



Tidbits

Bonfire 55+ Mobile Home Park Newsletter

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Bobby Wolgan

Hurricane season is here. The closest shelter is at Treadway Elementary School (10619 Treadway School Rd.) which is just off of County Rd. 473. If you need to go to the shelter or have elected to stay in Bonfire, there are forms in the office to complete for special individual needs. Preparations are under way to make sure that all Bonfire equipment has full tanks of fuel. Please be aware that objects at your homes need to be secured so that they do not get blown around and cause harm to others. PLEASE CHECK YOUR HOMES.

LED installations on streetlights will be started in September. General repairs are being completed on the sewer plant.

On the recommendation from the Health Committee, there will be a sign posted on the kitchen door when ovens are in use. Please use other entrances when the sign is posted. It is for everyone's safety.

If you see questionable people in the park, please call a Board Member.

The home at 734 Shannon has been installed. The lot at 703 Kimberly is in the process of being sold.

*Note: The next Board Meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, September 18 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)

Secretary: Margaret Willis

Treasurer: Donna Kelley

1st Director: Shirley Byrd

(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.

The next scheduled Social Club Meeting: 2nd Saturday in November

Social Club President's Message:

Bingo will resume on **September 9th at 6:00 PM**. Please note the new start time as anyone arriving after 5:58 PM will not be allowed in to play.

--submitted by Leslie Decator

Social Club Pow Wow

The Social Pow Wow will be one hour each month. This month it will be on **September 17 at 11am**. 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. We hope this time will help the Tidbits Editor to gather the information needed to publish the Tidbits each month. Please check the calendar and the marquee for the date and time.

Dance Committee News

Co-chairs: Karen Van Matre and Debbie Andrade

Please bring your own drinks and snacks to the dances.

The 1st Dance of the Season will be our Annual Halloween Dance (October 31st from 7-10pm) with our very own house band, The Retreads. Prizes will be awarded for best costumes, so get your thinking caps on and get those costumes ready. Besides the usual Monthly Dances during the season, we are having a 50's SOCK HOP in November (be sure and pack your poodle skirt, Varsity/Letter jacket, saddle shoes & bobby socks) and a NIGHT OF ROCK'N ROLL after the New Year. We're thinking your favorite rock bands' t-shirt (Metallica, Rolling Stones, etc) and jeans. While you're searching the closet for these items be sure and grab what you'll need for your act in the *Bonfire Variety Show*. 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.

Directory Info for Bonfire

- Please look at your listing in the 2019 Directory. It will be the same in the 2020 Directory unless you submit a new Directory Form to the office. The Form is available at the office and also on our Website at: <http://www.bonfiremhp.com/residents.html> (User name and Password can be found in your Directory). The form can be printed out anytime at home. Fill it out and sign in two places and you are all set to turn it in at the office or at the "office drop box" located in the back corner of the clubhouse near the popcorn machine.
- In case you didn't know...we must have your signature on the Directory Form in two places. The first is for the Directory. We may publish the unit number's names and Bonfire address without the form, but nothing more. By signing you allow your other information to be published in the Directory.
- The second signature is to allow group and events photos that include you to be published on the website or in our newsletter "Tidbits". This was suggested by the Webmaster and we are trying to comply. Thank you to all who have done this already.
- We have decided to try recycling old directories. The plastic coil binders can be reused, and the old cardstock covers are used for a few steps in the process of getting them printed and ready for delivery. A box for collecting your unwanted Directories can be found on the shelves near the water fountain at the clubhouse.

Thank you again for your attention to this matter.

Joanne Leddy

Food Bank

Of course there has been a significant reduction in non-perishable food donations during these summer months. But, the need in our community never decreases with the time of the year. The effects of hunger are wide ranging and impact children and seniors throughout the county. Please consider these needs when you shop.

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 welcome.

Volunteers needed: Thank you to Diane Weinbaum and Dave Niles who volunteered for the month of August.

We're always looking for someone to help out with Coffee Breaks, if you'd be interested, please let me know. If you don't know how to make the coffee we can teach you :) Donuts are picked up at Publix early that morning.

Suggestions Appreciated

While you're enjoying the summer season take time to let us know what you would be interested in doing this winter season. Several suggestions are:

Fall Hay Ride with Hotdog & Marshmallow roast, Kennedy Space Center, Trans-Siberian Orchestra in Orlando, Miami/Key West Get-Away, Christmas Parade, Strawberry Festival in Plant City, Chili Cook-off, 4 day/3 night trip to Biloxi (January 5-8), Tarpon Springs Charter Fishing, Punta Gorda Christmas Light Canal Cruise, Winter Park Scenic Boat Ride, Disney Christmas Tour of Epcot and a ride on the new Disney Skyliner, Disney Springs Christmas Tree Trail after dark, St. Augustine Ghost Tour, Victory Casino Cruisenot sure what we'll actually end up planning but we look forward to other great suggestions. We'll be working on the calendar in October so get those ideas to Karen or DeAnna NOW!

Please keep in touch with us this summer through our Bonfire Friends FB page.

Toys for Tots (TFT)

Yes, it is a little early for some of us to start thinking of Christmas; however, there may be some real bargains around. Please keep the TFT program in mind as you shop this fall. We here in Bonfire have provided toys for this Marine organized effort for many years. Later this fall there will be a collection box in the Clubhouse for your donated items. *Submitted by Rick and Donna Kelley*

Health Committee Report

Faye Hensley

FALL PREVENTION



Did you know that 1 in 4 Americans aged 65+ falls every year? Falls are the leading cause of fatal and non-fatal injuries for older Americans. Falls are costly—in dollars and in quality of life. However, falling is not an inevitable part of aging. Through practical lifestyle adjustments, evidence-based programs, and community partnerships, the number of falls among seniors can be reduced substantially.

Every 11 seconds, an older adult is seen in an emergency department for a fall-related injury. Many falls are preventable. Stay safe with these tips!

1. Find a good balance and exercise program. Look to build balance, strength, and flexibility. Contact your local Area Agency on Aging for referrals. Find a program you like and take a friend.
2. Talk to your health care provider. Ask for an assessment of your risk of falling. Share your history of recent falls.
3. Regularly review your medications with your doctor or pharmacist. Make sure side effects aren't increasing your risk of falling. Take medications only as prescribed.
4. Get your vision and hearing checked annually and update your eyeglasses. Your eyes and ears are key to keeping you on your feet.
5. Keep your home safe. Remove tripping hazards, increase lighting, make stairs safe, and install grab bars in key areas.
6. Talk to your family members. Enlist their support in taking simple steps to stay safe. Falls are not just a seniors' issue.

To learn more, visit:

www.ncoa.org/FallsPrevention

<https://d2mkcg26uvglcz.cloudfront.net/wp-content/uploads/NCOA-Falls-Free-Infographic-680pixels-0917.pdf>

--Submitted by Margaret Willis for the Bonfire Health and Safety Committee

SAVE THE DATES!

Bonfire Health & Safety Committee Program Year 2019-2020

This year's programs will include:

- **October 9th** at 3pm

Medicare 101 by Ms. Linda Devaney of Tepsick Insurance

- **November 13th** at 10am

Medical Cannabis by Ms. Wendy Loudis

More information and sign-up sheets will be provided closer to the dates.

FLU SHOTS

The Flu Shots for Bonfire will be on Tuesday, October 15, 2019 at 2:00 PM at the Clubhouse. Please bring your driver's license and your insurance card and everyone will be able to get this done. If you wish to have other shots; they ask that you bring a list of what you shots you already have and they will help determine what you still need so that you can either go to Walgreens to get them or set a time for them to be given at the Clubhouse.

I hope everyone who has not had their flu shots will come and get them, because we all need them to make our park safer for all of us.

Please contact Brenda Mayfield (leave a message if she does not answer) if you should have any questions.

Sunshine Report

Brenda Mayfield

Get Well Cards:

Get well cards were sent to: Joyce Walrath, Al DaSilva, Bruce Robinson, Dennis Herald, Kay Park, Bill Richardson.

Sympathy Cards:

No Sympathy Cards were sent for the past month.

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.

Upcoming 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.

We encourage everyone to bring a snack/treat periodically to Bingo Night to share with all.

If you would be interested in hosting a Holiday Dinner or Potluck contact Karen Van Matre for details. It's so easy to do and we'll help.



Labor Day Potluck:

Time: Monday, September 2 at 2:00 PM

Place: Clubhouse **Contact Person:** Margaret Willis

Sign-Up Deadline: Sign-up sheet is in the Clubhouse now. Please sign up if you plan to attend.

Details: Social Club will not be providing meat, so sign up to bring meat, side dish or dessert. Please bring your own plates/utensils.

LADIES LUNCHEONS: (Ladies Luncheons are for all the women in Bonfire). If you would be interested in hosting or planning a Ladies Luncheon, please let Karen Van Matre know.

Time: Thursday, September 19; we will leave from the Clubhouse at 10:15 AM.

Place: Southern Cotillion in Wildwood **Contact Person:** Debi Robinson

Sign-Up Deadline: Tuesday, September 17. Please sign up on the sheet in the Clubhouse if you plan to attend.

Details: Our reservations are at 11:00 AM. Website for the restaurant is: <https://www.cafecotillion.com/>

Special taste of farm-to-plate freshness. Food is slowly cooked in a natural and unprocessed way.....we don't compromise on quality or character. Southern comfort, pure and hearty.

7 Day Eastern Caribbean Cruise

Date: December 4-11, 2019

Place: Leave from the Port of Fort Lauderdale on the Holland Veendam **Contact Person:** Karen Van Matre

Cost: Depends on cabin type (Large Inside Stateroom - \$538 per person) (Large Oceanview Stateroom - \$610 per person) (Verandah Spa Stateroom - \$1059.50 per person). These rates are for a limited time, if you're interested please call our Travel Agent (Rodney) at 1-800-338-4962 (ext. 7070) and make a reservation. It can always be cancelled at a later date. The longer you wait to book the higher the prices will be. Book NOW.

Details: Ports of Call are Grand Turk - Turks & Caicos, San Juan - Puerto Rico, St. Thomas - Virgin Islands, Half Moon Cay -Bahamas. Passports are needed.

BIRTHDAY HAPPY HOUR: **Contact Person:** Karen Van Matre & DeAnna Barnhill

Details: Join us the 3rd Wednesday of every month to celebrate that month's Birthdays.

It's a chance to get out and mingle with residents and of course have Birthday Cake.

Bring your own drinks and snacks if you wish as we celebrate each other. This is open to all residents not just the birthday people.

*Happy
♥
Birthday!*

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

<i>Date</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Name</i>
1	LaVerne Crissman	17	Michael Micallef
2	Pat Bristol	18	Jack Reynolds
3	Margaret Willis		Donna Kelley
6	Edie Waddell		Bryan Johns
	Nancy Roberts	19	Judith Longhouse
	James Titus		Gayle Williams
10	Gerry Graham	20	Joy Woodruff
	Russell Porwitsky	21	Faye Sparling
11	Patricia Beauchamp		Brenda Henderson
12	David Meyer	24	Esther de Pedro
13	Rosalinde Blanton	25	John Leddy
14	Jacqueline Twiddy	29	Frank Ballard
	Richard Searles		Faye Hensley
	Ronald Sonner	30	William White
15	Caroline Campbell		Stan Graham
	Barbara Lambright		

Please let the office know if your name isn't on the birthday list and you want it to be.

September 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 6:00pm Mexican Dominoes	2 Labor Day 9:30am Water Aerobics 2:00pm Labor Day Potluck	3 9:30am Noodles 6:00pm Cards	4 9:00am Breakfast Club 10:30am Water Aerobics 6:00pm Nickel Nickel	5 9:30am Noodles 6:00pm Hand & Foot	6 8:00am Coffee Hour 9:30am Water Aerobics 6:30pm Euchre	7 9:30am Noodles
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