



# Tidbits

## Bonfire 55+ Mobile Home Park Newsletter

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# May, 2023

**Editor- Renee Licht.** Please email Tidbits submissions by the 25<sup>th</sup> of the month to: [rtlicht@sbcglobal.net](mailto:rtlicht@sbcglobal.net)

### 2022 - 2023 Board of Directors

President: Bobby Wolgan  
Secretary: Cheryl Hytinen  
Director: Paul Shortsleeve

Vice President: Larry Dennis  
Director: Ken Dixon

Treasurer: Dave Meyer  
Clubhouse/Social Club Liaison & Director: Chris Leeseberg

### The Office of the President- Bobby Wolgan

The office is not open for walk-ins. 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](mailto: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.

### St. Johns County Watering Restrictions:

Time of Year	Odd Numbered/No Address	Even Numbered Address
Daylight Savings Time	Wednesday/Saturday	Thursday/Sunday

- ✓ Water only when needed and not between 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM.
- ✓ Water for no more than one hour per zone.
- ✓ Restrictions apply to private wells and pumps, ground or surface water and water from public & private utilities.

### Notes from the Board:

- The Water Tank replacement originally scheduled for April 25th is tentatively rescheduled for 7:00 AM Wednesday, May 3. All day shut-off and 3 day boil alert will be necessary.
- Sewer Plant tower scheduled to be painted in May.
- Board voted to approve the fiber optic internet Utility Easement.
- Updated Boat Slip Rules are still being discussed for implementation.

\*\*Bonfire Directories are available for pick-up in the office from 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM. Extra copies are \$5.00 by check or money order, payable to Bonfire MHP.

**Note: The next Board Meeting: to be determined**

### 2023 - 2024 Social Club Board

President: Charlene Zeunik  
1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President: Karen Heid  
(Spring Fling, Tidbits, Calendar, Directory)  
2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President: Karen Winchell  
(Flea Market, Fundraising Meals)  
Secretary: Jamie Anderson  
Treasurer: Karen Gilson

1<sup>st</sup> Director: Shirley Byrd  
(Dances, Karaoke, Choir, Entertainment)  
2<sup>nd</sup> Director: Jill Shank  
(Potlucks, Ladies Lunch, Friday Coffee)  
3<sup>rd</sup> 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](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.”*

**Note from Social Club President, Charlene Zeunik:**

I want to thank everyone for participating and/or volunteering at our Social Club events during this past season. We had lots of fun, laughter and plenty of good food. I am excited for the next season and all the possibilities for events. I am working on a few special events, so stay tuned.... If anyone has an idea or would like to spearhead an event, please let us know, we will help in any way we can. Have a great summer! Charlene

*Submitted by Jamie Anderson:*

We have had a wonderful month of April with so many activities. We hosted a Chili Fundraiser serving hot dogs and several types of chili followed by the Sock Hop Dance. The Ladies Luncheon was held at Hurricane Dockside. The Men met at BTW in Tavares. A dedication of the Memorial Tree was held and many participated. Karaoke was a large turnout and much fun was had by all. A special meeting was held to discuss Pool furniture and we agreed on a plan and an amount of funds to be used. Thank you to all who participated with this.

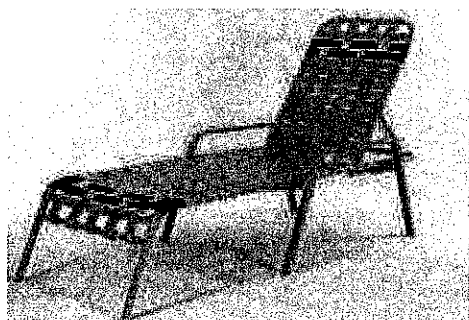
## 1) Committee and Activity News

- ✓ Karaoke will be held on May 13 at 7:00pm with Practice at 1:00pm.
- ✓ Ladies Luncheon will be held at Salsas in Tavares on May 16, 2023 at 11:30am.
- ✓ Men's Luncheon will be held at Froggers in Mt Dora on May 16 at 11:30am.
- ✓ Mother's Day will be celebrated by either a Luncheon or Potluck. Look for further details on the Facebook Bonfire Social Club page and the Marquee.
- ✓ We need a volunteer to host the June Ladies Luncheon. It is not difficult. You pick a restaurant that can handle up to 25 women. Call restaurant and make a reservation. Prepare a sign-up sheet with Place, Time and Location.
- ✓ Bingo will continue through the summer months depending on the attendance.
- ✓ Jam sessions will now be every Tuesday at 6:30pm in the Clubhouse.
- ✓ For those of us who are full time residents, we need to step up and volunteer to continue to have Ladies Luncheons and Potlucks during the summer months. Please consider hosting one of these. If you need more information, please contact Jill Shank.

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

**Pool Lounge Chairs Cushions**

A special Social Club meeting was held on April 17<sup>th</sup> to discuss whether to buy cushions for existing pool lounge chairs or buy new lounge chairs which did not require cushions. Each option was presented and discussed, we unanimously voted to buy 12 chairs not to exceed \$5,000.



I want to thank everyone for your cooperation in making this big decision. Our pool area will once again be a place to enjoy and be proud of when we bring family, friends and guests to enjoy the pool.

This photo to the left is our new vinyl basket weave pool chair; seat height is 16 in., weighs 26 lbs. and is stackable. Frame color is textured Luna, strap color is French Blue with 3 Navy Blue accent straps on top and bottom. There were so many colors to choose from; we tried to choose colors that would complement the blue striped sling chairs currently in the

pool area. They were ordered on April 24<sup>th</sup>, the company will contact me with a delivery date (usually 8-10 weeks) upon receiving payment.

Thank You,  
Charlene Zeunik

**Bonfire Compound Hours for Donations and/or Needs**

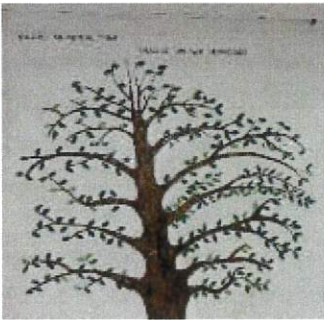
**When:** 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of each month (June-July-August-September) from 10:00 AM – Noon. The Compound is open during these summer hours for purchases or donations. Please contact Charlene Zeunik or Robin Semon for any of your needs.



**Details:** We have planned a Holiday Bazaar on November 18, 2023 to be held in the Clubhouse. We will be selling the Christmas decorations that have been donated to the compound. We will also be selling table space for those of you that have homemade articles to sell that would make nice Christmas gifts...will also include a bake sale. Further details to come as the date comes closer.

Thanks to everyone for your donations...Karen Winchell

**Bonfire Memorial Tree**



The Bonfire Memorial Tree is now a reality. A group of over 40 residents gathered on April 12<sup>th</sup> to dedicate the tree to the man whose donation made it possible, Bill Pierce. We also recognized the workers who made it a reality: Deanna Barnhill, Susie Collins, Faye Hensley, Barb Kasik, Barb's son Taft, Chris Leeseberg, Bob & Susan Pierce, Karen Van Matre, Warren White, Margaret Willis and Charlene Zeunik. In addition, thanks were given to all of the people who provided the names of loved ones, neighbors and friends.

There are currently 238 names on the leaves of the tree. However, as this is a living project, more names will be added over time. If you

know of anyone who lived in Bonfire since 1994 and has since passed away, but you do not see their names on the tree, please let us know. You can submit the name, with the street they lived on, to Margaret Willis for inclusion. When you are in the Clubhouse, take time to see the tree, say the names and remember the memories of the good people who came before us .... They are indeed the people who built Bonfire.



**Flags (In Memory Of)**

The flags at the Clubhouse are lowered to "HALF Staff" for three days when we are informed that a Bonfire resident has passed away. A notice containing that person's name is posted on the office door for this three day period. Contact persons: Rick/Donna Kelley.

**Food Bank**

The needs are significantly high at this time. Please consider dropping non-perishable food and personal care items in the "FOOD BANK" box. The box in the Clubhouse is checked about every day and items taken to one of the community distribution centers. For further info call Rick/Donna Kelley.

Educational Opportunities for Directors and Residents

# Mid FL ROC



On April 18, 2023, Bonfire hosted over 50 residents/shareholders from several resident owned communities in the mid Florida area to hear a presentation by Ms. Betsy Barbieux. She is a

Professional Development Coach with the Florida CAM (Community Association Manager) Schools. Ms. Barbieux gave an interesting history of condo associations, HOA's and ROCs (resident owned communities) in Florida. She also explained how our community is like any corporation with shareholders in how it is managed.

Her discussion concerning the Board of Directors defined the three most important things the directors should do. Those duties are: to PROTECT the property and its value, provide for the MAINTENANCE of the association property, and ENFORCE the restrictions in the governing documents. The board of directors has a fiduciary responsibility to the owners to do what is right for the entire association; not individual constituents. In answering questions from the attendees, Ms. Barbieux further stated that the organization's documents (Prospectus, By-Laws, Rules, etc.) were the guidance to be followed. If the owners believe this is not being done properly, they have the power to elect someone who will do right by them.

If you are interested in more information, Ms. Barbieux has a website: [www.FloridaCAMSchools.com](http://www.FloridaCAMSchools.com) and a YouTube: [www.youtube.com/c/cammatters](http://www.youtube.com/c/cammatters).

Mid Florida ROC represents resident owned manufactured home communities in Sumter, Lake and North Orange counties. Since 1975 Mid-FL ROC has been presenting six educational programs by speakers who are well known and respected throughout Florida. These programs present information of value to cooperatives, condominiums, and homeowners associations. Further information can be found at <https://midflroc.com/> Please consider attending future Mid FL ROC meetings. Bonfire is a member of this organization, and therefore, every shareholder is a member. The next meeting will be in October. Watch for more information as we go into the fall season.

*Submitted by Margaret Willis*

## 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: Reda Fordyce, Gary Wells, Karen Van Matre, John Gilson

### Sympathy Cards:

Sympathy Cards were sent to: Jim and Pam Beauchamp (Mother-Louise), Jim Beauchamp Family (Wife-Pat), Bob Foster (Wife)

♥♥♥ Please contact Rosa Sherwood via text with your requests of cards to be mailed out.

## Health & Safety Committee Report

The Health and Safety Committee has returned. 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](mailto:dwein95@aol.com) for more information.



## HURRICANE SEASON: WHAT TO KNOW & WHAT TO DO



Hurricane season will be here soon. By now, you may have heard plenty from the news media about what to do. So here it is, in a nutshell.

### BE PREPARED

- Make an Emergency Plan. This website will help: [ready.gov/hurricanes](https://www.ready.gov/hurricanes)
- Know where you will go and how to get there if you have to evacuate.
- Gather Evacuation Supplies. Have enough supplies including medication, disinfectants, face coverings & pet supplies in your car trunk or go bag. Don't forget to make sure your insurance policies and personal documents, like IDs & deeds, wills, etc, are up to date and in a secure place. Make copies and keep them in a secure password protected digital space.
- Keep your cellphone(s) charged. Make sure your car has a full gas tank.

### GET READY

- Declutter the drains and gutters of your home.
- Bring in outside furniture and other items. Anything can become a flying cannonball in hurricane winds.

### STAY INFORMED

- Listen for emergency information and alerts. If told to evacuate by local officials, do so immediately.

### COVID19

The Coronavirus Pandemic has created new concerns, especially if you have to go to a public shelter.

- Be prepared to take cleaning items with you, such as soap, hand sanitizer, disinfecting wipes.
- Maintain at least 6 feet between you and persons not of your immediate family.
- Wear face coverings while at the shelter.

### RETURNING HOME

- Do not attempt to return home until local officials say it is safe.
- Beware of down electric lines or other safety situations.
- Have a ready means of communication to let family and/or friends know of your location.

Complete detailed information can be found on this website: <https://www.ready.gov/hurricanes>

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



### KARAOKE

**Date:** 7:00 PM Saturday, May 13. Practice at 1:00 PM.

### MOTHER'S DAY POTLUCK

**Date:** 2:00 PM Sunday, May 14

**Contact Person:** Charlene Zeunik

**Sign-Up Deadline:** Friday, May 12; sign-up sheet is in the Clubhouse.

**Details:** Meat dish will be provided as well as lemonade, coffee and tea. Please bring a dish to share and your own place settings. There will be a charge of \$3.00 for guests who attend.

**LADIES' LUNCH**

**Date:** 11:30 AM Tuesday, May 16

**Contact Person:** Charlene Zeunik

**Sign-Up Deadline:** Sunday, May 14; sign-up sheet is in the Clubhouse.

**Details:** The May Ladies' Lunch will be held at Salsas 2270 Vindale Rd, Tavares. We hope to see many of our friends and neighbors as we gather for lunch together. Please make your own arrangements for transportation. There will be a sign-up sheet in the Clubhouse only for a count.

**MEN'S LUNCH**

**Date:** 11:30 AM Tuesday, May 16

**Contact Persons:** Bert Zeunik

**Sign-Up Deadline:** Sunday, May 14; sign-up sheet is in the Clubhouse.

**Details:** We will be gathering at Froggers at 4931 Lake Park Ct, Mt Dora. We hope to see many of our friends and neighbors as we gather for lunch together. Please make your own arrangements for transportation. There will be a sign-up sheet in the Clubhouse only for a count.

**MEMORIAL DAY DECORATING**

**Date:** 10:00 AM Thursday, May 18

**Contact Person:** Sara Sladen

**Details:** Volunteers are needed to help decorate Bonfire for Memorial Day. There is a sign-up sheet in the Clubhouse. Your help is appreciated. Thank you.

**MEMORIAL DAY POTLUCK**

**Date:** 2:00 PM Monday, May 29

**Contact Persons:** Lee & Robin Semon

**Sign-Up Deadline:** Sunday, May 21; sign-up sheet is in the Clubhouse.

**Details:** Come join us for hamburgers and hot dogs. Please bring a dish to share and your own place settings. See you on Memorial Day.

**UPCOMING JUNE EVENTS**

Check Bonfire Friends and/or Bonfire Social Club Event Group pages on Facebook for any spontaneous pop-up events. *No special events scheduled at this time.*

**MAY BIRTHDAYS**

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

<i>Date</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Name</i>
5	Cathie York	13	Ray Sawyer	17	Gloria Petersen
	Kathy Lowe		Ginny Barker	20	Susan Kappotis
	Deborah Cross		Joanne Leddy		Jimmy Jackson
	Bert Zeunik	15	Ann Ellis	22	Don Oldfield
9	Shirley Lawson		Pamela Woods		Barbara Carter
11	Holly Grenoble		Wade Smith	25	Stephen Worman
12	Maria Sharon	16	Nathan Grenoble	26	Linda Bergman
	John Bekas		Rita Gould	27	Deborah Wederath
			Warren White	28	James Beauchamp

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

# May 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<b>1</b> 9:00 & 10:00am Water Aerobics 2:00pm Ladies Harmony 6:00pm Bingo	<b>2</b> 9:00 & 10:00am Water Aerobics 6:00pm Mexican Dominos 6:30pm Jam Session	<b>3</b> 7:00am Water Shut-off All Day 8:30am Breakfast Club-Highway 441 Diner 9:00 & 10:00am Water Aerobics 6:00pm Nickel Nickel	<b>4</b> 9:00 & 10:00am Water Aerobics 11:00am Beginners Line Dance 6:00pm Mexican Dominos	<b>5 Cinco De Mayo</b> 8:30am Coffee Club 9:00 & 10:00am Water Aerobics 6:15pm Euchre	<b>6</b> 9:00 & 10:00am Water Aerobics
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<b>14 Mother's Day</b> 2:00pm Mother's Day Potluck	<b>15</b> 9:00 & 10:00am Water Aerobics 2:00pm Ladies Harmony 6:00pm Bingo	<b>16</b> 9:00 & 10:00am Water Aerobics 11:30am Ladies' Lunch-Salsas, Tavares 11:30am Men's Lunch-Froggers, Mt. Dora 6:00pm Mexican Dominos 6:30pm Jam Session	<b>17</b> 8:30am Breakfast Club-Highway 441 Diner 9:00 & 10:00am Water Aerobics 6:00pm Nickel Nickel	<b>18</b> 9:00 & 10:00am Water Aerobics 10:00am Decorate Bonfire for Memorial Day 11:00am Beginners Line Dance 6:00pm Mexican Dominos	<b>19</b> 8:30am Coffee Club 9:00 & 10:00am Water Aerobics 6:15pm Euchre	<b>20</b> 9:00 & 10:00am Water Aerobics
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