



Tidbits

Bonfire 55+ Mobile Home Park Newsletter

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October, 2021

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The office will not yet be open for walk ins, due to new Delta Covid-19 variant blowing up in Florida. 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.

- An aggressive alligator had to be captured and killed in Lake Tammi. It is suspected that someone was feeding it, and it no longer feared humans. Please do not feed the wildlife in our park, as the result is usually not good for the animal or your neighbors.
- A Drainage Plan for the area behind 605 Tammi Dr. has been developed and scheduled for this winter. We are hopeful that this will greatly reduce the flooding during our rainy summer season for the 3 homes affected.
- Lake County approved one of our additional lots we want to make available for development. Two more lots are in the works at this time.
- Our sewer lift stations are being damaged and inoperable by residents flushing "flushable" wipes down their toilets. These do not work in our systems. We have spent 5k already this year on repairs. I'm standing over the Tammi Dr. pump station now with a Repair Tech waiting for an Engineer to arrive (on a Saturday pay). Please help get the word out.
- No Board Meeting is scheduled for October; however, the Finance Team has a Budget Meeting scheduled for Thursday Oct. 21, at 10am that is open to all interested Shareholders. The meeting is in the Clubhouse and face masks will be required. An early November Board Meeting will be scheduled to finalize that budget for 2022.
- Returning homeowners and renters need to fill out the "Resident Arrival/Check In Form" and submit to the office when they are back in Bonfire. Forms are in the Clubhouse and can be placed in the black box outside of the office when completed. You may also print off the form by going to the Bonfire Website/Residents Only/Forms.

NOTE: The 2021 Bonfire Directory will be available in the Clubhouse on Wednesday, October 13th, at 2:00 PM. One directory per household and your signature will be required.

Note: The next Board Meeting: Early November to finalize the 2022 Budget

2020 - 2021 Social Club Board

President: Leslie Decator

1st Vice-President: Robin Semon

(Spring Fling, Tidbits, Calendar, Directory)

2nd Vice-President: Russell Porwitzky

(Flea Market, Fundraising Meals)

Secretary: Margaret Willis

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.

1st Director: Shirley Byrd

(Dances, Karaoke, Choir, Entertainment)

2nd Director: DeAnna Barnhill

(Potlucks, Ladies Lunch, Friday Coffee)

3rd Director: Joyce Worman

(Welcome Packet, Welcome to Bonfire Event)

4th Director: Karen Van Matre

(Decoration of Park & Clubhouse for Events)

The next regular membership meeting of the Social Club is: Saturday, November 13, 2021 at 10:00AM

"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:

We plan to start Bingo back on Mondays beginning November 1st. Please contact Leslie if you are planning to help with calling so that our needs can be assessed. We are still in need of at least 4 more volunteers to call--- no experience necessary. We will train. If we don't have enough callers, we won't be able to schedule Bingo. Also, looking for someone, or a couple of people, to oversee the kitchen.

Flu Shot

- ✓ Seniors need flu protection. Help strengthen your body's immune response against the flu. Now is the time to check with your doctor or pharmacy to schedule this year's flu shot.
- ✓ At the same time, ask about the COVID booster. You can receive this at the same time and same location as your flu shot, if desired.
- ✓ Call your doctor or pharmacy today. Be safe, we want everyone in Bonfire to be healthy.
- ✓ (Note: We will not be administering flu shots at Bonfire this year.)

HELP! -Our Bonfire Social Activities are in Jeopardy

The last 18 months have been rough since we last had a full slate of activities in the Clubhouse. During this time, we have lost many good residents who volunteered and ensured fun times for everyone. Currently, we have no Dance Committee. The October dance is being cancelled and we need someone to step up and oversee future dances to make sure they will happen as scheduled. The previous Dance Committee has scheduled five more dances for this season and obtained the bands to perform. However, we need folks to oversee the actual dances.

We want to start Bingo back on November 1. To do so, we need 4 more volunteers to call and someone to oversee the kitchen.

We have many new residents to the park. If you are one and would like to help, but don't know how: please contact one of the Social Club Board members and let us know you are interested. The Board Members are: President Leslie Decator, Vice Presidents Robin Semon and Russell Porwitzky, Secretary Margaret Willis, Treasurer Ramona Richardson, Directors DeAnna Barnhill, Shirley Byrd, Joyce Worman, and Karen Van Matre. Their phone numbers are in the Bonfire Directory. Or ask one of your neighbors. Everybody knows somebody on this list.

Thank you SO MUCH to the volunteers who are currently working so hard to make sure that fun times are still going on....but they could use your help! Remember, many hands make light work! And lots of fun and enjoyment!

"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>
Jeff Reynolds	630 Misti Dr.	

Welcome Back

WHAT’S HAPPENING IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD

As we welcome you back, our seasonal residents, you will see some changes in the area since you left.

- As you turn onto Radio Road from 44 going towards 441, you will see two new developments. On the right is a development named Liberty Preserve. At completion, it will have 35 homes. Houses are now under construction. Further down Radio Road on the left, across from Gateway Church, is the new Silver Basin subdivision. At completion, it will contain 60 new homes. The much talked about Silver Lake club Subdivision, which will have 233 homes, has not yet started. It will be just off Radio Road and Morningside.
- Some restaurants have closed. Palm Gardens has new owners so it is closed for now as the new owners remodel. Cedar River Seafood has also closed.
- Our nearby Publix has completed their remodel and is open.
- The mall is still open, but the only large store is Belk. The theatre and entertainment area is open.

Watch for further updates as we see changes in the area!

Meanwhile, here at Bonfire, life goes on as usual. The Clubhouse is open. All activities are allowed, but residents are encouraged to use safety measures as we still have residents who are susceptible to COVID. To find out about your desired activity, please contact the person in charge of that activity for time and date information. If you wish to host an activity, please contact Robin Semon, as she has the Clubhouse Calendar. Her number is in the directory. *Submitted by Margaret Willis*

WELCOME BACK!

Sunshine Report

DeAnna Barnhill

Get Well Cards:

No Get Well Cards were sent out.

Sympathy Cards:

Sympathy Card was sent to: Jamie Anderson and family for their father, Dare.

Prayers to all mentioned above. If you know of anyone needing a card, please let me know. Thanks!!

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 are Faye Hensley, Margaret Willis, Mary Louise Wade, Diane Weinbaum, and Nelson Craig.

WHAT IS ALS?

ALS, or amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, is a progressive neurodegenerative disease that affects nerve cells in the brain and the spinal cord.

The disease was identified in 1869 by the French neurologist, Jean-Martin Charcot, but became more widely known internationally on June 2, 1941 when it ended the career of one of baseball's most beloved players, Lou Gehrig. For many years following, ALS was commonly known as Lou Gehrig's disease.

Every 90 minutes, someone is diagnosed with the disease, and someone passes away from it.

Most people who develop ALS are between the ages of 40 and 70, with an average age of 55 at the time of diagnosis. However, cases of the disease do occur in people in their twenties and thirties.

Once ALS starts, it almost always progresses, eventually taking away the ability to walk, dress, write, speak, swallow, and breathe, and shortening the life span. The onset of ALS often involves muscle weakness or stiffness as early symptoms. Progression of weakness, wasting, and paralysis of the muscles of the limbs and trunk, as well as those that control vital functions such as speech, swallowing, and breathing, generally follows. ALS is typically a disease that involves a gradual onset. The initial symptoms and the progression rate of ALS can be quite varied in different people. One person may have trouble grasping a pen or lifting a coffee cup, while another person may experience a change in vocal pitch when speaking.

There is no cure for ALS yet. However, the ALS Association has made great research progress in the last few years, such as:

- 5 genes discovered in the past 2 years
- Over 150 active research projects
- 9 global research collaborations
- New drug Radicava approved by FDA
- Several drugs in clinical trials

The ALS association mission is to discover treatments and a cure for ALS, and to serve, advocate for, and empower people affected by ALS to live their lives to the fullest.

Fundraisers such as the Ice Bucket Challenge of 2014 raised \$115 million resulting in a massive increase in the ALS Association's capacity to invest in promising research, the development of assistive technologies, and increased access to care and services for people with ALS.

More information can be accessed at the ALS Association's website: <http://www.als.org>.

In addition, information about the Florida chapter can be found at: <http://www.als.org/florida>.

Karen Van Matre has formed a group called "B ON FIRE" to join others in a walk to raise money and awareness for ALS research. The walk will be in St. Augustine on Nov. 6. You can get more information at either of these two websites:

<https://donate.fl.als.org/team/375938>

<https://donate.fl.als.org/fundraiser/34224>

or contact Karen directly (her phone number is in the Bonfire Directory).

OCTOBER 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.



LADIES LUNCHEON:

Date: 11:30 AM Thursday, October 28

Contact Person: Noreen O'Brien

Sign-Up Deadline: Tuesday, October 26; sign-up sheet is in the Clubhouse

Details: We will be gathering at CJ's Seafood Company at 108 N Bay Street Eustis, FL at 11:30 AM:

<http://cjsseafoodcompany.com/>. There will be a sign-up sheet in the Clubhouse only for a count. Please make your own arrangements for transportation. Please plan to attend.

MEN'S LUNCHEON:

Date: 11:30 AM Thursday, October 28

Contact Person: Lee Semon

Sign-Up Deadline: Sunday, October 24; sign-up sheet is in the Clubhouse

Details: We will be gathering at the Salsa Restaurant in Tavares at 11:30 AM: [Salsa Restaurant](#). 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.

OCTOBER DANCE: **CANCELLED** Leslie Decator is requesting that anyone who is interested in organizing the Dance Events to contact her as soon as possible in order to continue to hold dances in the future.

Date: Saturday, October 30 from 7:00—10:00 PM

Cost: _____ **Contact Person:**

Details: Join us for the 1st Dance of the Season featuring Homer Stiles.

NOVEMBER EVENT



Bonfire Friends Present

The Fall Frolic

Date: Wednesday, November 10th at 5:30 PM

Location: Clubhouse Pool Deck

\$6.00 Donation Requested

Join your Bonfire Friends on the pool deck for a fun “Fall” evening! A light meal of Sloppy Joes, coleslaw and chips will be served. Coffee, Tea, and Apple Cider will be available. Please bring your favorite apple or pumpkin dessert to share.

A portion of the proceeds will be donated to:

Trout Lake Nature Center in Eustis

Contact Donna or Rick Kelley with questions.

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

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



OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

<i>Date</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Name</i>
1	Karen Heid	11	Denise Titus	21	Sharon Elder
	Joyce Wertz	12	Dawn Comins	25	Becky (Sheley) White
	Marcy Ford	13	Maria Duval		Michelle Mertz
4	Richard Wertz	14	Renee Licht	27	Janet Sawyer
5	Dana Shampang	15	Brooke Idalski	28	Mel Winchell
6	Bill Carroll	17	Carroll Avery	29	Louise Goulette
	Mark Bafia	18	Cookie (Vada) Neal		Jay Colwell
7	Barbara Herald		Marcia Thorpe		Dorothy (Dotti) Champion
8	Julie Pudenz	19	Walter Kreiser	31	Rusty Gould
10	Albert Willis		JoAnn Hathaway		

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

October 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 7:30am Coffee Hour at the Clubhouse 9:00 & 10:00am Water Aerobics	2 9:00 & 10:00am Noodles
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