

# Lake Asbury *Lakelighter*

The 282 Branscomb Road, Lake Asbury, FL 32043

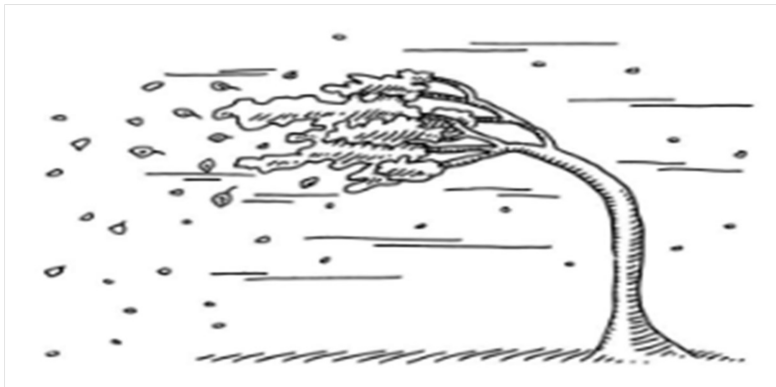
October, 2024

Lake Asbury Ladies' Club

by Wanda Green

*It's hard to believe it's already fall. In the last month we've gone to the extreme from drought, to 100 degree weather then rain, rain and to top it all off with a serious hurricane Helene. We were very fortunate in our area, we did not suffer the devastation of the Hurricanes path through the state. Helene was not satisfied with hurting Florida it hit Georgia and even up the Carolina's and beyond. It was category 4 storm in many places and I'm sure it will be remembered for many years to come.*

*The Ladies' Club is planning some activities for the next couple of months. More details follow.*



## **Lake Asbury Lake Lot Owners Assoc., Inc**

Hope everyone has had a wonderful summer and getting ready for Holidays. We had a meeting September and had a good turnout thank you all for coming, we discussed the Budget and it will be finalized in January. Reminder no meetings till January 3rd 2025.

We are still getting complaints about gates being left unlocked, we really need help with this it's for every lake lot owners protection.

Please if you see it open or unlocked stop and lock it.

The dying weeds are floating all over lake, if they get by your bulkhead or dock it's easy to just rake them out, dry on bulkhead then burn. MSBD is working hard to remedy the problem but we as owners need to do our part as well.

Have a good Halloween, Thanksgiving and Christmas and a safe New Year.

Your Lake Lot Board



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## Lake Asbury Neighborhood Watch

No Recent Crimes in Lake Asbury During Last Month Reported on the  
CCSO Community Crime Map ----- 9/23/24

### **Lake Asbury Community Center Mailboxes**

A vehicle swerved into the Lake Asbury Community Center Mailboxes and destroyed them, scattering them about 50 feet east on the roadway. Video of the incident was obtained from cameras on a neighboring resident's building. The crash occurred at 11:27 PM on Monday, 9/23/24. The 3 industrial steel mailboxes were mounted on a steel post set into concrete, so serious right front damage was probably done to the car. The car didn't stop and continued eastbound. If anyone has seen a local car with that kind of damage, please contact Paul at the phone # below.

### **Lake Asbury Community Park**

9/27/24 - Three boys were seen breaking a round plexiglass window in the Lake Asbury Community Park slide complex. They were then seen hiding in the adjacent road ditch and throwing rocks and pieces of the broken window at cars as they went by. Photos of the events were taken by a resident and reported to CCSO. A CCSO Deputy contacted me and I filed an incident report. The Deputy had a lead on the name of one parent and was going to contact them. The responsible parents need to step up and pay for the damages. It is very difficult to keep up with the vandalism at park by older kids. The younger kids are the losers because they are the ones that slide equipment is designed for. Please watch out for crime in the area and if you have been a victim of a crime, please report it immediately to the Clay County Sheriff's Office at the non emergency number (904-264-6512) or 911 if crime is in progress or an emergency exists. Pay careful attention to details of the situation so you can relate accurate descriptions of vehicles and individuals involved to the Sheriff's Office to help them solve the crime. Also report any scams that you have been a victim of to CCSO to help protect your neighbors.

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**Subject - Asbury Hammock update.**

**For new readers** - Where and what is Asbury Hammock? Asbury Hammock is a new development adjacent to Lake Asbury Drive. It is bordered by Lake Asbury Drive and the First Coast Expressway on one side and Henley Road and Winchester on the other sides. It is 75 acres of undeveloped woodlands and wetlands. The developers plan to construct approximately 170 homes on very small lots, with 3-4 retention ponds and a few small parks. Lake Asbury Drive will have one entrance with the development’s main entrance on Henley Rd.

**Current Status:** Although some clearing has already been done on the property, further work is at a pause while the developers address and go through a required permitting process with the following two agencies:

- Florida Wildlife Commission (FWC); and
  - Army Corp of Engineers (ACE).
1. The Fish & Wildlife Commission has an open case being addressed with the property owners and developers concerning the resident gopher tortoises. Gophers are protected in the State of Florida. FWC’s biologist walked the grounds of the property as well as some of the adjacent homes on Winchester and Colt Ct., where there is a heavy concentration of gopher tortoises. This is a serious case and violations could result in a 3<sup>rd</sup> degree felony with possible prison time and/or a \$5000 fine. At this point we have no more input to this specific case.
2. The Army Corp of Engineers published a public notice of this developer’s request for permits for the Asbury Hammock development.

You can read this notice at <https://www.saj.usace.army.mil/Missions/Regulatory/Public-Notices/Article/3887907/saj-2024-01928-sp-sjw/>

**The ACE will accept written comments on this development provided they are received no later than September 26, 2024.**

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**The following agencies have approved this development:**

- The St Johns River Water Management District’s time frame to accept letters of concern has closed. We understand their permits are being approved.
- Clay County BOCC and Planning & Zoning: The project was reviewed twice by the County and was found to be consistent with the requirements of the Lake Asbury Master Plan and the adopted

Comprehensive Plan and approved. The development’s plans have been approved by the County and the developer is responsible for meeting all requirements of Federal and State agencies in addition to the County’s requirements.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) may deny a Section 404 permit for a number of reasons, including:

- Non-compliance with guidelines The proposed discharge may not comply with the 404(b)(1) guidelines.
- Public interest The project may be contrary to the public interest, which can include factors such as navigation, wetlands, economics, and fish and wildlife.
- EPA notification The regional administrator of the EPA may notify the district engineer that they intend to deny, restrict, or withdraw the use of a disposal site.
- Misrepresentation The permit may have been obtained by misrepresentation or failure to disclose relevant facts.
- Change in conditions A change in conditions may require a reduction or elimination of the permitted discharge.

The USACE’s permit review process includes a public interest review and an analysis of the project’s impacts. The review considers the project’s impacts on navigation, the environment, wetlands, and more.

# Upcoming Events in Lake Asbury

## October & November 2024

	NOTE: All meetings are held at the LA Community Center 282 Branscomb Rd.
October	
Oct 1st @ 10am	LA Ladies Club
Oct 7 <sup>th</sup> @ 6:30	LA Municipal Service Benefit District Meeting
Oct 11 <sup>th</sup> @ 10am	LA Ladies LACE Meeting
Oct 21 <sup>st</sup> @ 6:30	There will not be a LALLOA & LLA&P Meeting
Oct 26 <sup>th</sup> @ 2pm	Golf Cart Parade
Oct 28 <sup>th</sup> @ 6:30	Lake Asbury Community Association
November	
Nov 4 <sup>th</sup> @ 6:30	LA Municipal Service Benefit District Meeting
Nov 5 <sup>th</sup> @ 10am	LA Ladies Club
Nov 8 <sup>th</sup> @ 10am	LA Community Events Ladies
Nov 18 <sup>th</sup> @ 6:30	LALLOA & LLA&P Meeting
Nov 25 <sup>th</sup> @ 6:30	Lake Asbury Community Association
Nov 28 <sup>th</sup>	Thanksgiving – Enjoy your Families!!

LA Ladies Club	Sheryl Petrucci	904-669-8798
Lake Asbury Community Events LACE	Debbie Barrett	904-291-1967
LA Lake Lot Owners Association LALLOA	Debbie Barrett	904-291-1967
LA Community Association LACA	Gayward Hendry	904-673-8892
LA Municipal Service Benefit District LAMSBD	Alton Davis	www.lamsbd.com
Golf Cart Parade	Rachael Murphy	Raechelnmurphyc@gmail.com
Neighborhood Watch	Paul Pierce	904-210-1868

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# Maintain & Clean Curbs to Prevent Clogging Storm Water Drains

## Hurricane season is well upon us.

As we just witnessed with Hurricane Helene. We need to have our curbs clear and ready to help with the water run-off. The problem is with the debris we see daily in the Lake Asbury streets. If you see it in the curb, you will eventually see it in our storm water run-off system and in our lakes.

Debris accumulating along the curb gutter line within our neighborhood, obstructs the flow of storm water as well as posing a threat to the integrity of our lakes. Please be reminded that debris includes any material that obstructs the curb lineage such as leaves, sand, dirt, tree limbs, trash, grass, and other items.

Curbs play a crucial role in managing runoff by acting as a barrier and channel for water flow, preventing erosion and providing structural support to the edges of our roads eventually draining into our lakes. They are essential in diverting water away from properties and preventing flooding during heavy rainfall.

*Everyone deserves a clean community.*

## LAKE ASBURY RESIDENTS:

It's Hurricane season ... It's time to check your property and fence lines. Limbs, Branches and debris have piled up during the winter. Trim your trees, be a good neighbor. Cleaning your property may inspire someone else to clean up their property as well. Be a good neighbor. If you know of someone who cannot physically or cannot afford to do this maybe we need to get some volunteers to help.

### Bears in Florida

**Bears occur throughout Florida and sometimes visit neighborhoods.  
If bears can't find food, they will move on.**

FEEDING BEARS is **ILLEGAL**. IT IS DANGEROUS for BEARS and PEOPLE.

SECURE GARBAGE PET FOOD and BIRDSEED.

SECURE LIVESTOCK with ELECTRIC FENCING.

BE AWARE OF YOUR SURROUNDINGS AND WALK DOGS ON A SHORT LEASH.

**Bears are an important part of Florida's ecosystem.  
To avoid conflicts, don't approach or feed bears.**

IF YOU ARE HAVING CONFLICTS WITH BEARS, CONTACT YOUR LOCAL FWC OFFICE.  
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[MyFWC.com/Bear](http://MyFWC.com/Bear)

# MERCHANDISE

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**COMMUNITY DIRECTORY**

## Lake Asbury Ladies Club

Ladies Club meets on the First Tuesday 10:00 a.m. at the Community Center,  
Please join us.  
President ~ Sheryl Petrucci 904-669-8798

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## Lake Asbury Community Association

Meets the Last Monday of each month 6:30 P.M. Community Center

Lake Asbury Community News Letter = [www.thelakelighter.net](http://www.thelakelighter.net)

Chairman ~ Gayward Hendry Cell = 904-673-8892

Building Rental = Treas. Wanda Green 904-282-1090

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Lake Asbury Lake Lot Owners Assoc. = [www.lakeasbury.net](http://www.lakeasbury.net)

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## *Neighborhood Watch Program*

Chairman ~ Paul Pierce  
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## Lake Asbury Fire Department

290 Branscomb Road  
Contact Cpt. Laura Hanstein Phone 904-284-7703

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## Municipal Service Benefit District

Meets 1<sup>st</sup> Monday 6:30 p.m.  
Chairman ~ Mike Clemens / District Secretary ~ [Secretary@lamsbd.com](mailto:Secretary@lamsbd.com)  
**MUNICIPAL DISTRICT WEBSITE** = [www.lamsbd.com](http://www.lamsbd.com)

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## Lake Asbury Riding Assn.

Meets 3rd Tuesday 7:00 p.m.  
President ~ Claire Kenyon Phone 904-710-5560

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## Clay County Sheriff Office

NON-Emergency 904-264-6512  
**SHERIFF WEB SITE—** [claysheriff.com](http://claysheriff.com)

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## Fla Fish & Wildlife

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