



Tidbits

Bonfire 55+ Mobile Home Park Newsletter

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November 2026

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2026 - 2027 Board of Directors

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Secretary: Dave Niles
Director: Pat Carpenter

Vice President: Dave Lashua
Director: Ken Dixon

Treasurer: Cheryl Hytinen
Director: Tom Eddy

From the Board of Directors

Our President, Paul Shortsleeve has resigned and we are currently seeking a new board member. Anyone wishing to be considered should submit in writing to a board member before November 2nd.

Please keep Joe, our groundskeeper, in your thoughts and prayers. He is currently in the hospital recovering and we wish him well.

As November begins we look forward to welcoming back our Snowbirds.

Looking forward to a great winter!

Bonfire Board of Directors

REMINDER: If you have a problem, question or concern about something in the park, please contact a board member or the office by phone or in writing (and place it in the mailbox at the office). Facebook is not a proper avenue to get your concerns resolved or questions answered. Thank you!

NEW OFFICE EMAIL ADDRESS:

Please use this for all correspondence with the office.

Gmail: bonfiremhp620@gmail.com

HEALTH & SAFETY COMMITTEE REPORT

Health & Safety Committee members: Lee Semon, chair;
Joanne Leddy, Susan Pierce, and Susie Lorch.

It is the Health and Safety Committee's mission to promote safety and well-being through awareness and education. Whether it's a qualified guest speaker, an article in Tidbits, a post on FaceBook, or our board in the clubhouse, we strive to provide information to help you to live your best life.

12 Ways to Have a Healthy Holiday Season

Brighten the holidays by making your health and safety a priority. Take steps to keep you and your loved ones safe and healthy—and ready to enjoy the holidays.

- **Wash hands often** to help prevent the spread of germs. It's flu season. Wash your hands with soap and clean running water for at least 20 seconds.
- **Bundle up** to stay dry and warm. Wear appropriate outdoor clothing: warm layers, gloves, hats, scarves, and waterproof boots.
- **Manage stress.** Give yourself a break if you feel stressed out, overwhelmed, and out of control. Some of the best ways to manage stress are to find support, connect socially, and get plenty of sleep.
- **Don't drink and drive** or let others drink and drive. Whenever anyone drives drunk, they put everyone on the road in danger. Choose not to drink and drive and help others do the same.
- **Be smoke-free.** Avoid smoking and secondhand smoke. Smokers have greater health risks because of their tobacco use, but nonsmokers also are at risk when exposed to tobacco smoke.
- **Fasten seat belts** while driving or riding in a motor vehicle. Buckle up every time, no matter how short the trip and encourage passengers to do the same.
- **Get exams and screenings.** Ask your health care provider what exams you need and when to get them. Update your personal and family history.
- **Get your vaccinations.** Vaccinations help prevent diseases and save lives. Everyone should get a flu vaccine each year.
- **Monitor children.** Keep potentially dangerous toys, food, drinks, household items, and other objects out of children's reach. Protect them from drowning, burns, falls, and other potential accidents.
- **Practice fire safety.** Most residential fires occur during the winter months, so don't leave fireplaces, space heaters, food cooking on stoves, or candles unattended. Have an emergency plan and practice it regularly.
- **Prepare food safely.** Remember these simple steps: Wash hands and surfaces often, avoid cross-contamination, cook foods to proper temperatures and refrigerate foods promptly.
- **Eat healthy, stay active.** Eat fruits and vegetables which pack nutrients and help lower the risk for certain diseases. Limit your portion sizes and foods high in fat, salt, and sugar. Be active for at least 2½ hours a week.

Submitted for Health & Safety Committee by Lee Semon

Source: <https://www.cdc.gov/healthequity/features/holidayseason/index.html>

2026 - 2027 Social Club Board

President: Charlene Zeunik

1st Vice-President: Candy Santamaria
(Tidbits, Calendar)

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

Secretary: Jamie Anderson

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

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

Treasurer: Margaret Willis

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:

Welcome to all new Bonfire residents.

Several of our seasonal residents have returned, as always, it is great to see you.

Wednesday Breakfast Club and Friday Morning Coffee Hour return this month, see Tidbits article for details. Everyone is welcome and it's a great way to meet your neighbors and make new friends.

Thanks to the entertainment committee, we have several awesome events scheduled. Hope you have the opportunity and will join in the fun.

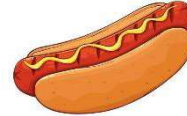
See articles in Tidbits and watch Facebook for any additional pop-up events.

Volunteers, we need you and appreciate all you do !

Due to the expense and time involved in printing the Tidbits, we ask that if you *really* need a paper copy, please sign up on the sheet on the bulletin board. Indicate which months you need copies and whether you need the entire newsletter or just the calendar. Thank you!

NOVEMBER 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.



2nd Annual Bonfire 500 Poker Run

Saturday, November 7, 2026

Run starts at 12:30pm at the clubhouse. \$5 entry fee.

Rules to be announced prior to start.

NO cars, trucks or motorcycles allowed. ONLY golf carts, bicycles, walkers. If you want to participate, but don't have a golf cart, you can ride with another player.

This is a fun time, so play fair and have a great time!

Lunch of hot dogs and chips follows at 1:30pm--\$5

Please sign up if you are joining us for lunch so enough food will be prepared.

VETERANS' DAY PROGRAM

Contact Person: Margaret Willis

Date: Wednesday November 11, 2026 @ 11am

A light lunch will be provided. Everything will be provided (food, plates, utensils, etc.)

Please attend to honor all veterans, especially our Bonfire veterans.

Sign up early so enough food will be prepared.



Saturday, NOVEMBER 14, 2026 @ 10:00AM

SOCIAL CLUB MEMBERSHIP MEETING

ALL RESIDENTS of Bonfire are members of the Social Club. Please plan to attend this meeting to learn about upcoming activities. It takes everyone's participation to make these events successful.

We welcome your help and input to make the Social Club as fun as we imagine it can be.





Bonfire Fall

Festival

Saturday, November 21 @ 12pm-3pm

It's fall in Florida!

Join us for a few hours of fellowship, fun and games!

Visit with friends and neighbors...

some of whom you haven't seen all summer!

GAMES

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Outdoor fun: Cornhole and Shuffleboard and Ladder Ball

Indoor fun: Billiards and Cards and Games

Including some New FUN games that we found on the internet!

FOOD

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Hot dogs and chips will be provided with tea & lemonade.

Bring your favorite party food and your own drinks, if desired.

ICE CREAM

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Cool Time Ice cream truck will be here starting at 2pm.

Bring \$\$ for ice cream!

PLEASE SIGN UP SO ENOUGH FOOD CAN BE PREPARED

There will be fun music for your listening pleasure.

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

Contact people: Charlene Zeunik/Margaret Willis

FRIDAY MORNING COFFEE

Every Friday morning at 8:00am in the Clubhouse.
Join your neighbors for coffee and conversation. Bring a breakfast sweet to share.

CONTACT PERSONS: LEE & ROBIN SEMON



BREAKFAST CLUB

Every Wednesday morning at 8:30am. Join your neighbors, bring a friend, enjoy breakfast and lively conversation at the 441 Diner, 381 E Burleigh Blvd, Tavares.

CONTACT PERSONS: LEE & ROBIN SEMON



COMMUNITY MEALS

Contact Person: Charlene Zeunik

Friday, November 20, 2026 @ noon Lunch \$5
Watch white board for menu info. Bring \$\$ for 50/50

LADIES' LUNCH

Date: Tuesday, November 17, 2026 @ **11:00** (note time change)

Location: Citrus Grove Café, 106 East Magnolia Avenue, Eustis

Contact Person: Cheryl Hytenin

Please sign up by Friday, November 13 to give the restaurant a headcount

DUE TO LIMITED SPACE, ATTENDANCE WILL BE CAPPED AT 30



MEN'S LUNCH

Date: Tuesday, November 17 @ 11:30

Location: Froggers Grill , 4931 Lake Park Ct, Mt Dora

Contact Person: Bert Zeunik



KARAOKE

Dates: Saturday, November 14 & 28 @ 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!



Regular BINGO is back on Mondays.



Must be inside by **6pm** to play.

\$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.

Contact persons: Margaret Willis and Charlene Zeunik

BILLIARDS



The Bonfire Pool League will be starting soon. The league is in need of players. If you are interested, please contact Joe Lanzalotto. He is usually at the clubhouse playing pool every morning till noon.

THANKSGIVING DAY POTLUCK

Contact Person: Charlene Zeunik

Date: Thursday November 26, 2026 @ 2pm

Turkey, gravy and rolls will be provided.

VERY IMPORTANT TO SIGN UP SO ENOUGH FOOD WILL BE PREPARED

Please bring side dish to share and your own tableware.

Cost for guests: \$5

Bring money for 50/50 drawing.



Toys for Tots

The Toys for Tots donation box is now in the Clubhouse. Please donate a NEW UNWRAPPED toy for a needy child. The US Marine Corps representative will collect these donations and distribute appropriately.

Donations will be accepted now until the end of November.

Thank you for your help for this worthy cause.

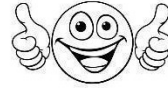
Contact Persons: Paul Shortsleeve and Dawn Comins



See Calendar for regular weekly events
Watch Facebook for Pop-up Events

THIRSTY THURSDAY

Every Thursday @ 4 - 5 pm in the clubhouse.
Bring your own beverage (tea & lemonade will be provided).
No need to sign up, just come a drink and plan socialize.



DECEMBER BAHAMAS CRUISE

If you reserved your room on our upcoming cruise in December, we have arranged for a bus to shuttle us from Bonfire to the Port and return to Bonfire. The fee including gratuity for the bus driver and port luggage handlers is estimated to be \$62.50 per person. Shelley Divall will be collecting these funds in November and further details will be forthcoming closer to our departure...BON VOYAGE

TEXAS HOLDEM

Every Thursday at 5:45 pm beginning Nov 5th

(3) \$5.00 games

(1) optional \$5.00 buy in on 3rd game only

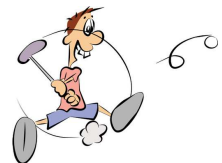
First 8 people play

Contact: Cheryl Hytinen to reserve 616.723.5286 or showup (whatever fills up first_

GOLF

Date: Thursdays at 8:15

Everyone is welcome to this fun mixed golf league. Meet at the clubhouse in the pool room for 8:15 to draw teams and then meet at Mt. Dora Golf Course for a 9:30 tee time...Fore!



Contact Person: Ken Dixon

BONFIRE CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

Contact persons: Chris & Connie Leeseberg

Tuesday, December 3, 2026 @ 7:00pm

This year's Christmas program is in the planning.

If you want to be part of the show, please attend the next meeting on Monday, November 2, 2026 @ 1pm in the clubhouse. If you cannot be there, contact Chris or Connie.



Sunshine Report

If you know of anyone in the park who has been ill or in the hospital, or anyone who has suffered the loss of a loved one, please contact **Rosa Sherwood** via text with your requests for cards to be mailed out.

Get Well Cards were sent to:

Lee Semon

Sympathy Cards were sent to:

Nancy Daggett and Family (Loretta) Family of Charlie Kline (Charlie)

Thinking of You Cards were sent to:

Joyce Walrath

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Happy birthday to all those celebrating birthdays in November!

*Happy
Birthday !*

<i>Date</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Name</i>
3	Chuck Freeman	14	Roy Woodruff	22	Cory Meyer
4	James Heid		Patricia Thompson		Henry Schneider
6	Richard Perry		Colleen Blanton	23	Susan Lorch
7	Jeanie Clerico	18	Steven Lorch	23	Donna Waterman
8	Janice San Miguel	19	Bryan Hills	26	Martie Ogborn
11	Diane Wirtz	20	Susan Pierce	27	Dona Kline
13	Barbara Kelly	21	Reshella Decker		

Please notify Shelley Divall via email bonfiretidbits@gmail.com if you would like your name added or removed from this birthday list

FUTURE EVENTS

Your entertainment committee has developed and planned many exciting events for the coming season. If you want to organize a trip or other event, please contact us with the information.



Note: this list is not complete and is subject to change

Thursday Dec 3 Karaoke Christmas Program
Saturday Dec 5 Christmas Bazaar
Sunday Dec 13-Thursday Dec 17 Bonfire Bahamas Cruise
Friday Dec 25 Christmas Dinner
Thursday Dec 31 New Year's Eve Party
Tuesday Jan 5 Bus Trip to St Augustine
Saturday Jan 16 Social Club Membership Meeting
Tuesday Jan 19 Casino Night
Saturday Jan 30 Chicken Dinner
Saturday Feb 6 Party with Live Entertainment
Sunday Feb 7 Welcome to Newcomers Party
Tuesday Feb 9 Mardi Gras Potluck
Wednesday Feb 10 Shareholders' Meeting
Saturday Feb 13 Valentines Party and Karaoke
Sunday Feb 14 Super Bowl Party
Saturday Feb 20 Spaghetti Dinner
Saturday Feb 27 Canada Day
Saturday March 6 Indoor Flea Market
Tuesday Mar 9 Costume Karaoke
Saturday Mar 13 Social Club Membership Meeting
Sunday Mar 14 Pi Day Pie Party
Saturday Mar 20 Spring Fling: theme St Patrick's Day/Irish
Sunday Mar 28 Easter Potluck
Saturday April 3 Outdoor Yard Sale
Saturday May 1 Kentucky Derby Day party
Wednesday May 5 Cinco de Mayo Potluck
Sunday May 9 Mothers' Day breakfast
Monday May 31 Memorial Day Potluck

NOVEMBER 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<div>1</div> <div>5:45pm - Texas Holdem</div>	<div>2</div> <div>9am - Water Aerobics 2pm - Girls Night Out 6pm - Bingo</div>	<div>3</div> <div>9am - Water Aerobics 6:30pm - Jam Session</div>	<div>4</div> <div>8:30am - Breakfast Club 9am - Water Aerobics 6pm - Nickel Nickel</div>	<div>5</div> <div>9am - Water Aerobics 11am - Entertainment Committee Mtg 2pm - J&J 4pm - Thirsty Thursday 5:45pm - Poker</div>	<div>6</div> <div>8am - Coffee Hour 9am - Water Aerobics 6pm - Euchre</div>	<div>7</div> <div>9am - Water Aerobics 12:30pm - Poker Run 1:30pm - Lunch</div>
<div>8</div> <div>5:45pm - Texas Holdem</div>	<div>9</div> <div>9am - Water Aerobics 2pm - Girls Night Out 6pm - Bingo</div>	<div>10</div> <div>9am - Water Aerobics</div>	<div>11</div> <div>8:30am - Breakfast Club 9am - Water Aerobics 11am- Veterans Program 1pm - Thanksgiving Planning Meeting 6pm - Nickel Nickel</div>	<div>12</div> <div>8:15am - Golf 9am - Water Aerobics 2pm - J&J 5:45pm - Poker</div>	<div>13</div> <div>8am - Coffee Hour 9am - Water Aerobics 6pm - Euchre</div>	<div>14</div> <div>9am - Water Aerobics 10am - Social Club Membership Mtg 1pm - Karaoke Practice 7pm - Karaoke</div>
<div>15</div> <div>5:45pm - Texas Holdem</div>	<div>16</div> <div>9am - Water Aerobics 2pm - Girls Night Out 6pm - Bingo</div>	<div>17</div> <div>9am - Water Aerobics 11:30am - Men's Lunch 11:30am Ladies Lunch 6:30pm - Jam Session</div>	<div>18</div> <div>8:30am - Breakfast Club 9am Water Aerobics 10am Board Meeting 6pm - Nickel Nickel</div>	<div>19</div> <div>8:15am - Golf 9am - Water Aerobics 2pm - J&J 4pm - Thirsty Thursday 5:45pm -</div>	<div>20</div> <div>8am - Coffee Hour 9am - Water Aerobics 12pm - Community Lunch 6pm - Euchre</div>	<div>21</div> <div>9am - Water Aerobics 12pm - Fall Festival</div>
<div>22</div> <div>5:45pm - Texas Holdem</div>	<div>23</div> <div>9am - Water Aerobics 2pm - Girls Night Out 6pm - Bingo</div>	<div>24</div> <div>9am - Water Aerobics 6:30pm - Jam Session</div>	<div>25</div> <div>8:30am - Breakfast 9am- Water Aerobics 6pm - Nickel Nickel</div>	<div>26</div> <div>Poker 2pm - Thanksgiving Potluck</div>	<div>27</div> <div>8am - Coffee Hour 9am - Water Aerobics 6pm - Euchre</div>	<div>28</div> <div>9am - Water Aerobics 1pm - Karaoke Practice 7pm - Karaoke</div>
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