



# Tidbits

## Bonfire 55+ Mobile Home Park Newsletter

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# September, 2024

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### 2024 - 2025 Board of Directors

President: Dave Meyer

Secretary: Dave Niles

Director: Paul Shortleeve

Vice President: Larry Dennis

Director: Ken Dixon

Treasurer: Cheryl Hytinen/Chris Leeseberg

Director: Tom Eddy

### The Office of the President- Dave Meyer

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](mailto: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.

### President's Report:

August 22, 2024

Fellow Shareholders:

The summer months are passing rapidly and it won't be long before our "snowbirds" return.

I am happy to report that the fiber optic project is done and some people have signed up for their service.

We have had a lot of rain lately and the grass is growing especially fast. Please check with your lawn maintenance person to ensure your yard is being serviced.

If there is interest in a park beautification committee, let's talk about it this Fall. I am mainly interested in our park entrances and around the clubhouse. We could really use a "fresh look". People would be needed during the summer months also to keep it up.

Our office is experiencing delays in receiving mail. Please consider mailing your maintenance fees earlier if possible. Remember you have until the 5<sup>th</sup> of the month to get it to us without incurring a late fee. CHECKS ARE NOT DEPOSITED UNTIL THE 1<sup>ST</sup> OF THE MONTH WHEN DUE.

Seems like new, important information arrives almost daily. For those of you who are going through loss of parents (shareholders of Bonfire), please contact our lawyers, Bowen & Schroth, for complete details on the transfer of the share (property) to the heirs.

There is a change taking place on or around September 15, 2024 with our Board of Directors. Our Treasurer, Cheryl Hytinen, is resigning and Chris Leeseberg will finish out her term until February 2025 as voted on by the Board. Cheryl has done a great job and will be missed. Right now her family needs her more!

As you know, there is a moratorium on tree removal and trimming. The County has initiated a permit program with the State exempting said permit in certain situations. The Board of Directors will examine and vote on a new tree policy this Fall. Before a vote is taken, information will be made available to the shareholders describing the new policy.

Sincerely,

Dave Meyer, President  
Board of Directors

**Note: The next Board Meeting:** To be determined

### **2024 - 2025 Social Club Board**

*President: Charlene Zeunik*

*1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President: Karen Heid  
(Tidbits, Calendar, Directory)*

*2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President: Brenda Flint*

*(Flea Market, Fundraising Meals)*

*Secretary: Jamie Anderson*

*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](http://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.”*

*1<sup>st</sup> Director: Connie Leeseberg  
(Karaoke, Choir, Entertainment, Spring Fling)*

*2<sup>nd</sup> Director : Jill Shank  
(Potlucks, Ladies Lunch, Friday Coffee)*

### **Notes from Social Club President, Charlene Zeunik:**

\*September is here, and everyone is eager for Bingo to resume. I would like to remind everyone that our Bingo callers are volunteers and they deserve to be treated with respect. We will not tolerate negativity of any kind towards any individual and or callers. Be kind and courteous or you will be asked to leave.

\*Your Social Club is purchasing 4 more of the blue side tables for use on the sundeck.

\*The FB Yard Sale page is doing great; thanks to all who have made purchases! It is a work in progress and will get even better after our Yard Sale in Oct. Please DO NOT just dump items off in the Compound. Contact one of the following Social Club Board Members first: Charlene Zeunik, Margaret Willis or Brenda Flint. Thank You.

\*Entertainment Committee Meeting: October 1, 2024 at Noon.

\*Karaoke Committee Meeting: October 8, 2024 at Noon.

\*Social Club Board Meeting for Agenda: October 11, 2:00 PM.

**Note: Next Social Club Membership Meeting: 10:00 AM Saturday, November 9, 2024**

### **Bonfire Compound Hours for Donations and/or Needs**

The Compound will not be open regularly for the summer. Please contact Charlene Zeunik, Margaret Willis, or Brenda Flint if you need any assistance.

Just a reminder: we will NO longer accept the following:

- ✓ Large appliances
- ✓ Books- CDs-DVDs-8 Tracks
- ✓ Golf clubs and golf bags
- ✓ Mattresses and box springs
- ✓ Clothing- Shoes

Thanks to everyone for your donations. Brenda Flint





Want to know what the Social Club has for sale in the sheds? But it's just too hot right now to go and look? Solution!!

Your Bonfire Social Club has created a new Facebook group webpage, called SOCIAL CLUB SALES. On it will be pictures of some of the furniture and other items available for sale. To become a member and be able to view this page, go to Facebook, click on groups, in the search box type "SOCIAL CLUB SALES" and ask to join. One of the admins will approve you and then you can see what we have from the comfort of your home.

Any problems or questions, please contact Charlene Zeunik or Margaret Willis.

PS: site is under construction, so please be patient. AND ONLY residents of Bonfire will be approved as members.

### **Breakfast Club on Wednesdays**

Lately our group has been trying different restaurants on Wednesday mornings at 8:30. At the restaurant we usually decide on our next location. The group is open to all suggestions. If you would like to join us, please check with Donna Kelley or Robin Semon for the next rendezvous location. We sure would love to have you with us.

### **Food Bank**

We here at Bonfire have a continuing opportunity to help some of those who need a little break. The FOOD BANK box is located in the Clubhouse and is checked regularly for contributions which are then taken to one of the distribution centers in the area. The "Buy-One-Get-One" offers at local stores can provide a good way to get a little extra for the cause when shopping. Thank you for considering this need.

*Submitted by: Donna and Rick Kelly*

**"New Kids on the Block"** - The following is a list of the new residents during the past month to Bonfire:

<i>New Owner(s)</i>	<i>Address of New Purchase</i>	<i>Purchased From</i>
Flint, Howard and Brenda	507 Kimberly Ave.	Mary Zeunik Estate

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

### **Get Well Cards were sent to:**

Bill Richardson, Gary Poley, Steve and Louise Goulette, Richard Morse

### **Thinking About You Cards were sent to:**

Russell Porwitzky, Ellie Porwitzky, Donna Matheny

### **Health & Safety Committee Report**

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



### **IF YOU DON'T FEEL WELL, PLEASE STAY HOME**

As we return to our active event schedule, we ask you to consider your neighbors. If you don't feel well, please stay home. If you feel well, but are sneezing, coughing, etc., please wear a mask. Many residents have compromised immune systems and appreciate your consideration.

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Winter's arrival and the drop in temperatures that come with it means it's a good time to take stock of what to do – and what not to do – when you're feeling sick.

Colds, influenza and other respiratory illnesses tend to be more common during colder months, when viruses spread more easily because people are indoors more and in closer proximity to others. So far, doctor's offices and hospitals across the U.S. have been busy, said Dr. Trish Perl, a professor of internal medicine at UT Southwestern Medical Center. Physicians at the Dallas hospital have been "quite active," she said, and not just with cases of respiratory syncytial virus, or RSV. "There's an increasing amount of influenza going around," she said. "Even in the past week we have seen the numbers increase, although it is unclear the trajectory, and it's notoriously unpredictable when it emerges."

The coronavirus that causes COVID-19 also tends to spread more during colder months. [Emergency room visits and hospitalizations](#) for the flu, RSV and [COVID-19](#) have been elevated or increasing in recent weeks, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. If you come down with a respiratory virus, here's some advice from medical experts that can help you feel better and protect others:

**DO:** Stay hydrated.

Blood is comprised of 55% plasma and 45% cells. Blood plasma is made up of over 90% water, and a healthy blood pressure is important to deliver oxygen and nutrients throughout the body. Drinking water helps your immune system by circulating blood volume, said Dr. Pei-Ni Jone, a pediatric cardiologist at the Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital of Chicago and a professor of pediatrics at Northwestern University's Feinberg School of Medicine. Noncaffeinated drinks and hot soup work, too. Staying hydrated is based on individual needs and varying conditions, but in general, men should consume 13 8-ounce glasses of water per day, nine for women, according to the [National Academy of Medicine](#). Keep in mind hydration can also come from water-rich foods, especially fruits and vegetables.

**DON'T:** Eat salty foods or consume alcohol or drink caffeinated beverages like coffee and soda. They can lead to dehydration. Jone said staying hydrated while fighting a virus is "critically important" because the fluids help blood circulation, which can "help carry the immune cells throughout the body."

**DO:** Stay warm. Sounds logical when you're sick, and there's a good reason behind this tip. Viruses like influenza, the coronavirus and RSV can cause a fever, Jone said. "Fever is a sign that the body is fighting these viruses, and patients will have chills related to the fever. Staying warm will reduce the discomfort of the chills and help circulate blood to carry the immune cells to their destination." Jone said it is OK to take fever-reducing medication to make you feel better.

**DO:** Speaking of sleep, it's important to get plenty of rest. Sleep gives your body a chance to heal and let your immune system work. Seven to nine hours of sleep a night is ideal for adults. "Sleep is actually quite important when you're ill because the more you sleep, the better you recover," Jone said.

**DO:** Wash your hands with soap and water and practice good hygiene, especially if you live with family or friends. If you must leave the house while you're sick, also wear a mask. If soap and water aren't available, a hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol also works. "Hand hygiene decreases transmission to other people," Perl said. "And don't forget to wipe your counters and other hard surfaces that viruses can survive on." If you have symptoms before heading to your workplace, consider colleagues who might be immunocompromised. Work from home, if possible, Perl said.

**DO:** See your doctor if symptoms persist or get worse. There is no good rule of thumb in terms of how many days to wait before seeing a health care professional because the course of an illness may vary for each person, Perl said. Sometimes, someone might develop a high fever right away, and in those cases, you should generally seek medical care. Most secondary infections following viral infections occur five to 10 days after one first contracts the illness, she said. The flu can make someone feel sick for up to a week. "You want to use your best judgment" when determining when to see the doctor, Perl said.

## 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.*

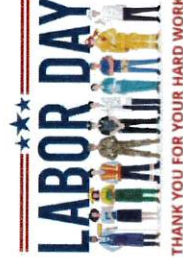
Check Bonfire Social Club Event Group Facebook Page for any spontaneous pop-up events.

### LABOR DAY POTLUCK

**Date:** 2:00 – 4:00 PM Monday, September 2    **Contact Person:** Margaret Willis

**Sign-Up Deadline:** Saturday, August 31

**Details:** This will be a true “Potluck”: no main meat provided. Join us for a Labor Day Potluck in the Clubhouse. Bring a covered dish to share and your own tableware. Coffee, tea, and lemonade will be provided. Sign-Up Sheet is in the Clubhouse.



### CLUBHOUSE WILL BE CLOSED

**Dates:** September 6, 7, 8, 9

**Details:** The Clubhouse will be closed on September 6, 7, 8 & 9 for annual heavy cleaning. Events are cancelled during these dates. The pool will be open, but the building will be closed (no restrooms).

### BONFIRE COMMUNITY LUNCHEONS

**Dates:** 12:00 PM Friday, September 13 and 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. Reminder: there will be a 50/50 drawing. We will need Volunteers to help serve.

**Contact Person:** Gary Poley

### BINGO RESUMES

**Date:** September 16, 2024 at 6:00 PM

**Contact Persons:** Margaret Willis and Charlene Zeunik



Bingo resumes on Monday, September 16th.

Must be inside by 6pm to play.

Cost is \$3 per set of cards, \$0.25 for extra coverall card, \$1 for Hotball ticket and 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 to call.

See you there!!

### LADIES' LUNCH

**Date:** 11:30 AM Tuesday, September 17

**Sign-Up Deadline:** Sunday, September 15

**Details:** Please meet at Ellen's Café, 712 W Main St., Leesburg. There will be a sign-up sheet in the Clubhouse for a count only.

**Contact Person:** Charlene Zeunik

**MEN'S LUNCH**

**Date:** 11:30 AM Tuesday, September 17

**Sign-Up Deadline:** Sunday, September 15

**Details:** Please meet at Puddle Jumpers, 111 W. Ruby St., Tavares. There will be a sign-up sheet in the Clubhouse for a count only.

**Contact Person:** Bert Zeunik

**KARAOKE**

**Date:** 6:00 - 9:00 PM Saturdays (1:00 PM- Practice) September 21

**Details:** You don't have to sing, just come and enjoy the fun.

**UPCOMING OCTOBER EVENTS**

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

**KARAOKE**

**Date:** 6:00 - 9:00 PM Saturdays (1:00 PM- Practice) October 5 and 9

**Details:** You don't have to sing, just come and enjoy the fun.

**SECURITY AND SAFETY ISSUES**

**Date:** 3:30 PM Wednesday, October 9

**Details:** Gary Poley has arranged for representatives from the Lake County Sheriffs' Office to come and address our questions and concerns. This meeting will be held in the Clubhouse. More information will be provided as the date draws closer.

**BONFIRE COMMUNITY LUNCHEONS**

**Dates:** 12:00 PM Friday, October 11 and 25

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

**Contact Person:** Gary Poley

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**Date:** 11:30 AM Tuesday, October 15

**Sign-Up Deadline:** Sunday, October 13

**Details:** Please meet at Puddle Jumpers, 111 W. Ruby St., Tavares. There will be a sign-up sheet in the Clubhouse for a count only.

**Contact Person:** Jamie Anderson

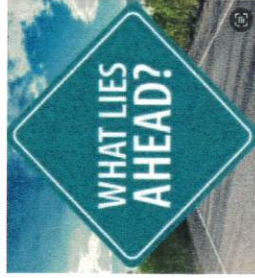
**MEN'S LUNCH**

**Date:** 11:30 AM Tuesday, October 15

**Sign-Up Deadline:** Sunday, October 13

**Details:** Please meet at Froggers Grill & Bar, 4931 Lake Park Ct., Mt. Dora. There will be a sign-up sheet in the Clubhouse for a count only.

**Contact Person:** Bert Zeunik

**YARD SALE****Date:** 8:00 AM – 2:00 PM Saturday, October 19**Details:** Yard Sale preparations will be October 18, 8:00 AM to ? More details to be included in the October Tidbits.**HALLOWEEN COSTUME PARTY****Date:** Saturday, October 26**Details:** Entertainment will be Nathan Jay Leslie. More details to be included in the October Tidbits.

**LIVE ENTERTAINMENT AND OTHER EVENTS TO LOOK FORWARD TO  
NOVEMBER 2024 –MARCH 2025**

<b>EVENT</b>	<b>ENTERTAINMENT</b>	<b>DATE</b>
Live Music	HWY 94 Band	November 9, 2024
Beacon College Choir	Beacon College	December 5, 2024
Christmas Bazaar 8AM to 2PM		December 7, 2024
New Year's Eve Party	The Occasional Astronauts	December 31, 2024
Live Comedy Show	Frankie Paul Morrell	January 28, 2025
Live Music	TBD	February 22, 2025
Spring Fling		Tentatively March 15, 2025

**SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS**

*Happy  
Birthday !*

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

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

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

## September 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1</b>	<b>2 Labor Day</b> 9:00am Water Aerobics 2:00-4:00pm Potluck	<b>6</b> 9:00am Water Aerobics 10:00 Bible Study 6:00pm Mexican Dominoes 6:30pm Jam Session	<b>4</b> 8:30am Breakfast Club 9:00am Water Aerobics 6:00pm Nickel Nickel	<b>5</b> 9:00am Water Aerobics 6:00pm Mexican Dominoes	<b>6</b> Stripping/Waxing Clubhouse Floors  9:00am Water Aerobics	<b>7</b> Stripping/Waxing Clubhouse Floors  9:00am Water Aerobics
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