



Tidbits

Bonfire 55+ Mobile Home Park Newsletter

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From the Office of the President- *Paul Shortsleeve*

Summer is coming to an end, and the snowbirds will all be returning to Bonfire soon. Hopefully everyone has put away anything that can fly around. If not, please contact a neighbor; it is still hurricane season.

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!

All Residents:

Credit card payments will NOT be accepted for monthly maintenance fees. Please pay by check or money order.

**Thank you,
Board of Directors**

From the Office:

We still have AOL but we now have a gmail account to start using.

Gmail: bonfiremhp620@gmail.com

NEW BONFIRE PHOTO DIRECTORY

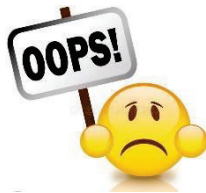
YES, we are planning to print a photo directory this year. Everyone's cooperation will be necessary to pull this off. Your part is easy! Just provide us with a headshot photo you would like to be in the directory or let us take one.

NOTE: If you are a couple, please send a picture of both of you together.

Look for Margaret Willis at the clubhouse during any event to have your picture taken or email to amw423@gmail.com.

You can also text or Facebook message your picture to Margaret Willis.

A photo directory is SO helpful in getting to know who your neighbors are!



DIRECTORY CORRECTIONS

Correct area code for phone number for Cindy Hotchkiss:

Area code should be 863.

We are sorry for any inconvenience these errors may have caused and will continue to make corrections as they are identified.

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.

Household safety checklist for senior citizens

- Install smoke and carbon monoxide detectors throughout the home and test them regularly to ensure they are working properly.
- Place a fire extinguisher in the kitchen in case of a fire when cooking.
- Set hot water heaters to no more than 120 degrees to prevent burns.
- Ensure good lighting throughout the home. Place solar lights along sidewalks and exterior paths to ensure they are well lit.
- Have an emergency escape plan for family members and caregivers.
- Make sure walking surfaces are slip resistant, flat, free of objects and in good condition. Place safety strips on inside stair steps to help prevent slipping.
- Never leave candles, hot plates or other potential fire sources unattended. They should be located away from flammable materials, such as curtains, furniture and blankets.
- Install ground fault circuit interrupters in potentially damp locations, such as the bathroom, kitchen, basement and on the exterior of the home, to protect against electrocution.
- Remove throw rugs from the home as they can be a trip hazard.
- Install handrails on both sides of stairs or check that existing handrails are appropriately secured to the wall.
- Arrange furniture in the home to allow a clear pathway for walking.
- Make sure sidewalks, paths and the driveway are level, free of holes and in good condition.
- In the bathroom, use slip-resistant strips or a nonslip bath mat in the tub or shower to prevent falls.
- Mark the top and bottom stair steps with colored tape or paint to make them easier to see.
- Install grab bars in the tub or shower area and by the toilet to help with safe transfers.
- Keep your cellphone nearby so you can call for assistance in case of a fall or an emergency. Consider wearing an alarm device that will bring help should you need it.

Following these safety suggestions will ensure your or your loved one's home is safer for everyone. For more safety tips, contact an occupational therapist to complete a detailed home assessment to identify potential safety issues in your home or that of your loved one. An occupational therapist will make recommendations based on the results of the assessment.

Source:

<https://www.mayoclinichealthsystem.org/hometown-health/speaking-of-health/household-safety-checklist-for-senior-citizens>

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:

See you all in October!

I am on vacation...

have a great September!



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!

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.

LABOR DAY POTLUCK

Date: Monday, September 7, 2026 2pm

Contact: Lee & Robin Semon, Margaret Willis

Bring enough food to share. Bring your own tableware.
Tea and lemonade will be provided.
Sign up in clubhouse.

happy labor day!



LADIES' & MEN'S LUNCH

Contact Person: Margaret Willis

Date: Tuesday, September 15 @ 11:30am

Location: Lake Eustis Waterfront Grille,
350 Lakeshore Dr, Eustis

Please Sign up by Saturday, September 11 to give restaurant a headcount.



Oktoberfest Potluck

Thursday October 1, 2026 @ 2:00 pm

Contact Person: Robin Semon

Good Times are near! Bring your German dish to share (If you don't want to bring German, bring any special dish you want to share) and yodel your way over to the Clubhouse for fun and good cheer!

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

Don't forget your tableware. Also bring cash for 50/50.

Lemonade and Tea will be provided.

See Calendar for regular weekly events.

Watch Facebook for Pop-up Events

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!

Our annual Thanksgiving Day Potluck will be on Thursday, November 26, 2026. The Social Club will pay for the turkey, gravy and rolls. Volunteers are needed to prepare and serve these items.

Contact Charlene Zeunik to let her know of your availability.

Remember, these events CANNOT happen without your help!



NOTICE:

The Wednesday morning breakfast club, Friday morning coffee hour, and the Friday meal events are suspended for August and September.

THIRSTY THURSDAY GAME NIGHT

Every Thursday @ 4pm in the clubhouse.

Bring food to share, your own beverage (tea & lemonade will be provided).

Prepare to enjoy games, laughs, food and fun.

No need to sign up, just come and plan to have a good time.



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 per person. Shelley Divall will be collecting these funds in November and further details will be forthcoming closer to our departure...BON VOYAGE



Your Day at a Glance

-  Pickup Location: Bonfire Mobile Home Village
-  **10:45am** Meet the Bus
-  **11:00am** – Depart Bonfire
-  **1:00pm**'ish – Arrive in St. Augustine
-  Free Time to Explore Enjoy shopping, sightseeing, dining, attractions, and holiday festivities
-  **6:00pm** - Nights of Lights Trolley Tour Departure
-  **7:45pm** – Meet Back at Bus
-  **8:00pm** - Depart for Home
-  **10:00pm**'ish – Approximate Return Home

Your Day Trip Includes

- ✓ Roundtrip motorcoach transportation
 - ✓ Free time to explore St. Augustine
 - ✓ Dream Team Vacations host assistance
 - ✓ Driver gratuities included
- Transportation Package-- \$49 Per Person**

Optional Add-Ons

- Historic Hop-On Hop-Off Trolley-- Add \$46 Per Person**
Nights of Lights Trolley Tour @ 6:00 PM--Add \$25 Per Person

*Go to website using this link to see all the details
and make your reservation.*

<https://cruise.dreamteamvacations.com/1-5-27-bon-staugustine>

DON'T WAIT... TRIP LIMITED TO FIRST 55 TO MAKE RESERVATIONS

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.

Sympathy Cards were sent to:

Lauree Pondinas (Lauree's Mother)
Vicky Giroux & Family (Mother)

Linda Bristol (Sister)
Ken Dixon (Brother)

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Happy birthday to all those celebrating birthdays in August!

*Happy
Birthday !*

<i>Date</i>	<i>Name</i>		<i>Date</i>	<i>Name</i>		<i>Date</i>	<i>Name</i>
1	LaVerne Crissman		17	Ken Dixon		22	David Lashua
3	Margaret Willis		18	Donna Kelley		24	Tim Thompson
6	Edie Waddell			Bryan Johns		25	John Leddy
	Nancy Roberts		19	Judy Longhouse		29	Frank Ballard
	James Titus		20	Joy Woodruff		30	William White
12	David Meyer		21	Faye Sparling			Larry Race
13	Rosalinde Blanton			Brenda Henderson			

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

Wednesday Oct 28 National Chocolate Day Party
Saturday Oct 31 Halloween Pet Costume Contest
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Saturday Nov 7 Poker Run
Wednesday Nov 11 Veterans' Day Program and Lunch
Saturday Nov 14 Social Club Membership Meeting
Saturday Nov 21 Fall Festival
Thursday Nov 26 Thanksgiving Dinner
Thursday Dec 3 Karaoke Christmas Program
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 Special Valentines' Karaoke
Sunday Feb 14 Valentines Day Potluck and Super Bowl Party
Saturday Feb 20 Spaghetti Dinner
Saturday Feb 27 Canada Day
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 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

SEPTEMBER

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
30	31	1 9am - Water Aerobics 6:30pm - Jam Session	2 9am - Water Aerobics 11am - Finance Meeting 6pm - Nickel Nickel	3 9am - Water Aerobics 4pm - Thirsty Thursday Games 6pm - Poker	4 9am - Water Aerobics 6pm - Euchre	5 9am - Water Aerobics 6pm - Nickel Nickel
6 5:45pm - Texas Holdem	7 Labor Day 9am - Water Aerobics 2pm - Labor Day Potluck	8 9am - Water Aerobics 6:30pm - Jam Session	9 9am - Water Aerobics 6pm - Nickel Nickel	10 9am - Water Aerobics 4pm - Thirsty Thursday Games 6pm - Poker	11 9am - Water Aerobics 6pm - Euchre	12 9am - Water Aerobics 6pm - Nickel Nickel
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20 5:45pm - Texas Holdem	21 9am - Water Aerobics 2pm - Girls Night Out	22 9am - Water Aerobics 6:30pm - Jam Session	23 9am - Water Aerobics 6pm - Nickel Nickel	24 9am - Water Aerobics 4pm - Thirsty Thursday Games 6pm - Poker	25 9am - Water Aerobics 6pm - Euchre	26 9am - Water Aerobics 6pm - Nickel Nickel
27 5:45pm - Texas Holdem	28 9am - Water Aerobics 11am - Finance Budget Meeting 2pm - Girls Night Out	29 9am - Water Aerobics 6:30pm - Jam Session	30 9am - Water Aerobics 6pm - Nickel Nickel	1 9am - Water Aerobics 4pm - Thirsty Thursday Games 6pm - Poker	2	3