



Tidbits

Bonfire 55+ Mobile Home Park Newsletter

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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: Welcome back Snowbirds!

1. The pool renovation is on schedule for January. If the pool company has any cancellations in their schedule, they will move up our scheduled date.
2. Phase 1 of the dock repairs is complete.
3. We are waiting for financial reports from Parent Management.
4. Please don't forget to complete the Resident Arrival/Check In Form and put in the black mailbox by the office door. The forms are located in the Clubhouse and also on the Bonfire website under Residents Only/Forms.

Note: The next Board Meeting: 10:00 AM Wednesday, October 18 in the Clubhouse

2023 - 2024 Social Club Board

President: Charlene Zeunik

1st Vice-President: Karen Heid

(Spring Fling, Tidbits, Calendar, Directory)

2nd Vice-President: Karen Winchell

(Flea Market, Fundraising Meals)

Secretary: Jamie Anderson

Treasurer: Karen Gilson

1st Director: Shirley Byrd

(Dances, Karaoke, Choir, Entertainment)

2nd Director: Jill Shank

(Potlucks, Ladies Lunch, Friday Coffee)

3rd Director: Barbara Lambright

(Welcome Packet, Welcome to Bonfire Event)

4th Director: Sara Sladen

(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 don't know about everyone else, but September flew by so quickly! Be sure to check out the calendar for all the special events happening this month, you won't want to miss them!

I want to thank the Board of Directors for approving our requests for a Veterans Wall and to paint the library. A special thanks to Bert Zeunik and Margaret Willis for all their help with the Veterans Wall.

Note: It will take a while to paint the library, so until it is finished, please be patient and be aware of wet paint when utilizing the library. Thank you.

**If you are interested in helping with any of the following upcoming November events, please contact Charlene Zeunik. Thank You:

November 4- 8am-2pm Christmas Bazaar Craft & Bake Sale

November 11- 10am Social Club Membership Meeting

November 11- 11am Veterans Day Program

November 18- Dance 7-10pm music by Ssnakeyez

Ladies & Men's Luncheons, date, and location TBA

Thanksgiving Cart Parade date and time TBA

Thanksgiving Potluck date and time TBA

Note: Next Social Club Membership Meeting is: 10:00 AM Saturday, November 11, 2023

Beginner Line Dance- Since there have been no participants, Cathie York is cancelling Beginner Line Dance until more people from up North return. She is requesting that if someone would like to attend lessons that they should contact her and she will make arrangements to meet in the Clubhouse.

Bonfire Compound Hours for Donations and/or Needs

When: Wednesday of each month 10:00 AM-1:00 PM. The Compound is open during these hours for purchases or donations. Please contact Karen Winchell 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



The date of the Bonfire Christmas Craft Bazaar will **take place on Saturday, November 4 from 8:00 AM – 2:00 PM.**

Fall is peeking around the corner, and we are preparing for our Christmas Craft and Bake Sale. So excited to see all of the projects you have created. Tables to display and sell your homemade items will be available to purchase for \$5.00 each. Those of you that are not participating with homemade crafts, we encourage you to share your favorite baked goods to donate for the bake sale. We will have a light lunch available to purchase (\$6) from 11:00 AM -1:00 PM. Sign-up sheets will be in the Clubhouse for crafters and bake sale donations. We will also be selling the Christmas items that you donated from the Compound. You will be able to set up your table space Friday evening November 3 around 6:00 PM. Come and start your Christmas shopping.

Thanks to everyone for your donations. Karen Winchell

VETERANS' DAY 2023

Veterans' Day will be here soon. As is our custom, we will honor our Bonfire veterans and remember our veterans who have passed away this year. If you know of anyone from Bonfire who passed away this year and was a veteran, please let me know. Also, if you are a veteran and have not provided me with your military picture, please do so. We really want to honor and thank you. More information on the Veterans' Day program will be in the November Tidbits.

Thank you, Margaret Willis



"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>
Luncsford, Richard	518 Kimberly Ave.	Flansburg, Jeffery & Rebecca

Sunshine Report

Please notify Rosa Sherwood via text so a Get Well or Sympathy Card can be sent to any of our Bonfire residents.

Get Well Cards:

Get Well Cards were sent to: Faye Hensley
 Thinking of You Cards were sent to: Faye Hensley, Wilma Cox

Sympathy Cards:

Sympathy Cards were sent to: George Glendenning (Millie Barnhart)
 ♥♥♥Please contact Rosa Sherwood via text with your requests of cards to be mailed out.

Health & Safety Committee Report

Current members are Diane Weinbaum (Chairman), Brandon Michaels and Nelson Craig. If you would like to join the Health and Safety Committee; you can join our meetings which are usually held every two weeks on Fridays at 1:00 PM during Fall through Spring and once a month on Fridays during the Summer. Call or email dwein95@aol.com for more information.

BE A GOOD NEIGHBOR

Did you know that your relationship with your neighbors could affect your mental health and well-being? Being and having a good neighbor can make life in our small community a healthier place to be. It is important to remember that in Bonfire, we live very close together. Our homes are physically closer than many of us have ever lived before. This closeness is a blessing, or it can be a curse. It is up to each of us to determine which it will be.

This closeness can provide each of us with a feeling of security. It would be good to know if you needed assistance, there are neighbors who are there. But to ensure that feeling, each of us must do our part to be a good neighbor.

Look out for your neighbors. Have you missed seeing a neighbor out and about lately, and they usually are in the yard or at the pool? It would be neighborly to check on them. It is not being nosy to just say, hey, are you ok?

Although we live close together, we still treasure our personal space. Look closely at what you have in ‘your space’ that may invade ‘your neighbor’s space’. Sounds of music and wind chimes can carry far on a quiet evening. You enjoy hearing them, but your neighbors may not. The lights on the exterior of your home may give you a good feeling of security, but if they glow out into the neighbor’s area, they may disturb their feeling of peace. Your music may calm you but annoy your neighbor. Yardwork or other activities early in the morning or late at night or even slamming of car doors can really be grating on your neighbors’ nerves! In other words, what you are doing to improve your mental health may be to the detriment of your neighbor’s health. As a good neighbor, think about what normal activities may annoy your neighbor. There is a show on TV now called “Neighborhood Wars”. Tune in and watch it sometime and be glad that Bonfire is a friendly, mostly quiet community!

Like Mr. Rogers said, “It’s a beautiful day in the neighborhood. Won’t you be my neighbor?”

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.

Check Bonfire Friends and/or Bonfire Social Club Event Group pages on Facebook for any spontaneous pop-up events.

BIBLE CLASS

Date: 10:00 AM – 11:30 AM Tuesdays, starting on October 3 **Contact Person:** Gary Winters

Details: Gary Winters from 913 Lisa Circle is starting a Bible Class in the Clubhouse on Tuesdays, starting October 3.

OKTOBERFEST POTLUCK

Date: Saturday, October 14, 2023 @ 2:00 pm

Location: Clubhouse

Contact Person: Robin Semon

Good Times are near! Bring your German dish to share and yodel your way over to the Clubhouse for fun and good cheer!

If you really want to get in the spirit, dress in your best Oktoberfest attire.

PS --

Don't forget your tableware. If you don't want to bring German, bring any special dish you want to share.



LADIES' LUNCH

Date: 11:30 AM Wednesday, October 18

Contact Person: Charlene Zeunik

Sign-Up Deadline: Monday, October 16; sign-up sheet is in the Clubhouse.

Details: We are going to Ruby Tuesday; 9616 US-441, Leesburg. There will be a sign-up sheet in the Clubhouse for a count only.

MEN'S LUNCH

Date: 11:30 AM Wednesday, October 18

Contact Person: Bert Zeunik

Sign-Up Deadline: Monday, October 16; sign-up sheet is in the Clubhouse.

Details: Meet at Woochi Japanese Fusion & Bar; 10601 US-441 Suite C12, Leesburg (same plaza as Publix). There will be a sign-up sheet in the Clubhouse for a count only.

KARAOKE

Date: 7:00 PM Saturday, October 21; **Practice:** 1:00 PM

ROC (Resident Owned Community) MEETING

Contact Person: George Elder

Date: 9:30 AM Social Time/10:00 AM Program, Tuesday, October 24

Details: "Wills and Estate Planning" with Meredith Kersey, Attorney. All residents are invited and welcome. Mid FL ROC provides educational opportunities to residents of Resident Owned Communities. The meeting will be held in Hawthorne at Leesburg Community, 100 Hawthorne Blvd, Leesburg. This community is south of Leesburg on US27.

GOLF CART PARADE**Date:** 12:00 – 1:00PM Saturday, October 28**Contact Persons:** Karen Winchell, Charlene Zeunik**Details:** Meet at the Clubhouse before 12:00PM. Who doesn't love a parade! Join in the fun; just decorate your cart for Halloween or Fall Theme and ride around Bonfire neighborhood. **Decorations not required to be in the parade. Everyone is welcome!** We encourage residents to sit outside or on your front porch between 12:00pm-1:00pm and wave as we pass by! Prizes awarded for Best Fall Theme and Best Halloween Theme.

PET COSTUME CONTEST**Date:** 1:30 PM Saturday, October 28**Contact Persons:** Charlene Zeunik, Elaine Hartman**Details:** We don't want to leave our fur babies out of the fun, so dress them up and bring them to the Clubhouse. There will be a contest with prizes and of course treats, they love those treats! Meet at the Clubhouse. Prizes awarded for: Cutest; Most Original; Most Elaborate. Treats for all our precious fur babies.

HALLOWEEN DANCE/COSTUME CONTEST**Date:** 7:00 – 10:00 PM Saturday, October 28**Contact Person:** Charlene Zeunik**Cost:** \$6.00 per person at the door**Details:** Join us for some fun this Halloween! We'll have a great time dancing to music by one of our favorite local bands, The Roundabouts! Don't forget to come in costume or not, just COME and have FUN! There will be a 50/50 drawing. Popcorn & coffee will be provided. Costume Contest will be held during first break and winners announced during the second break. Prizes awarded for the following 4 categories: Most Original-Scariest-Most Elaborate-Funniest.

UPCOMING NOVEMBER EVENTS

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BONFIRE CHRISTMAS CRAFT BAZAAR**Date:** 8:00 AM – 2:00 PM Saturday, November 4**Contact Person:** Karen Winchell**Details:** Tables to display and sell your homemade items will be available to purchase for \$5.00 each. Those of you that are not participating with homemade crafts, we encourage you to share your favorite baked goods to donate for the bake sale. We will have a light lunch available to purchase for \$6.00 from 11:00 AM -1:00 PM. Sign-up sheets will be in the Clubhouse for crafters and bake sale donations. We will also be selling the Christmas items that you donated from the Compound. You will be able to set up your table space Friday evening November 3 around 6:00 PM. Come and start your Christmas shopping.

SOCIAL CLUB MEMBERSHIP MEETING**Date:** 10:00AM Saturday, November 11**Contact Person:** Charlene Zeunik**Details:** Meeting will be held in the Clubhouse.

VETERANS DAY**Date:** 11:00AM Saturday, November 11**Contact Person:** Margaret Willis**Details:** Details will be in the November Tidbits.

OCALA HOLIDAY CRAFT SHOW- SAVE THE DATE!

Date: Saturday, November 18, 2023

Contact Person: Charlene Zeunik

Sign-Up Deadline: Thursday, November 16; sign-up sheet will be in the Clubhouse

Details: The Craft Show will be held at the World Equestrian Center in Ocala. There will be over 300 vendors. Parking is free! We are organizing a group interested in going. Tickets are on sale now online: [Ocala Holiday Craft Show Tickets](#) or can be bought at the door. Price is \$7 or \$6 for those of us who are 60+. We can do our Christmas shopping and have fun too!

There will be a sign-up sheet posted and we will need drivers willing to take those who don't have transportation.



DANCE

Date: 7:00 – 10:00 PM Saturday, November 18

Details: Ssnakeyez will be the band playing.

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS



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

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

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

October 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 6:00pm Bingo	3 10:00-11:30am Bible Class Clubhouse/Gary Winters 6:00pm Mexican Dominoes	4 8:30am Breakfast Club- Highway 441 Diner 10:00am-1:00pm Compound Open for Drop Off/Sales 6:00pm Nickel Nickel	5 6:00pm Mexican Dominoes	6 6:00pm Euchre	7
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15 5:45pm Texas Hold'em	16 11:00am Dance Com. Mtg. 6:00pm Bingo	17 10:00-11:30am Bible Class Clubhouse/Gary Winters 12:00pm Social Club Agenda Mtg. 6:00pm Mexican Dominoes	18 8:30am Breakfast Club- Highway 441 Diner 10:00am-1:00pm Compound Open for Drop Off/Sales 10:00am Board of Directors Mtg. 11:30am Ladies' Lunch- Ruby Tuesday, Leesburg 11:30am Men's Lunch- Woochi Japanese Fusion & Bar, Leesburg 6:00pm Nickel Nickel	19 6:00pm Mexican Dominoes	20 6:00pm Euchre	21 1:00pm Karaoke Practice 7:00pm Karaoke
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