



# Tidbits

## Bonfire 55+ Mobile Home Park Newsletter

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# May 2026

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### 2025 - 2026 Board of Directors

President: Paul Shortsleeve

Vice President: Dave Lashua Treasurer: Cheryl Hytenin

Secretary: Dave Niles

Director: Ken Dixon

Director: Tom Eddy

Director: Pat Carpenter

### From the Office of the President- *Paul Shortsleeve*

Hello Everyone,

Pool heater parts are taking longer to get than anticipated, should be done by the time you read this. Let's hope for the best. Everything is running smoothly.

A few homes have sold, congratulations to the sellers. Please welcome your new neighbors.

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!

If you have not yet received your 2026 Bonfire directory, please contact Margaret Willis.

If you are not in the park and would like someone else to pick up your copy, they may do so. Or you will have one copy held for you until your return. We will not be mailing any copies.

Each unit will be given one free copy, additional copies can be purchased at \$3 each.

In addition, the directory will be on the Bonfire website, Residents Only section, Shareholders tab. The website version has larger print and can be printed out to a 8.5" x 11" format if desired.

ALSO! We are planning a new PHOTO Directory. If you wish to be included in this book, we will have release forms for you to sign giving us permission. This will be a long project as we gather everyone's photos. More information on this will be forthcoming.



## DIRECTORY CORRECTIONS

FIRST PAGE: Bonfire office email should read: **Bonfiremhp@aol.com**  
Phone number for Roy Woodruff: last four numbers should be 5112  
We are sorry for any inconvenience these errors may have caused and will continue to make corrections as they are identified.



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## HEALTH & SAFETY COMMITTEE REPORT

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.

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## MAKING THE HOME ENVIRONMENT SAFE

What's involved in making the home environment safe?

When caring at home for an ill, aging, or disabled person of any age, it's important to think about home safety. Print out this helpful checklist. Then use it to check for safety issues around the home.

### **Bathroom and bedroom**

Install smoke alarms inside each bedroom and in hallways outside bedrooms. Install them on every level of the home, including the basement. On levels without bedrooms, install smoke alarms in living room areas and near stairs to upper levels. Check batteries monthly. Change batteries yearly or as advised.

Carbon monoxide detectors should be placed at every level of the home and near sleeping areas. Combination smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors are also available.

- Place a nonskid bathmat on the floor and a nonskid mat in the tub.
- Store all prescription and over-the-counter medicines in original containers and in a safe place.
- To prevent scalding, make sure the tap water temperature is set no higher than 120°F (48.8°C).
- Be sure you can move safely in the bathroom and in and out of the tub or shower.
- Mount grab bars at the toilet, bath, and shower on walls with secure reinforcements.
- Make sure lighting in hallways is adequate.
- Place a lamp and telephone near the bed.
- Remove or nail down rugs or carpeting to reduce the risk of falls.

### **Kitchen, main living area, and stairs**

- Store all cleaning supplies in their original containers.
- Always turn pot handles inward when cooking on the stove. This can help prevent spills. Use back burners whenever possible.
- Keep a working fire extinguisher in the kitchen.
- Secure area rugs to prevent falls and slips.

- Make sure furniture is securely placed and in good repair.
- Install light switches at the top and bottom of the stairs.
- Make sure lighting on stairs is adequate.
- Both sides of the steps should have handrails.

### **Outdoors**

- Keep stairs and walkways clear of snow, wet leaves, or other debris.
- Repair cracks or chips in cement sidewalks and stairs.
- Make certain railings, gates, and fences are secure and in good repair.
- Place barriers around a fireplace, wood burning stove, or other heat source. This can help prevent accidental burns.
- Have chimneys and stovepipes inspected and cleaned regularly.
- Make sure that hazardous items are secured and in their original containers in the garage, utility room, or basement. This includes items, such as bug sprays, cleaners, auto care products, and weed killers.

### **Other safety steps**

- Enter emergency numbers into your cell phone. Also write emergency numbers in large print and post them on the refrigerator and near the land line phone.
- Make sure that bathrooms and bedrooms can be unlocked from the outside.
- Keep matches and lighters out of reach.
- Make sure the home has at least two unblocked exits in case of fire or other emergency.
- Check all electrical cords to make sure they are not cracked or frayed.
- Make sure outlets or extension cords are not overloaded.
- If possible, don't use space heaters. If they must be used, make sure they are in safe condition. Never plug them into an extension cord. Place them at least 3 feet from any drapes, bedding, or furnishings. Turn them off when you leave the room.
- Know where the gas, electricity, and water cut-off valves are located in the home in case of Emergency.

Source: <https://www.hopkinsmedicine.org/health/caregiving/making-the-home-environment-safe>

Submitted on behalf of the Health & Safety Committee by Lee Semon

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## **2026 - 2025 Social Club Board**

President: Charlene Zeunik

1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President: Candy Santamaria  
(Tidbits, Calendar)

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President: Brenda Flint  
(Flea Market, Fundraising Meals)

Secretary: Jamie Anderson

1<sup>st</sup> Director: Connie Leeseberg  
(Karaoke, Entertainment, Spring Fling)

2<sup>nd</sup> 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](http://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:**

Wow! It is May already and each day more residents are heading north for the summer. Safe travels to all!

For those of us who stay, we will continue to have a few activities throughout the summer, including holiday cookouts/potlucks. Check out Bonfire Social Club Events page for any pop-up events and articles in Tidbits for scheduled summer events.

We have some awesome events planned for the fall/winter season. We do our best to post upcoming events & dates, so everyone can save specific dates on their calendars.

Welcome to our new Bonfire Residents: Dave & Dawn LaPlante, Jeffrey & Linda Sing, Alan Smith, James & Cindy Hotchkiss and Larry & Joette Race. We look forward to getting to know each of you and sharing some laughs & good times.

Thanks to all our volunteers!

**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!**

## MAY 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.

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### COMMUNITY LUNCHEONS

**Contact Person:** Charlene Zeunik

**Dates:** Friday May 1st, 15th & 29th @ 12 noon  
**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.

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### CINCO DE MAYO POTLUCK

**Contact Person:** Margaret Willis

**Date:** Tuesday May 5th @ 2pm

Bring a dish to share...  
Mexican dishes encouraged--- but not required.  
Bring your own tableware. Tea and lemonade will be provided.  
Sign up in clubhouse. There will be a 50/50 drawing.



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### MOTHERS' DAY PANCAKE BREAKFAST

**Contact Persons:** Lee & Robin Semon

**Date:** Sunday, May 10 @ 9:00am

Pancakes, sausage, fruit.  
\$5 per person, bring your own tableware.  
Sign up in the clubhouse.



## ICE CREAM SOCIAL

Contact Persons: Lee & Robin Semon

Date: Saturday, May 16 @ 2:00pm

No Charge! Please bring \$\$ for 50/50!  
Sign up in the clubhouse.



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## MEMORIAL DAY POTLUCK

Contact Persons: Margaret Willis

Date: Monday, May 25, 2026 2pm

Bring a dish to share.  
Bring your own tableware.  
Tea and lemonade will be provided.  
Sign up in the clubhouse.



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## KARAOKE

Contact Person: Bert Zeunik

Dates: Saturday May 9th & 23rd @ 7-10 PM (practice 1pm)

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!



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## LADIES' LUNCH

Contact Person: Leslie Decator

Date: Tuesday, May 12 @ 11:30am

Location: Hurricane Dockside Grill, 3351 W Burleigh Av (Hwy 441)  
Sign up by Saturday, May 9<sup>th</sup> to give the restaurant a headcount.



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## MEN'S LUNCH

Contact Person: Lee Semon

Date: Tuesday, May 12 @ 11:30am

Location: 2270 Vindale Road, Tavares, (just off Hwy 441)  
Sign up by Saturday, May 9<sup>th</sup> to give the restaurant a headcount.



# BONFIRE BAHAMAS CRUISE

Contact Person: Shelley Divall

Date: Dec 13 - 17 2026

## Booking Link

<https://secure.vacationstogo.com/group/index.cfm?u=49A2C902-CB5F-87E2-439FA6EC5181DD9D>



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mtomlin@vacationstogo.com

Group Specialist: Minnie Tomlin

### Welcome message from the group leader

Hello Friends! Our group has rooms held at great prices, but inventory is limited. Please reach out to Minnie or fill out online registration to book today! Your credit card will not be charged until Minnie has spoken with you about your booking. **Prices are locked in only until May 13th!**

Group #: 628873

Departs: December 13, 2026 | 4 Nights

Destination: Bahamas

Cruise Line: [MSC Cruises](#)

Ship: [MSC Seashore](#)

Date	Port	Arrive	Depart
Sun, Dec 13	<a href="#">Port Canaveral, FL</a>		5:00pm
Mon, Dec 14	<a href="#">Nassau, Bahamas</a>	10:00am	7:00pm
Tue, Dec 15	<a href="#">Ocean Cay Marine Reserve, Bahamas</a>	8:00am	11:59pm
Wed, Dec 16	At Sea		
Thu, Dec 17	<a href="#">Port Canaveral, FL</a>	7:00am	



## From \$473 Per Person

Deposits start from \$99 Per Person

Book by 5/13/26      Final payment due by 9/1/26

Prices are in US dollars, per person, based on double occupancy, and include port charges and government taxes and fees. Prices are subject to change without notice by cruise lines until a deposit has been made and must be reconfirmed at time of booking. Prices do not include airfare or (where applicable) airport taxes or fees. Prices and promotions are for new bookings only, in accordance with cruise line policies.

### Featuring Ocean Cay MSC Marine Reserve - Our Exclusive Private Island

Stretching over 100,000 square miles of sparkling ocean, the islands of The Bahamas are an ecological wonder, boasting the clearest water on earth with sunny skies and eclectic marine life, making them a top destination for Bahamas cruises. This area of the Atlantic is made up of 700 stunning islands and more than 2,000 breathtaking rocks and cays.

Explore the magnificent views of [Nassau](#), Paradise Island, and the greater Bahamas from the top of Queen's Staircase at Fort Fincastle or shop along Bay Street and Straw Market. Discover the underwater kingdom that is Athol Island. Better yet, every Bahamas cruise features [Ocean Cay MSC Marine Reserve](#) – our exclusive private island, only available to MSC Cruises guests, with over 2 miles to spread out and relax, making it feel like your own private island.

You'll enjoy a full day, or two, on Ocean Cay, where guests can soak up the Bahamian sun on one of our pristine beaches, rent a private and socially distanced cabana, or book a spa treatment at our oceanside spa. Experience unique activities like Glow Paddle Boarding in our lagoon, or a sunset picnic on the beach while watching the sky paint unimaginable sunsets. The best part? With a dedicated pier, our island allows guests to come and go on the ship as please. Enjoy the daytime island activities, head back on board to freshen up and have a delicious dinner in one of our specialty restaurants and then exit back on to the island for evening entertainment, including a magnificent lighthouse show and beach fire pits.

## 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:

Cheryl James      Bruce Robinson      Debra Wederath      Sam Decator

### Sympathy Cards were sent to:

Ron Wiene and Family (wife)

### Thinking About You Cards were sent to:

Darlene Imhoff

## MAY BIRTHDAYS

Happy birthday to all those celebrating birthdays in April!

*Happy  
Birthday !*

<i>Date</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Name</i>
4	Ron Roulston	12	Kyle Thomas	20	Susan Kappotis
5	Cathie York	13	Ray Sawyer		Jimmy Jackson
	Kathy Lowe		Ginny Barker	22	Don Oldfield
	Deborah Cross		Joanne Leddy		Barbara Carter
	Bert Zeunik	15	Rick Waterman		Donald Cooley
9	Shirley Lawson	14	Andrea Sullivan	25	Stephen Worman
10	Marie Bryant		Pamela Woods	26	Shelley Divall
11	Holly Grenoble		Wade Smith	27	Deborah Wederath
12	Maria Sharon	16	Nathan Grenoble	28	James Beauchamp
	John Bekas		Rita Gould		
	Blanche Blancher		Warren White		

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

# Welcome

## NEW KIDS ON THE BLOCK

A huge warm welcome to our newest residents, please greet them when you see them around.

<i>New Owner(s)</i>	<i>Address of New Purchase</i>	<i>Purchased From</i>
Race, Larry & Joette	632 Misti Dr	Susan Stack
LaPlante, David & Dawn	103 Jodi Av	JoAnn Hathaway
Smith, Alan	575 Tammi Dr	Jerry & Delores Davis
Hotchkiss, James & Cindy	624 Misti Dr	Faith Proper
Sing, Jeffrey & Linda	203 Allyson Rd	Byron & Sallie Thayer

## UPCOMING JUNE EVENTS

Sunday June 21 Fathers' Day cookout or potluck

## 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.



**Note: this list is not complete and is subject to change**

Saturday July 4 Independence Day cookout or potluck

Monday Sept 7 Labor Day cookout or potluck

Saturday Oct 31 Halloween Costume Party  
Saturday Nov 7 Poker Run  
Wednesday Nov 11 Veterans' Day Program and Lunch  
Saturday Nov 14 Social Club Membership Meeting  
Saturday Nov 21 Fall Festival  
Thursday Nov 26 Thanksgiving Dinner  
Thursday Dec 3 Karaoke Christmas Program  
Sunday Dec 13-Thursday Dec 17 Bonfire Bahamas Cruise  
Friday Dec 25 Christmas Dinner  
Thursday Dec 31 New Year's Eve Party  
Tuesday Jan 5 Bus Trip to St Augustine  
Saturday Jan 16 Social Club Membership Meeting  
Tuesday Jan 19 Casino Night  
Saturday Jan 30 Chicken Dinner  
Saturday Feb 6 Party with Live Entertainment  
Sunday Feb 7 Welcome to Newcomers Party  
Tuesday Feb 9 Mardi Gras Potluck  
Wednesday Feb 10 Shareholders' Meeting  
Saturday Feb 13 Special Valentines' Karaoke  
Saturday Feb 20 Spaghetti Dinner  
Saturday Feb 27 Canada Day  
Saturday Mar 13 Social Club Membership Meeting  
Saturday Mar 20 Spring Fling: theme St Patrick's Day/Irish  
Sunday Mar 28 Easter Potluck

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# MAY

Bonfire Tidbits, Holidays in United States

May 2026 (Eastern Time - New York)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
26	27	28	29	30	1	2
5:45pm – Texas Holdem	9am - Water Aerobics 2pm - Girls Night Out 6pm - Bingo	9am - Water Aerobics 2pm - Cinco de Mayo Potluck 6:30pm - Jam Session	9am - Water Aerobics 11am – Finance Committee Meeting 6pm - Nickel Nickel	9am - Water Aerobics 6pm - Poker	9am - Water Aerobics 12pm – Community Lunch 6pm - Euchre	9am - Water Aerobics 1pm – Karaoke Practice 7pm - Karaoke
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
9am - Mother's Day Pancake Breakfast 5:45pm – Texas Holdem	9am - Water Aerobics 2pm - Girls Night Out 6pm - Bingo	9am - Water Aerobics 11:30am - Ladies Lunch 11:30am - Men's Lunch 6:30pm - Jam Session	9am - Water Aerobics 6pm - Nickel Nickel	9am - Water Aerobics 6pm - Poker	9am - Water Aerobics 12pm - Community Lunch 6pm - Euchre	9am - Water Aerobics 2pm - Ice Cream Social
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
5:45pm – Texas Holdem	9am - Water Aerobics 2pm - Girls Night Out 6pm - Bingo	9am - Water Aerobics 6:30pm - Jam Session	9am - Water Aerobics 6pm - Nickel Nickel	9am - Water Aerobics 6pm - Poker	9am - Water Aerobics 6pm - Euchre	9am - Water Aerobics 1pm – Karaoke Practice 7pm - Karaoke
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
5:45pm – Texas Holdem	9am - Water Aerobics 2pm - Girls Night Out 6pm - Bingo	9am - Water Aerobics 6:30pm - Jam Session	9am - Water Aerobics 6pm - Nickel Nickel	9am - Water Aerobics 6pm - Poker	9am - Water Aerobics 6pm - Euchre	9am - Water Aerobics 1pm – Karaoke Practice 7pm - Karaoke
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
5:45pm – Texas Holdem	9am - Water Aerobics 2pm - Memorial Day Potluck	9am - Water Aerobics 6:30pm - Jam Session	9am - Water Aerobics 6pm - Nickel Nickel	9am - Water Aerobics 6pm - Poker	9am - Water Aerobics 12pm - Community Lunch 6pm - Euchre	9am - Water Aerobics
31	1	2	3	4	5	6
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