



Tidbits

Bonfire 55+ Mobile Home Park Newsletter

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September, 2025

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The Office of the President

Even though the office door is locked for security reasons, the office is open. If you have business with the office, you can buzz the intercom button at the office door and you will be admitted. You may also call (352-787-4891) with questions or make an appointment to meet with office staff. Other means would be to 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.

Fellow Shareholders:

Please be advised that the Bonfire Board of Directors is asking all shareholders with palm trees on their property to agree to a \$50.00 charge per tree for trimming.

We have contracted with G&J Tree Trimmers to do the work. They are qualified and have done a lot of work at Bonfire.

The palm trees throughout Bonfire are badly in need of trimming. The cost of \$50.00 per tree is a group price and to wait and find your own tree company will cost more money. This is an opportunity to help keep Bonfire looking its best at a very reasonable cost.

We will be notifying you of the number of palm trees in your yard and asking your permission to trim them. Our target date is September 18th to have everyone contacted and fees collected.

Along the line of park beautification, some of you have been contacted about overgrown weeds around your unit. It takes time, energy and sometimes money to notify you about this responsibility that is yours. Please make sure you have someone lined up to take "total" care of your yard.

By now, most of you know that Larry Dennis has resigned his position as boat slip overseer. As a result, I am imposing a moratorium on any boat slip activity, new assignments, upgrades, etc. This will be in effect until the Board of Directors determines the best way to move forward in this matter. I am saddened by how this all came about. Larry has spent 9+ years managing the boat slips and has done a very good job for 9+ years.

In the last year, emotions, tempers, and attitudes have prevailed instead of common respect, civility, and cooperation.

It is my observation as your president for approximately 18 months plus 4-1/2 years serving as a director: everyone in Bonfire gets a lot for the nickel you are "not" paying.

Your Board of Directors is all volunteers, and you might just want to remember that fact when issues arise and you are looking for solutions from the Board.

Sincerely,

David B. Meyer, President

Note: No Board Meeting is planned for September.

Please be sure your monthly maintenance fee arrives in the office by the 5th of each month to avoid a late fee of \$25.00. If your bank sends an autopay check monthly, please check with your bank to be sure they send it out on time to reach the office by the 5th of the month.

Health & Safety Committee Report

NOTE: *Hi again from your health and safety committee: Nelson Craig (chair), Susie Lorch and Judy Holmgren. We are still looking for people interested in joining our team. We are also working on having guest speakers for about 1 hr. talks and informal lunch talks after the Friday lunches--short topics about 30 minutes in length.*

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.

Vials of Life are now available in the Clubhouse by the AED. Forms that are asking for resident interests for health talks and/or Tidbits articles are also available. Once completed, just place it in the bottom slot of the Social Club form rack by the main entrance. Thanks from your Health and Safety Team!

Flu season will be here before you know it. We have scheduled two flu clinics this year offering "regular" flu shots, "flu quad 65+", and Covid options. The first is scheduled for September 15 and another on December 1 (after our snowbirds return). Both clinics will be 10 AM to 12 PM. It will be necessary to sign up and complete an insurance questionnaire prior. A sign-up sheet and questionnaires will be available in the clubhouse. We encourage you to sign up as soon as possible as these slots will fill up quickly. Check your insurance to determine if these shots are covered. You'll need to bring your questionnaire and insurance card (and Social Security card if you are on Medicare) with you on your scheduled day. If you do not have insurance coverage for these shots, please bring your questionnaire and cash payment (costs will be published as soon as we receive them). Records of your shots will be added to the flshots.gov site, accessible by your doctor/caregiver.



How Does Sleep Affect Your Heart Health?

Sleep is not a luxury. It is critical to good health. Sleep helps your body repair itself. Getting enough good sleep also helps you function normally during the day.

Adults who sleep less than 7 hours each night are more likely to say they have had health problems, including heart attack, asthma and depression. Some of these health problems raise the risk for heart disease, heart attack and stroke. These health problems include high blood pressure, Type 2 diabetes and obesity.

What can you do to get better sleep?

- Stick to a regular sleep schedule.
 - Get enough natural light; try going for a morning or lunchtime walk.
 - Get enough physical activity during the day, but not within a few hours of bedtime.
 - Avoid artificial light within a few hours of bedtime, especially from your computer or phone.
 - Don't eat or drink within a few hours of bedtime; especially avoid alcohol and foods high in fat or sugar.
 - Keep your bedroom cool, dark and quiet.
 - Work with your health care team to identify obstacles to good sleep, including other medical conditions.
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FOOD BANK INFORMATION from Barbara Carter

Let me thank all of the residents of Bonfire for their contributions to our food bank program. Many thanks to Rick and Donna Kelley for their many years of support in taking our donations to Lake Cares. Since their move out of Bonfire, I've been delivering our donations.

I've been talking with the volunteers at Lake Cares and while they are very appreciative of our efforts, they ask that we limit our donations to food items only. There have been occasions of items such as candles, light bulbs, air conditioning filters and some clothing items being left in the donation tub (in the clubhouse). They appreciate the thoughtfulness but have no way to distribute these items. So let's help them out and leave only food items in the tub.

It is acceptable if the box is open, (for example, a box of individual bags of popcorn), IF the individual bags are unopened. Food past its expiration date cannot be used.

Thanks again for your donations. You remind me again how fortunate I am to live in this special place, Bonfire!

2024 - 2025 Social Club Board

President: Charlene Zeunik

*1st Vice-President: Karen Heid
(Tidbits, Calendar)*

*2nd Vice-President: Brenda Flint
(Flea Market, Fundraising Meals)*

Secretary: Jamie Anderson

Treasurer: Margaret Willis

*1st Director: Connie Leeseberg
(Karaoke, Entertainment, Spring Fling)*

*2nd Director : DeAnna Barnhill
(Kitchen; non-fundraising meals)*

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."

Notes from Social Club President, Charlene Zeunik:

Summer is flying by fast! I found a few cute fall yard items that I can't wait to put out. I love seeing how others decorate for the season too. Let's see those Fall Decorations!

I was able to book The Roundabouts for our Halloween Party & Costume Contest on Oct 25th. We have finalized a few details for the Fall Festival and Casino Night, see articles in the Tidbits. If anyone is planning on bringing casino décor down with them, please contact me on what you have or send me a picture. We have purchased a few items, but could use a few more.

We are currently planning new & fun activities for everyone to enjoy.

Please consider volunteering to help with a few of the planned activities, the Friday community lunches, or with decorations. Volunteering can be fun and is a good way to get to know other Bonfire residents. Your help is greatly appreciated!

We need an updated list of those wanting a printed copy of the **Tidbits (printing will resume with October issue)**. There will be a sign-up sheet in the clubhouse. Everyone will need to sign up again to receive a printed copy. It is important that everyone fill in the months you want a printed copy. Thank you!

NOTICE: A copy of the September Tidbits will be posted on the Social Club bulletin board. Please do not remove from clubhouse.

Note: Next Social Club Membership Meeting: Saturday, November 8, 2025 @ 10:00 AM

IMPORTANT: The coffee pot in the kitchen MUST stay plugged in at all times. If you hear gurgling coming from the pot, even when turned off, NOTHING is wrong. This is normal activity. PLEASE do not unplug the pot. We do not want to have to replace this appliance! \$\$\$\$\$\$

SEPTEMBER 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 Social Club Event Group Facebook Page for any spontaneous pop-up events.

Many regular activities that have been suspended for the summer will now be happening. Check the calendar or activity contact person for each activity for more information.

LADIES' LUNCHESES AND MEN'S LUNCHESES are another opportunity for residents to get together and enjoy fun fellowship while checking out some of the many local restaurants. *ANYBODY* can host a lunch. We will do the heavy lifting (sign up sheet, posting information in Tidbits and on Facebook)---you coordinate the date with us and pick the place. If you have a favorite place that you would like us all to try, let us know!!

KARAOKE



Dates: Saturday, September 13 & 27 @ 7-10 PM (Practice @ 1pm)

Contact Person: Bert Zeunik

Come and sing, sing along, or just enjoy the music. If you want to practice a song, come to the clubhouse at 1pm. Singing starts at 7. Hope to see you there!

COMMUNITY LUNCHEONS

Dates: Friday, Sep 12, 19 @ 12noon

Contact Person: Charlene Zeunik & Robin Semon

Cost: **\$5 per person** -- There will be a 50/50 drawing: tickets \$1 each or 6/\$5

Bring your own tableware-- help cut costs.

Menu will be posted on white board and sign up sheet will be available the week of the meal.



Regular BINGO resumes on Monday, September 8th.

Must be inside by 6pm to play.

Cost:

\$3 per set of cards, \$0.25 for extra coverall card, \$1 for Hotball ticket.

50/50 tickets are 3/\$1.

Exact change is IMMENSELY appreciated.

As always, we have a need for callers. Let us know if you're interested in learning.

Contact persons: Margaret Willis and Charlene Zeunik

LABOR DAY MEAL @ Golden Corral

Date: Monday, September 1, 2026 @ 12noon

Join us at the Golden Corral on Highway 441 in Eustis.

Signup sheet in clubhouse for a count, very important.

Contact Person: Margaret Willis



LADIES' LUNCH

Date: Friday, September 26 @ 11:30

Sign-Up Deadline: Wednesday, September 24

Details: Meet at Oakwood BBQ, 2911 David Walker Drive, Eustis, FL

Signup sheet in clubhouse for a count, very important.

Contact Person: Sara Sladen



MEN'S LUNCH

Date: Friday, September 26 @ 11:30

Sign-Up Deadline: Wednesday, September 24

Details: Meet at Jeremiah's, 500 N Highland St, Mount Dora, FL

Signup sheet in clubhouse for a count, very important.

Contact Person: Lee Semon



Due to low attendance, the Wednesday morning breakfast club and Friday morning coffee hour events are being suspended until further notice. If you are interested in hosting one of these activities, please contact Lee and Robin Semon.

Sunshine Report- ♥♥ Please contact **Rosa Sherwood** via text with your requests for cards to be mailed out.

Get Well Cards were sent to:

Karen Van Matre, Karen Gilson, Pat Carpenter

Sympathy Cards were sent to:

Alan Copeland (father), Brooke Idalski (brother)

Thinking About You Card was sent to:

David Meyer, Rose Gibbings

*Happy
♥
Birthday!*

SEPTEMBER 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	LaVerne Crissman	13	Rosalinde Blanton	24	Tim Thompson
3	Margaret Willis	18	Donna Kelley	25	John Leddy
6	Edie Waddell	18	Bryan Johns	29	Frank Ballard
6	Nancy Roberts	20	Joy Woodruff	30	William White
6	James Titus	21	Faye Sparling	30	Stan Graham
12	David Meyer	21	Brenda Henderson		

Please notify Margaret Willis (amw423@gmail.com) if you would like your name added or removed from this Birthday List.

UPCOMING OCTOBER EVENTS*Mark your calendar and start making plans now.***KARAOKE****Date:** Saturday, October 18 @ 7-10 PM (Practice @1pm)**Contact Person:** Bert Zeunik**COMMUNITY LUNCHEONS****Dates:** Friday, October 17, 24, 31 @ 12noon**Contact Persons:** Charlene Zeunik & Robin Semon**Oktoberfest Potluck**

Wednesday October 1, 2025 @ 2:00 pm

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.

Contact Person: Robin Semon



Saturday, October 11, 2025 @ 1-4pm

OK-- so, the weather may not feel like fall, but the fun and spirit can be the same!

Join us for a few hours of fun and games. Visit with friends and neighbors...some of whom you haven't seen all summer!

Outdoor fun: Cornhole and Shuffleboard and swimming pool

Indoor fun: Billiards, Cards and Games

You are invited to enjoy some new games that we found on the internet!

Party food will be provided with tea, water, lemonade or bring your own drinks

There will be fun music for your listening pleasure.

Prizes: 50/50 drawing (tickets \$1 each or 5/\$6)

Gift Basket raffles (tickets \$1 each or 5/\$6)

Contact persons: Charlene Zeunik/Margaret Willis

LADIES' LUNCH

Date: Tuesday, October 14, 2025 @ 11:30

Location: Olive Garden, 10026 US 441, Leesburg

Contact Person: TBD

MEN'S LUNCH

Date: Tuesday, October 14, 2025 @ 11:30

Location: TBD

Contact Person: TBD



Halloween Party and Costume Contest

Contact Person: Charlene Zeunik

Date: Saturday, October 25, 2026 @ 7pm to 10 pm

Cost: \$6 at the door. Be sure to get your 50/50 tickets: \$1 ea or 6 for \$5

Live Music by: The Roundabouts

- Bring your own Witches Brew
- Bring Halloween themed snacks
- Popcorn and Coffee will be provided.

Costume Contest Prizes for the best costume in the following categories.

- Scariest
- Funniest
- Most Original
- Most Elaborate
- Group

You won't want to miss the **BIG Monster Bash!** Come in costume (**not required**) Enjoy live music, if you dare, dance with witches, ghouls and goblins! Visit with friends and have a howling good time!

FUTURE EVENTS

Your entertainment committee is working on many fun and exciting activities for the coming season. Here are just a few. Details will be provided as plans are confirmed. This information will allow you to start thinking of how you want to participate. Any and all help is welcomed!

New Years' Eve Party, December 31, 2025 Smooth Sentiment Band

Roaring 20's Speakeasy & Casino Event, January 13, 2026

Valentines' Day Party, February 14, 2026 Avalanche Band

SPRING FLING, March 15, 2026 Theme: the 60's (Hippies)

DJ and/or Trivia Night, Planning in progress

Spa Day, Planning in progress

Many, many more events are being planned—live entertainment, dinners, trips, fun for all.

ROARING 20'S SPEAKEASY & CASINO



January 13, 2026

6-9 pm

Bonfire Clubhouse

DRESS FOR THE OCCASION! (THINK: GREAT GATSBY)

TAKE A RIDE IN A 1929 MODEL A—FUN AND PHOTO OP-- \$5

MUSIC FOR YOUR LISTENING AND DANCING ENJOYMENT

Our very own special Bonfire SPEAKEASY (you bring your bottle to share and we provide the mixers)

FOOD—BRING PARTY FOOD TO SHARE

PHOTO OPS WITH CASINO AND ROARING 20'S PROPS

CASINO GAMES WITH PROFESSIONAL DEALERS: CRAPS, ROULETTE, BLACKJACK

Your \$15 admission ticket gives you \$100 in FUNNY MONEY.

Lose it all?? You can buy more—\$50 in FUNNY MONEY for \$5.

End of night raffle—trade in your casino chips for tickets for chances to win one of several great prizes.

TICKET SALES WILL BE LIMITED TO 80 TICKETS

TICKETS GO ON SALE OCTOBER 1st

SEE CHARLENE ZEUNIK or MARGARET WILLIS

September 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 9:00am Water Aerobics 12:00 noon Labor Day Meal @ Golden Corral 6:00pm Card Bingo	2 9:00am Water Aerobics 6:30pm Jam Session	3 9:00am Water Aerobics 6:00pm Nickel Nickel	4 9:00am Water Aerobics	5 9:00am Water Aerobics 6:00pm Euchre	6 9:00am Water Aerobics
7	8 9:00am Water Aerobics 6:00pm Bingo	9 9:00am Water Aerobics 6:30pm Jam Session	10 9:00am Water Aerobics 6:00pm Nickel Nickel	11 9:00am Water Aerobics	12 9:00am Water Aerobics Noon- Community Lunch 6:00pm Euchre	13 9:00am Water Aerobics 1:00pm Karaoke Practice 7:00-10:00pm Karaoke
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