



Tidbits

Bonfire 55+ Mobile Home Park Newsletter

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November, 2019

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- To all snowbirds and renters- please check in at the office upon your arrival to Bonfire. If the office is closed, there will be forms on the desk in the Clubhouse. Please fill one out and put in the locked box by the freezer.
- George Elder is working diligently on the 2020 budget. He will be holding info meetings at the Clubhouse. Dates and times will be posted.
- We are still seeing speeders in the park. PLEASE SLOW DOWN. The traffic will be increasing as the snowbirds return.
- Work is continuing on the underground electric service. Lights are being changed to LED.
- Please do not feed the wildlife population. They become a nuisance and must be taken out.
- Let's conserve electricity. Please turn off lights in the Clubhouse when not in use.
- Election time is coming up. Please check in the office for information. A mailing will be sent out after November 1st with details.
- An incident recently occurred with someone who was in the park soliciting for TV subscriptions. Solicitations of any type are not allowed in Bonfire and any suspicious persons or solicitors should be reported to any Board Member when it occurs. Please stay vigilant about this or any other suspicious activity that you may notice in Bonfire.

*Note: The next Board Meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, November 20 at 9:00 AM***

2019 Social Club Board

President: Leslie Decator

1st Vice-President: Joyce Walrath
(Spring Fling, Tidbits, Calendar, Directory)

2nd Vice-President: Mona Richardson
(Flea Market, Fundraising Meals)

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(Dances, Karaoke, Choir, Entertainment)

2nd Director: Karen Van Matre

(Potlucks, Ladies Lunch, Friday Coffee)

3rd Director: Joyce Worman

(Welcome Packet, Welcome to Bonfire Event)

4th Director: DeAnna Barnhill

(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.

Social Club President Report:

Hi Everyone: Must be getting chilly up north as it seems we have residents arriving every day. Welcome Home! This month starts a very busy season. Please refer to the schedule that was in the October Tidbits and

posted on the Bonfire Website. There are many Sign-Up sheets in the Clubhouse; please take a minute and look at them.

The Social Club's first of three meetings this year is on Saturday, November 9 at 10:00 AM. If you are interested in running for a Social Club seat, please let Joyce Walrath know. Elections are held at the Social Club Membership Meeting, Saturday, January 18th at 10AM. Details about the upcoming election will be shared at the November 9 meeting. Please plan on attending. All residents are invited.

On Veterans' Day (November 11) when all of the chairs are out, we will be checking them for repair and/or replacement needs. We could use some help checking them.

Bingo: Please remember that Bingo now starts @ 6:00 PM. You must have your cards by 5:58 PM. We still need help with setting up, cleaning up and calling. We have a new rule. Any caller on the night that they call will get 1 free Bingo strip. Please don't be intimidated by the machine; it is not that complicated to run. We also need snacks every week. Please take your turn.

Special Note: There will be no Bingo on Monday, December 30 so that the Dance Committee can start to set up for New Year's Eve festivities.

The next scheduled Social Club Meeting: Saturday, November 9, 2019 at 10:00 AM. All Bonfire residents are encouraged to attend this meeting to participate in discussions that will take place.

Social Club PowWow

The Social PowWow will be one hour each month. This month it will be on **November 19 at 11 AM**. 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. Please check the calendar and the marquee for the date and time.

Bonfire Social Club Event Group on FACEBOOK

Please add the Bonfire Social Club Event Group to your "Groups" list on Facebook and follow us for upcoming Social Club Events. This is where you'll find the latest events that we are planning for Bonfire. These events may be dinner out at a local restaurant, going somewhere to listen to a band or even going to the movies. This page is not our personal FB page; this page is for Bonfire residents. Our goal is to get residents out of their homes and enjoying the "retired life" while also offering them a ride if they need one. We also appreciate comments about events whether they are past, present or future. We encourage input from you so that we can plan a better winter season for all to enjoy.

Bowlers- Attention!

Bonfire residents will start their bowling season on Tuesday, November 5, 2019 at 12:30 PM sharp (with practice starting at 12:20) at Breakpoint Alley in Tavares, FL. Bowling fees will be \$8.00 for 3 games. This is NOT a sanctioned league. We bowl for fun and socializing. We encourage bowlers of all skill levels to come out and join us.

We have a great time and a lot of laughs. This isn't necessarily a weekly commitment, although we would love your company every week. If you have any questions, you can contact Marcia Thorpe (phone number is listed in the Bonfire Directory). Please leave me a message if I don't answer, as I get numerous scam calls which I don't answer. Thank you and see you all on November 5th.

--submitted by Marcia Thorpe



Dance Committee News

Co-chairs: Karen Van Matre and Debbie Andrade

Please bring your own drinks and snacks to the dances.

Besides the usual monthly dances during the season, we are having a NIGHT OF ROCK' N ROLL March 14th. We're thinking you could wear your favorite rock band's t-shirt (Metallica, Rolling Stones, etc). While you're searching the closet for these items, be sure to grab what you'll need for your act in the *Bonfire Variety Show*

(Saturday, February 8th). Show off your talent by singing a song, being part of a skit, playing a musical instrument, wowing us with magic tricks, or making us laugh with a stand-up comedy routine. The list is endless with the amount of talent we have in Bonfire Village.

Food Bank

The need for non-perishable food continues. When you are shopping, please include something extra to contribute. You can receive one free card per night at Monday BINGO if you donate food.

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.

Toys for Tots

"Tis the Season"... the donations box is now located just inside the Clubhouse. Bonfire residents have a wonderful history of supporting this important cause. Your Social Club Board has decided to provide two new bicycles for the program this year. It is hoped that residents will be as generous as in previous years. The pick-up date of our contributions will be posted on the box, but please don't wait.

Yard Sale- Christmas Items Only

The Christmas Items Sale is scheduled for Saturday, November 30 starting at 8:00 AM at the site located alongside County Road 473 next to Bonfire. Please contact Ruth Klatt if you have anything to donate to the sale. We accept almost anything for resale. All items should be clean and pickup of your items can be provided.

NOTE: A piano/organ is currently for sale in advance of the November 30 sale and is set up in the Clubhouse, plugged in and ready to check out and play. A note is attached to the piano/organ with contact info for Ruth Klatt. A great deal for the right person!

--Ruth Klatt

Sunshine Report

Brenda Mayfield

Get Well Cards:

Get well cards were sent to: Donna Roberts, Gaynell Tolley, Jerri Penrose, Nathan Grenoble (Sharon Elder's brother), Paula Romig, Faye Hensley, Joanne Leddy, Dennis Herald.

We had a busy month, but I think most of these people are doing better. We are glad to see that some of our northern friends are back.

Sympathy Cards:

Sympathy Cards were sent to: Paul Wederath Family, Glenn Stofka Family.

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.

Thank You Note: Donna Roberts (daughter is Nancy Roberts, Lock Rd) wants to thank all for their warm Get Well Wishes and continuing caring thoughts and prayers for a complete recovery following her emergency surgery. Donna and husband Charles started coming to Bonfire as snowbirds from Indiana in 1998.

An Invitation from Dotti Champion to Bonfire Residents:

I am planning a Memorial Tribute for my husband, Merwyn "Champ" who passed away in our Illinois Home on June 9th. We had a Celebration of His Life at our Illinois church on June 14th.

This event will be held in our church at 34030 Radio Road, The Silver Lake Community Church. It will be on Sunday morning, November 24th at 10:30 AM and a light lunch will follow in our fellowship hall.

Please R.S.V.P. to me if you would like to attend. I want to be sure to have enough food. You may either call me or text me or leave me a voicemail. You may also contact me by email at: dotti.champion@gmail.com

We have lived in Bonfire as seasonal residents for 15 years and now I will be a permanent resident here.

Health Committee Report

Faye Hensley

Health & Safety Committee News

On October 9th, a good sized group of residents learned more about Medicare at a program held in the clubhouse, presented by Ms. Linda Devaney of Tepsick Insurance. She explained the differences between Medicare Parts A, B, C & D, Medicare Supplements, and Medicare Advantage Plans.

Even those familiar with the Medicare plans picked up new information. For example, did you know you can change plans even outside of the Open Enrollment Period?

After the presentation, attendees enjoyed ice cream, cookies and brownies and Ms. Devaney made herself available to answer questions one-on-one with individuals.

On October 15th, residents were able to get their flu shots at the Clubhouse. These were administered by Walgreens pharmacy employees, Tristan L. and Yu Feng Wang. Thank you to Brenda Mayfield for organizing this event which was a great convenience to all who participated.

Next month's program promises to be interesting. Ms. Wendy Loudis will be talking about Medical Cannabis. We are certain there will be many questions on this since legality of various types of cannabis are currently changing. The program will be on November 13th at 10am. Please sign up on the sheet in the clubhouse for planning purposes.

--Submitted by Margaret Willis

Bonfire Pet Registration Forms

A recent review by the Bonfire Health & Safety Committee of the Pet Registration Forms in the Park Office revealed a lack of current information from the majority of the pet owners in Bonfire.

Per current Bonfire Rules and Regulations (dated March 20, 2019) paragraph 6A:

"According to Florida law, all animals are required to be registered and immunized per recommended schedule. All pet owners must submit proof of immunizations and registrations to the office." This applies to owners, renters, and guests.

At the April 2019 Board of Directors' Meeting, a new pet registration form was introduced. This form can be found at the end of this article, on the Bonfire webpage (Residents Only section, under Forms), or in the office.

All pet owners need to complete a form for each pet and turn it into the office with required documentation from your veterinarian by December 31, 2019. The Bonfire Health & Safety Committee will be conducting a review of these forms in January 2020 and reporting the results to the Bonfire Board of Directors.

This requirement is not meant to create a hardship on anyone. Rather, it is to ensure that all residents can know that the pets in our park are healthy and current on vaccinations.

If you need assistance, please contact a member of the Bonfire Health & Safety Committee.

Thank you for attending to this matter at your earliest convenience.

BONFIRE COOPERATIVE ASSOCIATION, INC

Pet Registration Form

Date: _____

Pet Owner: _____

Bonfire Address: _____

Contact Information: (Phone) _____

Pet Information

Type: (i.e. dog, cat) _____

Breed: _____

Color/Description: _____

Height: _____ Weight: _____ Age: _____ Sex: _____

Expected Height and Weight of pet when fully mature (if not currently mature)

Dog's license number and expiration date _____

Please attach: Current vaccination record (from veterinarian)

NOTES:

See Bonfire Village Rules and Regulations for all rules concerning pets.

Please prepare a separate form for each pet.

Signature of Pet Owner: _____

NOVEMBER 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 Karen Van Matre for details. It's so easy to do and we'll help!



LEESBURG DOWNTOWN CHILI COOK-OFF:

Date: Saturday, November 2nd at 5:00 PM

Contact Person: Karen Van Matre & DeAnna Barnhill

Place: Historic Downtown Leesburg at the Towne Square

Cost: \$10 gets you a chance to try every kind of chili that is being showcased.

Sign-Up Deadline: Thursday, October 31. A signup sheet will be in the Clubhouse.

Details: Join us for the Annual Chili Cook-Off. Gates open at 4:30PM with chili being served at 5PM. Beer, wine and soda available for purchase. Come sample some of the area's best Chefs' chili recipes as they vie for Best of the Best while listening to the sounds of Dreams - The Band.

KARAOKE:

Date: Saturday, November 9 from 7:00 – 10:00 PM

Details: Join us for a night of singing to your heart's content. We all love to sing along with our favorite songs. You sing in the car, in the shower, now join us in singing in the Clubhouse. Even if you karaoke from your chair (chairaoke) we'd love to have you join us. If you'd like to practice first, we'll be in the Clubhouse at 1:30 that day to get your vocal chords warmed up.

BONFIRE VETERANS' DAY PROGRAM:

11TH NOVEMBER



Date: Monday, November 11 at 11:00 AM

Place: Clubhouse

Contact Person: Margaret Willis

Details: Please join us to honor our veterans and enjoy a light lunch and program.

MEDICAL CANNABIS PRESENTATION:

Date: Wednesday, November 13 at 10:00 AM

Place: Clubhouse

Contact Person: Margaret Willis

Sign-Up Deadline: Monday, November 11; please sign up on the sheet in the clubhouse for planning purposes.

Details: Ms. Wendy Loudis will be talking about Medical Cannabis. We are certain there will be many questions on this since legality of various types of cannabis are currently changing.

LADIES LUNCHEON:**Date:** Thursday, November 14 at 11:00 AM (we leave from the Clubhouse at 10:30 AM)**Place:** Eaton's Beach in Lake Weir**Contact Person:** Joyce Walrath**Sign-Up Deadline:** Tuesday, November 12, please sign up in the Clubhouse if you plan to attend.**Details:** Enjoy a chauffeured ride (\$6 per person) to our luncheon destination, Eaton's Beach, where you'll enjoy delicious award-winning Florisiana cuisine in a beachside setting.

DANCE: ROY BAKER BAND**Date:** Saturday, November 16; 7:00-10:00 PM**Place:** Clubhouse**Cost:** \$5 per person/\$10 per couple**Contact Person:** Karen Van Matre & DeAnna Barnhill**Details:** Join us and dance the night away to the sounds of the Roy Baker Band. 50/25/25/ Raffle

A DAY AT DISNEY:**Date:** Thursday, November 21 at 8:00 AM**Contact Person:** Karen Van Matre & DeAnna Barnhill**Sign-Up Deadline:** Saturday, November 19, please sign up in the Clubhouse if you plan to attend.**Details:** Join us for a day at Disney. We are still in the planning stages but wanted to get this in the November Tidbits. Steven Kelley (grandson of Rick & Donna Kelley) has once again volunteered to be our host for the outing. Tentative plans are to meet Steven and tour several of the Disney Resorts and ride the Skyliner (a grand, state-of-the-art gondola system that connects Disney's Hollywood Studios and Epcot). Afterwards, we'll head over to Disney Springs where we'll have time on our own to explore the many shops, watch the street performers, have lunch on our own at one of the many restaurants and ultimately meet at the Disney Christmas Tree Trail before heading home.

50's SOCK HOP DANCE:**Date:** Saturday, November 23; 7:00-10:00 PM**Place:** Clubhouse**Contact Person:** Karen Van Matre & DeAnna Barnhill**Cost:** \$5 per person/\$10 per couple**Details:** Dig out your poodle skirt, Varsity/Letter jacket, saddle shoes & bobby socks and twist the night away to the sounds of DJ Oakley. 50/25/25 Raffle

THANKSGIVING POTLUCK:**Date:** Thursday, November 28 at 2:00 PM**Place:** Clubhouse**Contact Person:** Karen Van Matre & DeAnna Barnhill**Sign-Up Deadline:** Tuesday, November 26, please sign up on the sheet in the Clubhouse if you plan to attend.**Details:** Join us for Thanksgiving Dinner (turkey, gravy & rolls provided by the Social Club). All we ask is that you bring your favorite side dish or dessert and tableware.

BONFIRE YARD SALE: CHRISTMAS ITEMS ONLY**Date:** Saturday, November 30 starting at 8:00 AM**Place:** Along County Highway 473 next to Bonfire **Contact Person:** Ruth Klatt**Details:** This sale will be Christmas items only. Come and investigate!

LIGHT UP MT. DORA:**Date:** Saturday, November 30 4:30-6:30 PM**Contact Person:** Karen Van Matre & DeAnna Barnhill**Place:** Mount Dora**Sign-Up Deadline:** Thursday, November 28. Sign-up sheet will be in the Clubhouse. We use the Sign-up Sheet as a means of finding out who is going and who needs transportation.**Details:** Join us for the lighting of Donnelly Park and Downtown Mt. Dora with over 2,000,000 sparkling lights. Don't miss the spectacular show with traditional Christmas songs, dancers, a visit from Santa and more.**UPCOMING EVENTS****LADIES DAY LUNCH AND SHOPPING:****Date:** Monday, December 2 at 9:30 AM**Place:** Peddler's Wagon and Tillie's Tavern**Contact Person:** Karen Van Matre & DeAnna Barnhill **Sign-Up Deadline:** Saturday, November 30**Details:** We leave the Clubhouse and head to Downtown Eustis. We'll start the day off by doing some Christmas shopping at the Peddler's Wagon and top that off with lunch at Tillie's Tavern next door.**GAYLORD ICE AND CIRQUE DE SOLEIL:****Date:** Tuesday, December 3 at 10:00 AM**Place:** Orlando**Contact Person:** Karen Van Matre**Cost:** \$32.25**Sign-Up Deadline:** You MUST sign up and pay by Monday, November 18th. Sign-up sheet in the Clubhouse.**Details:** The Polar Express is featured this year inside ICE. Gaylord Palms will celebrate the season with festive decor, holiday activities and shows and, of course, showcase their ice sculpture exhibit. As you enter ICE, you will set out on a magical adventure to the North Pole. The Polar Express will come to life in a world made of more than 2,000,000 pounds of ice, hand carved into sculptures and interactive features that recreate iconic scenes from the movie. Please dress in layers as it is really cold in there (hat, mittens and scarf in addition to the winter parka they provide). There will be a brand-new light show that features a musical score accompanied by millions of choreographed lights around the resort's 6 story Christmas Tree. Speaking of tree(s), the Christmas Tree Trail displays 9 trees (each one represents one of Sparkle the Elf's favorite things about Christmas). Top off the afternoon with a 25 minute Cirque Dreams Unwrapped. This show takes holiday thrills to a new level featuring acrobatics, theatrics and imagination. By this time we'll all be starving so we'll have lunch on site at one of the popular restaurants that are there.**BILOXI GAMBLING TRIP FOR \$199 (based on double occupancy):****Date:** January 5-8 (Sunday thru Wednesday)**Contact Person:** Karen Van Matre**Sign-Up Deadline:** You MUST sign up by Friday, November 29; sign-up sheet will be in the Clubhouse.**Details:** Join us for a relaxing bus ride to Biloxi, Mississippi for a 4 day/3 night trip. Stay at the Scarlett Pearl Casino Resort for \$199 (a 4.3 star hotel with an outdoor pool, mini-golf and several restaurants). For an additional \$30, you can stay at the IP Casino & Resort (a 4.2 star hotel with an outdoor pool and spa with 8 dining areas). The \$199 covers the cost of the bus ride, 3 nights at the Scarlett Pearl with \$100 worth of incentives. Stops will be made at the Hard Rock Casino, The Golden Nugget and the Beau Rivage. If you're not interested in gambling or would like to take a break, there's always something that may interest you such as a Historic Walking Tour, Riverboat Cruise, Half Day Fishing Tour and more.

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 !***NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS**

<i>Date</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Name</i>
4	James Heid	14	Roy Woodruff	21	Reshella Decker
11	Richard Longhouse		Robert Hathaway	22	Cory Meyer
	Diane Wirtz	18	Ann (Willingham) Sonner	27	Robert Bergstrom
13	Barbara Kelly	20	Susan Stack Pierce	28	Dare Nestlerode
Please let the office know if your name isn't on the birthday list and you want it to be.					

November 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
3 Daylight Saving Time Ends 6:00pm Games/Cards	4 9:30am Water Aerobics 12:30-1:00pm Beg. Line Dance 1:00-2:00pm Reg. Line Dance 5:45pm Bingo	5 Election Day 9:30am Noodles 12:30pm Bowling 6:00pm Games/Cards	6 9:00am Breakfast Club 9:30 & 10:30am Water Aerobics 10:00am Health Com. Mtg. 6:00pm Nickel Nickel	7 8:45am Golf 9:30am Noodles 12:30-1:00pm Beg. Line Dance 1:00-2:00pm Reg. Line Dance 6:00pm Hand & Foot	1 8:00am Coffee Hour 9:30am Water Aerobics 6:00pm Euchre	2 9:30am Noodles 5:00pm Leesburg-Chilli Cook-Off
10 6:00pm Games/Cards	11 Veterans Day 9:30am Water Aerobics 11:00am Veterans Day Program 5:45pm Bingo	12 9:30am Noodles 9:30am Finance Com. Meeting 12:30pm Bowling 6:00pm Games/Cards	13 9:00am Breakfast Club 10:00am Medical Cannabis Program 9:30 & 10:30am Water Aerobics 6:00pm Nickel Nickel	14 8:45am Golf 9:30am Noodles 11:00am Ladies Luncheon (leave Clubhouse at 10:30) 12:30-1:00pm Beg. Line Dance 1:00-2:00pm Reg. Line Dance 6:00pm Hand & Foot	15 8:00am Coffee Hour 9:30am Water Aerobics 6:00pm Euchre	16 9:30am Noodles 7-10:00pm Dance-Roy Baker Band
17 2:00pm IceHouse Theatre @Mt Dora 6:00pm Games/Cards	18 9:30am Water Aerobics 12:30-1:00pm Beg. Line Dance 1:00-2:00pm Reg. Line Dance 5:45pm Bingo	19 9:30am Noodles 11:00am Social Club PowWow 12:30pm Bowling 6:00pm Games/Cards	20 9:00am Breakfast Club 9:00am Board Meeting 9:30 & 10:30am Water Aerobics 4:00-5:00pm Birthday Hour 6:00pm Nickel Nickel	21 8:00am Day at Disney Trip 8:45am Golf 9:30am Noodles 12:30-1:00pm Beg. Line Dance 1:00-2:00pm Reg. Line Dance 6:00pm Hand & Foot	22 8:00am Coffee Hour 9:30am Water Aerobics 6:00pm Euchre	23 9:30am Noodles 7-10:00pm Sock Hop Dance-DJ Oakley
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