'd love to have you!

STRESS

Does it seem silly that we still experience stress after retirement? Well, it's not. Stress takes many forms and can be caused by many things. It's important to remember, however, that you are in complete control over your stress level, even if it doesn't feel that way.

Here are some tips for stress reduction that may seem just too simple to work, but give each one a chance to improve your attitude, your health, and your life:

Practice Deep Breathing and Relaxation Techniques:

Techniques like box breathing and progressive muscle relaxation can help calm the mind and reduce stress. Look for guided meditations that focus on breath work and/or body scans. Sometimes just focusing intently on yourself and "your parts" will work wonders.

Eat a Balanced Diet:

Following a healthy diet can boost the immune system and help combat inflammation. Knowing that you're taking good care of yourself by eating right can be a huge lift to your spirits!

Stay Hydrated:

Drinking enough water improves brain performance and can help manage stress levels. Did you know that your organs have to work harder when you're even a little dehydrated? Also, dehydration can lead to headaches and fatigue. Do yourself a favor and drink your water!

Engage in Regular Physical Activity:

Exercise releases endorphins, which can improve mood and reduce stress. Get moving! Any extra steps or movement you can add to your day will pay off. Swing your arms or kick your legs while you're watching TV. Keep it fun.

Seek Support:

Talking to friends, family, or a therapist can provide comfort and help develop healthy coping strategies. If you're struggling feeling connected to your family, friends, or your community, we have good news. You can do something about it. Get involved in an activity at the clubhouse that you enjoy OR you can start scheduling an activity that you enjoy and invite others to join.

These strategies can help you manage stress effectively and improve your overall well-being.

We are pleased to introduce the members of our 2026 Finance Committee, a dedicated team entrusted with overseeing the financial health, transparency, and strategic fiscal planning of our cooperative.

The Finance Committee plays a vital role in:

- Monitoring financial performance and ensuring accountability
- Reviewing budgets and forecasts
- Supporting our community while safeguarding shareholder value

Meet your Bonfire Finance Committee for 2026:

Susie Lorch – Chair and Bonfire Board of Directors, Treasurer

Robert Raden – Secretary and former CEO/CFO of a small Michigan-based credit union

Pat Carpenter – Community Liaison with 35+ years in finance

Don Byrd – Member with 32 years management and 15 years Bonfire Finance Committee experience

Chris Leesberg – Member and former business owner

Dawn Comins – Member and former business owner with 30+ years accounting experience

Shelley Divall – Member and founder of an accounting and tax firm in Canada

Together, this team brings a wealth of experience in finance, governance, and strategic planning. Their collective expertise ensures that every decision is made with diligence, integrity, and a focus on sustainable value creation.

Our meetings are scheduled monthly on the first Wednesday at 11:00 AM in the clubhouse. Feel free to attend. Although your comments cannot be heard during the meeting, some of us can stay after each meeting to answer questions.

We look forward to keeping you informed of our progress and financial stewardship throughout the year. Should you have any questions or wish to share feedback, please feel free to reach out to our community liaison, Pat Carpenter.

Thank you for your continued trust and support.

2026 - 2025 Social Club Board

President: Charlene Zeunik

1st Vice-President: Candy Santamaria
(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:

Feb was busy and cold, I'm hoping we have warmer weather for our March events! I personally want to thank everyone who played a part in making this year's Spaghetti fundraiser dinner a success. I could not have done it without each one of you, you all did a fantastic job! I am already making notes for next year and have set the date for February 20, 2027.

I also want to thank the library committee for the great job they've done organizing the books, DVD's and puzzles.

The social club bought a nice rotating DVD shelf to organize and make it easier to see all the different movies that are available. Thanks to Nadine Munroe, who donated a DVD player for clubhouse use. This is very much appreciated. Anyone interested in organizing a movie night?

Our Social Club Membership meeting is March 7 th at 10am. The entertainment committee has ideas for a few group outings, but we want your input/ideas on what entertainment / events you are interested in and would like to see and do. Thank you.

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!



SOCIAL CLUB MEMBERSHIP MEETING

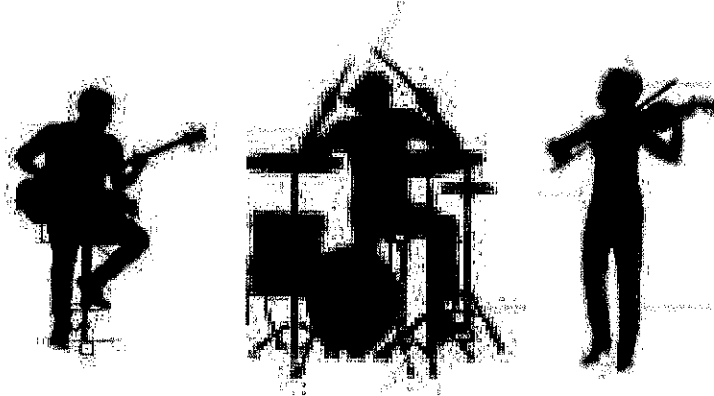
SATURDAY, MARCH 7, 2026 @ 10AM



Learn what is being planned for your enjoyment and see how you can be a part of it!

Southern Nights

Cabaret Concert



**Live Music Sounds
of the 40's thru 80's**



Saturday, March 7

7:00PM

**Bonfire Clubhouse
Free Admission
BYOB & Snacks**

Info: John & Joanne (352) 460 - 0890

BONFIRE SPRING FLING

Back to the '60s /Hippie days

SATURDAY, MARCH 14, 2026

1PM - 6PM



TICKETS \$15
Tickets available from
Shelley Dival
Tom Eddy
Connie Leeseberg
Margaret Willis
Charlene Zeunik



JOIN US FOR THE FUN AND MEMORIES &
WEAR YOUR GROOVIEST HIPPIE ATTIRE

TICKETS GO ON SALE JANUARY 15

BODY in the COMPOUND



CLUES will be presented at dinner
in the clubhouse on Thursday, March 19, 2026.

Along with Miss Scarlett, Colonel Mustard,
Mrs. White, Mr. Green, Mrs. Peacock, and
Professor Plum, **YOU** are invited!

Prizes awarded to attendees who figure out
"who done it"!

Dinner will be served at 4:00pm.

Chicken Noodle Casserole, green beans, cake.

Your hosts: Lee & Robin Semon

Admission: \$5 per person

Sign up sheet is in the clubhouse.

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.

Friday Morning Coffee is BACK!

Every Friday at 8:00am. Join your neighbors for coffee and conversation.

Contact Persons: Lee & Robin Semon



Feel free to bring a breakfast sweet to share.

Breakfast Club is BACK!

Meet every Wednesday at 441 Diner for 8:30 am

381 E Burleigh Blvd, Tavares



Contact Robin Semon

COMMUNITY LUNCHEONS

Dates: Friday March 6, 20 & 27 @ 12 noon

Contact Person: Charlene Zeunik

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.
Please sign up as early as possible to assist the kitchen to plan how many to prepare for.

KARAOKE

Dates: Saturday Mar 28 @ 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!

LADIES' & MEN'S LUNCH **Contact Person:** Lee & Robin Semon

Date/Time: Tuesday March 10th at 11:30 am

Location: El Ranchito, 911 West North Blvd (US 441) Leesburg, FL 34748

Please sign up by Saturday March 7 to give the restaurant a headcount.



COSTUME KARAOKE

Date/Time: Tuesday March 3rd @ 7 - 10 pm

No admission charged

50/50 Drawing



LIVE ENTERTAINMENT by Southern Nights

Date/Time: Saturday March 7 @ 7 - 10 pm

No admission charged 50/50 Drawing

BYOB and Snacks to share and enjoy!



SPRING FLING Theme: the 60's (Hippies)

Date/Time: Saturday March 14th @ 1 - 6 pm

Back to the 60's/Hippie Days

Ticket available from: Shelley Divall, Tom Eddy, Connie Leeseberg,

Margaret Wilis and Charlene Zeunik



MURDER MYSTERY DINNER

Contact Person: Lee & Robin Semon

Date/Time: Thursday March 19 in Clubhouse @4pm

Admission: \$5 per person

Dinner will be served at 4pm

Sign up sheet is in the Clubhouse



Community

YARD SALE

Date/Time: Saturday March 21 @ 8 am - 2 pm

Contact person: Brenda Flint

Location: Vacant area between Kelli Dr & Lock Rd (next to Sam and Leslie Decator's house)

How it works: You sign up for a table (sign up sheet is in the clubhouse). You rent a table or space, bring your stuff, keep the income from your sales, clean up your stuff afterwards. Have fun!

Social club will provide tables and do advertising.

Cost to rent table: **\$10**. Space without table: **\$5**.

See Brenda Flint to pay and reserve your spot.



NEEDED: CAKES FOR SPRING FLING CAKE WALK & AUCTION

Please bring cakes to the kitchen on Saturday morning, March 14th.

Contact person: Debbie Waterman

Sign up sheet in clubhouse.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

Boat Slip Committee Meeting - Every Monday at 10am - New Committee First Meeting March 2

Finance Committee Meeting - March 4 @11 am (meets first Wednesday of every month)

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:

Darlene Imhoff Brooke Idalski Ron Kumor Joyce Walrath Gail Kelemen Richard Perry

Sympathy Cards were sent to:

Edith Waddell (husband) Family of Carroll Avery Candice Thrush (brother)

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	14	Al Sparling	24	Fred Shank
3	DeAnna Barnhill	14	James J Beauchamp	25	James Yonkers
5	Gerald Davis	16	Jill Shank	25	Lloyd Sova
6	Michael Neal	16	Richard Morse		Howard Flint
8	Wayne Matheny	17	Paul Shortsleeve	26	Willie White
8	Ronald Kumor	18	Ronald Morton	26	Patrick Parisi
8	Deborah Affatato	19	Carole Ballard	26	Brian Votaw
10	Kimberly Cooley	21	Terry Black	27	Robert Logan
12	Ayanna Pierce	21	Sara Sladen	28	Don Byrd
				31	Loreto DaSilva

Please notify Shelley Divall via email bonfiretidbits@gmail.com if you would like your name added or removed from this birthday list

UPCOMING APRIL EVENTS

Easter Potluck - Sunday April 5th @ 2pm in Clubhouse

Ladies Lunch - Tuesday April 14 @ 11:30 in Clubhouse

Contact Person: Pat Carpenter

Mens Lunch - Tuesday April 14 @11:30 Details TBD

Contact Person: Bert Zeunik

Karaoke - Saturday April 11 & 25 @ 7pm (practice @ 1pm)

Community Lunch - Friday April 3, 10, 17, 24

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 5:45pm - Texas Holdem Poker	2 9am - Water Aerobics 10am - Boat Slip Committee Meeting 10am - Pool League 10am-Water Aerobics2 1pm - Card Craft 2pm - Girls Night Out 6pm - Bingo	3 9am - Water Aerobics 10am-Water Aerobics2 7pm - Costume Karoke	4 8:30am - Breakfast Club 9am - Water Aerobics 10am-Water Aerobics2 11am - Finance Committee Meeting 1pm - Crafts with Rita 6pm - Nickel Nickel	5 8:15am - Golf 9am - Water Aerobics 10am-Water Aerobics2 2pm - J&J Music 6pm - Poker	6 8am - Coffee Hour 9am - Water Aerobics 10am-Water Aerobics2 12pm - Community Lunch 2pm - Jam Practice 6pm - Euchre	7 9am - Water Aerobics 10am - Social Club Membership Meeting 10am-Water Aerobics2 7pm - Live Music
8 Daylight Saving Time 5:45pm - Texas Holdem Poker	9 9am - Water Aerobics 10am - Boat Slip Committee Meeting 10am - Pool League 10am-Water Aerobics2 1pm - Card Craft 2pm - Girls Night Out 6pm - Bingo	10 9am - Water Aerobics 10am-Water Aerobics2 2pm - Spring Fling Planning Meeting 6:30pm - Jam Session	11 8:30am - Breakfast Club 9am - Water Aerobics 10am - Board Meeting 10am-Water Aerobics2 11am - Health & Safety Committee Meeting 1pm - Crafts with Rita 6pm - Nickel Nickel	12 8:15am - Golf 9am - Water Aerobics 10am-Water Aerobics2 2pm - J&J Music 6pm - Poker	13 8am - Coffee Hour 9am - Water Aerobics 10am-Water Aerobics2 6pm - Euchre	14 9am - Water Aerobics 10am-Water Aerobics2 1pm - Spring Fling
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