



Tidbits

Bonfire 55+ Mobile Home Park Newsletter

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December, 2024

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2024 - 2025 Board of Directors

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Director: Tom Eddy

Director: Paul Shortsleeve

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The office is locked and not open for walk-ins. You can call with questions or make an appointment to meet with office staff. Please communicate to the office staff by phone (352-787-4891), the intercom at the office door, 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.

Note: The next Board Meeting: 10:00 AM Wednesday, December 20

THANKSGIVING GREETINGS FROM YOUR OFFICE STAFF!

We wish everyone at Bonfire a safe, healthy and blessed holiday!

Candice and Janice



2024 - 2025 Social Club Board

President: Charlene Zeunik

1st Vice-President: Karen Heid

(Tidbits, Calendar, Directory)

2nd Vice-President: Brenda Flint

(Flea Market, Fundraising Meals)

Secretary: Jamie Anderson

Treasurer: Margaret Willis

1st Director: Connie Leeseberg

(Karaoke, Choir, Entertainment, Spring Fling)

2nd Director : Jill Shank

(Potlucks, Ladies Lunch, Friday Coffee)

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:

Hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving and now it's time to get ready for the Christmas season and then celebrate New Year's Eve with your Bonfire friends and neighbors! Where has the time gone?

At the BOD meeting the Social Club announced they would no longer have any Yard Sales; it was too time-consuming and lifting heavy furniture was just too much of a risk of getting hurt or permanently injured for the volunteers. Going forward, we will need to come up with new ideas for generating money to pay for necessities and entertainment. Please contact any Social Club board members with your ideas.

I have had questions regarding the use of the sheds since they won't be used for Yard Sale items. We will still need to use the back shed to store the tents and all the hardware, tables that are used for the Spring Fling, picnics and other outdoor events. The other shed will become the Decoration Shed. There will now be room to organize; making it possible to access decorations without having to move a ton of stuff just to reach the item needed.

Thank you, Charlene

* The new **Beautification Committee**- If you like plants, gardening or just take pride in the park where you live and want to join us, please contact one of us. We will focus first on each of the entrances and already have ideas. Charlene Zeunik, Karen Heid, BJ Lacasse, Sherrie Anderson and Bill Richardson.

* All Social Club Committees were dissolved at the November 9th membership meeting. The following are each of the committees and new volunteers. It's not too late, if you decide you would like to volunteer for one of these committees, please let one of us know. Thank you all for volunteering!

Bingo Committee:

Margaret Willis, Charlene Zeunik, Dave Lashua, DeAnna Barnhill, Brenda Flint, Leslie Decator

Entertainment Committee:

Dawn Comins, Shirley Byrd, Connie Leeseberg Margaret Willis, Brenda Flint, Charlene Zeunik

Karaoke Committee:

Charlene Zeunik, Bert Zeunik, Karen Winchell, Dave Lashua, Connie Leeseberg, Margaret Willis, Brenda Flint

Note: Next Social Club Membership Meeting: 10:00 AM Saturday, January 18, 2025

Food Bank

Please keep those in need in your thoughts when you are shopping. BOGO items are a great way to pick up something significant for that cause. The yellow collection box is located in the Clubhouse and is checked often for items. Thank you.

Donna & Rick Kelley

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. The deadline for donations is Wednesday, December 4th.

Thank you for your help for this worthy cause.

Contact Persons: Paul Shortsleeve and Dawn Comins



Wednesday Breakfast Club

We meet Wednesdays at the "441 Diner" in Tavares about 8:30AM. Please join friends and neighbors for a little fun and food. For information contact Robin/Lee Semon or Donna/Rick Kelley.

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

Get Well Cards were sent to:

Mel Winchell, Larry Cross, Denise Titus

Sympathy Cards were sent to:

Al and Faye Sparling (Daughter), Louise Goulette (Husband), Deborah Cross (Husband)

Thinking About You Cards were sent to:

Robert Menard, Christi Blanton

Health & Safety Committee Report

Current members are Nelson Craig (Chair), Judy Holmgren, Susan Lorch and Sandy Parnaby. If you would like to join the Health and Safety Committee; call or email Nelson Craig for more information.

TWELVE WAYS TO HAVE A HEALTHY HOLIDAY SEASON

1. **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.
2. **Bundle up to stay dry and warm.** Wear appropriate outdoor clothing: light, warm layers, gloves, hats, scarves, and waterproof boots.
3. **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.
4. **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.
5. **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.
6. **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.
7. **Get exams and screenings.** Ask your health care provider what exams you need and when to get them. Update your personal and family history.
8. **Get your vaccinations.** Vaccinations help prevent diseases and save lives. Everyone 6 months and older should get a flu vaccine each year.
9. **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.
10. **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.
11. **Prepare food safely.** Remember these simple steps: Wash hands and surfaces often, avoid cross-contamination, cook foods to proper temperatures and refrigerate foods promptly.
12. **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. Also, be active for at least 2½ hours a week.

Be inspired to stay in the spirit of good health!

DECEMBER 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.

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

Date: 8:00 AM – 2:00 PM Saturday, December 7

Details:



BONFIRE CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

Dec 7, 2024 8-2

Bonfire Clubhouse

Calling all volunteers:

We need baked goods to sell.

We also need kitchen help to serve lunch.

CRAFTERS...this is your opportunity to sell your

Christmas crafts and gift items.

Note: this is not the flea market....no 'yard sale' items

Signup sheets will be available later in November.

Contact person: Brenda Flint



BONFIRE COMMUNITY LUNCHEONS

Dates: 12:00 PM Friday, December 13, 20, 27

Sign-Up Deadline: 3 days before the event

Cost: Suggested donation: \$5.00 per person

Details: Bring your own silverware and plates. Take-outs and delivery will be available. Our hope is that if residents know of shut-in Bonfire residents, that they would be willing to deliver meals to them. There is a Sign-Up Sheet in the Clubhouse and you will need to specify delivery when signing up. You must be present by 12noon to participate. Menu to be announced later. Contact Gary Poley for any questions you may have.

Contact Person: Gary Poley



Reminder: there will be a 50/50 drawing. We will need Volunteers to help serve.



CHRISTMAS MUSIC by

THE BEACON COLLEGE CHOIR

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2024 6-6:30PM

Beacon College is a private college in Leesburg. The curriculum and support services serve students with dyslexia, ADHD, or other specific learning disabilities.

These young people volunteer their time and talents to give us a Christmas performance at no cost.

We will be taking donations at the door, so please remember to bring cash.

Also, we love to treat them after their performance and are asking you to **bring your favorite holiday treat** (cookies, cupcakes, candy) to share with them.

Followed by
THE BONFIRE CHRISTMAS PROGRAM
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2024 7-9pm

Enjoy memories of your favorite Christmas movies and songs, presented by your local singers. You are invited to sing along to Christmas songs to put everyone in the holiday spirit.

KARAOKE

Contact Person: Bert Zeunik



Date: 7:00 - 10:00 PM Saturday (1:00 PM- Practice) December 14

Details: If you would like to help plan Karaoke theme nights, attend the next planning meeting: November 30th at 12 noon, prior to practice. We are planning a special costume karaoke for the future and would welcome some new faces and ideas. **EVERYONE is WELCOME!**

LADIES' LUNCH

Date: 11:30 AM Thursday, December 19

Contact Person: Sara Sladen

Sign-Up Deadline: Sunday, December 15

Details: Please meet at Lampu Japanese Steakhouse, Mt. Dora
There will be a sign-up sheet in the Clubhouse for a count only.

MEN'S LUNCH

Date: 11:30 AM Thursday, December 19

Contact Person: Rick Kelley

Sign-Up Deadline: Sunday, December 15

Details: Please meet at El Ranchito Mexican Cuban Restaurant, 911 W N Blvd, Leesburg.
There will be a sign-up sheet in the Clubhouse for a count only.

CHRISTMAS DINNER POTLUCK

Date: 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM Wednesday, December 25

Details: Chairperson Needed!



BONFIRE NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY

FINAL EVENT OF THE YEAR!!! NOT TO BE MISSED!!

TUESDAY DECEMBER 31, 2024

8:30PM till 12:30AM

MUSIC by OCCASIONAL ASTRONAUTS

PLEASE BRING APPETIZERS/HOR D'OEUVRES TO SHARE

SIGN UP SHEET IS IN CLUBHOUSE

SOCIAL CLUB WILL PROVIDE COFFEE

YOU MAY BRING ANY BEVERAGE OF YOUR CHOICE

THERE WILL BE A DRAWING FOR A SURPRISE DOOR PRIZE

and TWO 50/50 DRAWINGS

TICKETS WILL BE SOLD IN THE CLUBHOUSE

½ HOUR BEFORE EVENTS (Starting Dec 5)

\$15 PER PERSON (NON-REFUNDABLE)

TICKET SELLERS:

Connie Leeseberg, Charlene Zeunik, Dawn Comins,
Margaret Willis, Sharon Elder, Brenda Flint



UPCOMING JANUARY EVENTS

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

KARAOKE

Date: 7:00 - 10:00 PM Saturdays (1:00 PM- Practice) January 4 and 18

Details: If you would like to help plan Karaoke theme nights, attend the next planning meeting: November 30th at 12 noon, prior to practice. We are planning a special costume karaoke for the future and would welcome some new faces and ideas. EVERYONE is WELCOME!

LINE DANCING STARTING

Date: 11:00 AM Mondays and Thursdays, starting January 6

Details: Gail Graham will be teaching this weekly class.



LADY DOLPHIN PADDLEWHEEL BOAT ON THE HALIFAX RIVER DINE AND CRUISE

Your Social Club Entertainment Committee has planned an amazing outing.

Wednesday, January 15, 2025. Cruise time is **2:30pm**. Bus departure will be 11:00 AM and return time 6:15 PM. *These times are estimates based on travel time and when we need to check in.*

For a special deal of **\$60 per person**, you will travel by motor coach to and from the boat dock. There, you will board the Lady Dolphin Paddlewheel Boat for a **1 1/2 hour** scenic cruise on the beautiful Intracoastal Waterway (Halifax River). Your ticket includes dinner, dessert, unlimited soft drinks, music, sightseeing, and free raffled prizes. Plus, a full bar on board with discounted drinks!

Dinner choices will be made upon boarding. Choose from Shrimp Scampi, Oven Roasted Turkey, Baked Ham, Garlic Shrimp, Spaghetti and Meatballs or Prime Rib. Vegetarian and vegan options are available. Dessert choices are Baby Key Lime Pie, Baby Banana Cream Pie, and Chocolate Chunk Cookie.

For more information, go to the Lady Dolphin website: www.dineandcruise.com.

The \$60 fee includes \$38.89 for the cruise (includes 18% tip, 6.5% Tax and \$5 port fee) and \$21.11 towards the bus cost. The Social Club will pick up the balance of the bus cost.

You MUST sign up by December 1st and pay in full by December 1st in order to ensure your spot on this trip. *Signup sheets will be in the Clubhouse and more information will be discussed at the Social Club Membership Meeting on November 9th.*

Any questions, contact Margaret Willis or Charlene Zeunik.

NEWCOMERS WELCOME PARTY

Date: 2:00 - 4:00 PM Sunday, January 19

Contact Person: Dawn Comins

CHICKEN POTLUCK DINNER

Date: 5:00 - 7:00 PM Sunday, January 25

Contact Person: Don and Shirley Byrd

MID-FLORIDA ROC MEETING

Date: 9:30 - 11:00 AM Tuesday, January 28

Contact Person: George Elder

COMEDIAN FRANKIE PAUL MORRELL

Date: 5:00 - 6:00 PM Tuesday, January 28

Contact Person: Charlene Zeunik

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT AND OTHER EVENTS TO LOOK FORWARD TO: FEBRUARY-APRIL 2025

UPCOMING EVENTS		<i>SEE FUTURE TIDBITS AND FACEBOOK FOR MORE INFORMATION</i>	
DATE	TIME		
FEBRUARY 1	8-2	FLEA MARKET	CONTACT BRENDA FLINT
FEBRUARY 1	7-10	LIVE ENTERTAINMENT	MUSIC BY THE ROUNDABOUTS,
FEBRUARY 8	5-7	SPAGHETTI DINNER	CONTACT CHARLENE ZEUNIK
FEBRUARY 12	9-11	BONFIRE SHAREHOLDERS MEETING	
FEBRUARY 22	7-10	KENTUCKY DAY DANCE	CONTACT SHIRLEY BYRD
MARCH 15	1-6	SPRING FLING	CONTACT CONNIE LEESEBERG
APRIL 9	12-2	STEAMBOAT PICNIC	CONTACT KAREN VAN MATRE

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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

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

<i>Date</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Name</i>
3	A. J. Toyias	10	Cheryl Odea	21	Gordon Holmgren
4	Kathy Grenoble	10	Mary Louise Wade	24	Fran Oldfield
5	Charlene Zeunik	14	Ellie Porwitzky	24	Carlos Nunez
6	Rose Nelson	14	Lisa Jones	25	Ron Wiene
7	Rosa Sherwood	15	Robin Semon	28	Debbie Winkler
9	Art Sage	17	Darlene Kreiser	30	Carol Melnyk
				30	Terry Imhoff

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