



Lake Asbury Lakelighter

The 282 Branscomb Road, Lake Asbury, FL 32043

October/November 2025

Hello, neighbors! We're all crossing our fingers that fall weather is finally on its way. As we head into the season of gratitude the Lake Asbury Ladies Club has a full calendar of fun and community spirit ahead, and we'd love for you to join us. Your participation helps keep these wonderful events going strong! Wishing you and your families a joyful and blessed Thanksgiving!

November 15 – Contra Dance (6–8 PM)

Get ready to kick up your heels! Join us for a free community Contra Dance, sponsored by Theresa Papp. If you've never tried it, Contra Dancing is a lively, easy-to-learn style similar to square dancing — with a caller, but no squares. Bring a friend (or come solo!) and get ready for great music, laughter, and lots of fun!

December 13 – Children's Christmas Party in the Park (3–6 PM)

A holiday favorite returns! Enjoy games, ornament decorating, and plenty of festive cheer for kids (and kids at heart). And of course, Santa himself will make a special appearance to visit with the children!

December 13 (After Dark) – Luminary Night - Let's light up our neighborhood!

As evening falls, our community will glow with the light of Luminary Night. The Ladies Club is proud to partner with the Jacksonville School for Autism to raise funds through luminary kit sales — 12 luminaries for \$12. It's a beautiful way to support a wonderful cause while lighting up Lake Asbury for the holidays. Purchase a kit or make your own and light up our Lake Asbury neighborhood on the 13th. Let's start a new tradition.

Luminary kits will be available at upcoming Ladies Club events, or you can order directly from the website <https://www.jsakids.org/fundraisers/light-up-autism-luminary-project/>. There is an option to add a pick-up person. If you insert Megan Richardson's name when ordering, she will deliver them to you directly. If you need further details, contact Megan Richardson at (904) 451-9867 or mrichardson@dynamiccorp.com

Bunco Update

Unfortunately, due to low attendance, Bunco nights have been canceled. We're sad to see this event go but hope to revisit it in the future if interest returns.

Monthly Meetings

Our Ladies Club meetings are held the first Tuesday of each month at 10 AM. We'd love to see some new faces and hear fresh ideas — everyone is welcome! Come connect, share, and help shape the events that make our community shine.

Warmly — The Lake Asbury Ladies Club
Chair—Cheryl Petrucci

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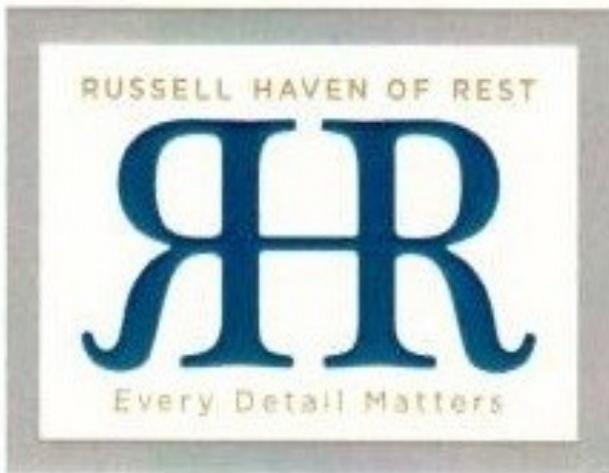


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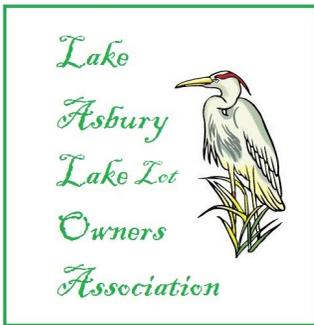
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Lake Asbury Lake Lot Owners Association, Inc.

Happy Fall Y'all from the lakes of Lake Asbury!! Hope all is good with everyone. We had our September meeting and learned that some residents want to change the rules on the lake. At our January 2026 meeting, we will have the task of presenting the budget and possible changes to Lake Rules. We, the board, are here for you. We need to listen to what you want to see changed, so please, attend our meeting and give voice to your opinion.

Our Lakes look great, thank you to MSBD for their work on lakes. The weeds appear to be much more in check.

We have two new volunteers for our Lake Lot Board, Billy Futch and Trina Davenport. Thank you for volunteering to help make Lake Asbury Great. We want to thank Dylan Tyler and Tammy Englund for serving on our board and doing great work. Thank You so very much.

Have safe Halloween and wish we could have our carnival return, it takes volunteers so please consider for next year. Years ago, the Lake Lot Association started the Haunted House. It was a big hit and I think we the adults had more fun than children. But we miss things like that for our community.

Thank you
Lake Asbury Lake Lot Board

Lake Asbury Municipal Service Benefit District

Monitoring of all lakes and shorelines for invasive and nuisance vegetation continues on a bimonthly basis.

Mechanical extraction and chemical treatment of invasive vegetation along the shorelines of Lake Asbury and South Lake Asbury continues on an as-needed basis.

The multifaceted approach to weed management (hungry carp, mechanical removal, targeted chemical treatments) is showing positive results. Treatment for hydrilla on the north lake is complete, however, coon tail continues to be a problem. Recent discussions with our lake management company center around new strategies that will start earlier in the spring of 2026.

The board would like to remind all boaters about the importance of preventing the introduction of invasive and nuisance vegetation into our lakes. This is as easy as making sure that after a boat (and its trailer) has been in another body of water (ie: St Johns River, Black Creek, etc.), both are rinsed with clean water BEFORE the boat and trailer are put back into one of our lakes.

Unfortunately, the Florida Division of Emergency Management has reversed their earlier position and denied our grant. The board will continue to pursue Federal/FEMA and local grant fund sources. Additionally, our engineering firm has a grant specialist who will be helping with grant writing and sourcing.

LAMSBD and LALLOA worked together to install new signs along the dams regarding trespassing. The sheriff's office is prepared to issue warnings and/or citations for people and vehicles that are trespassing on the dams. The sheriff's office has asked that a homeowner who sees someone trespassing on the dams to call the non-emergency number (904-264-6512). Another way to communicate with the sheriff's office is by uploading a picture through the SaferWatch app.

LAMSBD board of trustees meets on the first Monday of each month at 6:30 PM in the Community Center. All meetings are open to the public.

Did you know that you can sign up to receive alerts from MSBD? Visit lamsbd.com for more information.



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1st Lake Asbury Community Dance



*Sat. Nov. 15 at Community Building
6 - 8:00 PM FREE*

CONTRA DANCE has a dance " Caller" who will tell us just what to do. It is similar to Square Dancing with some of the same moves. We will walk through the dance moves 1st, then add music & the Caller will keep telling us just what to do. No partner is necessary as we will pair up for each dance, does not have to be boy/girl. You can keep your same partner, but it is traditional to switch partners for each dance as it is a mixer and community builder! Contra Dancing is very popular in the northeast, northwest, Appalachia & Carolinas. And it is done monthly in

"If you can walk, then you can Contra!" "If you are not smiling or laughing, then you are not doing Contra!"

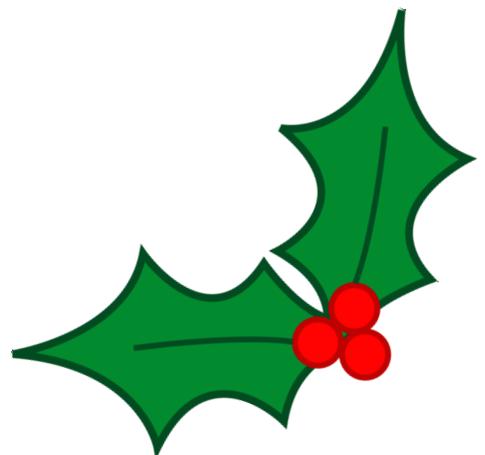
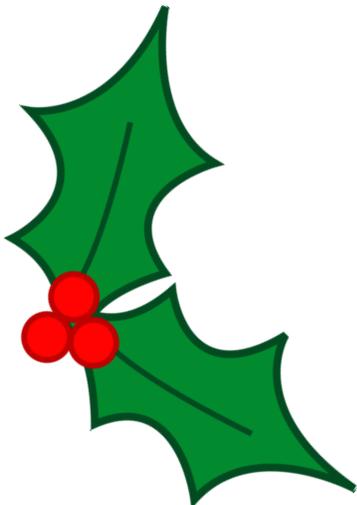
FUN for all ages: (preteens - seniors).

Lake Asbury Children's Christmas Party

Saturday Dec 13 @ 3pm—6 pm

Ho Ho Ho — Holiday Magic for Kids of All Ages

Enjoy games, ornament decorating, and plenty of festive cheer for kids (and kids at heart). And of course, Santa himself will make a special appearance to visit with the children!



About the Lake Asbury Drive Neighborhood Sign:

Many of you have noticed that our **neighborhood sign** at the corner of **Lake Asbury Drive and Henley Road** has been removed. We want to share the reason for this change and explain what's next.

The neighboring development, **Asbury Hammock**, has built a new sidewalk along Lake Asbury Drive that connects to the existing sidewalk on Henley Road. Unfortunately, our community sign was located directly in the planned path of this sidewalk. According to **Clay County**, the sidewalk route **cannot be adjusted** to avoid the sign's location.

Because of this, **our sign must be relocated**. The Lake Asbury Community Association (LACA) Board of Directors is reviewing all of the placement options to determine the best solution for our community. One option is the rebuilding of the sign on the opposite side of the Lake Asbury corner. With that said, complying with the Clay County requirements when relocating the sign will help drive the location.

We would like to extend our appreciation to **County Commissioner Kristen Burke**, who helped **facilitate communication** between our community and the landowners, Richmond American Homes, to find a workable solution.

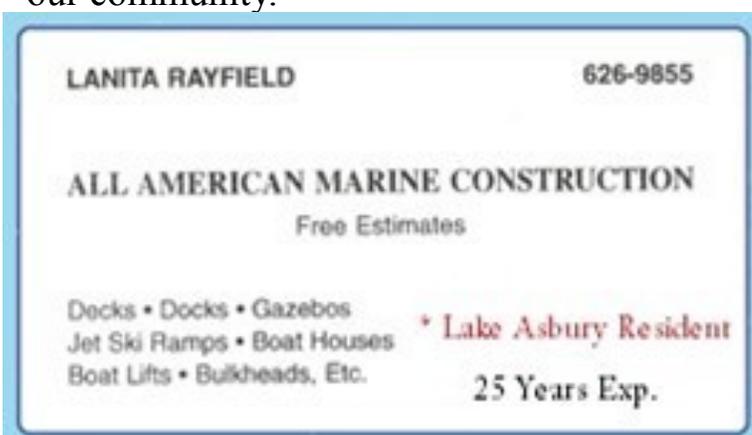
We are also pleased to share that **Tom Younge**, the current landowner, and **Matt Stark of Richmond American Homes** have **agreed to cover the cost of relocating our sign**. We are receiving a **cash settlement** of the amount of the cost budgeted by Richmond American Homes to relocate our sign. The check is in the mail. This is a **solid sign of good neighbors**, and we truly appreciate their willingness to support our community.

The relocation will require a new monument **design** due to the **depressed grade** of the **proposed location, engineering, and permitting**, as well as **tree removal**, and **site** preparation. There is lots to do. Because of the amount of work involved, this project will take months to complete.

The sign itself and the solar equipment have been **removed for safekeeping** while this process is underway. Saving that portion of the existing structure will help our community to save dollars.

If you have any questions or would like to learn more, please join us at the **Lake Asbury Community Association meetings**, held on the **last Monday of each month**. Or you can reach out to Paul Pierce at (you phone number).

Thank you for your patience and understanding as we work to preserve and enhance our community.





Lake Asbury Neighborhood Watch October 2025

No Recent Crimes in Lake Asbury During Last Month Reported on the CCSO Community Crime Map

Please be observant of suspicious activity in our neighborhoods, such as unusual numbers of vehicles visiting a residence and staying only a few minutes, especially at night. In the past, this has been an indication that illegal drugs or other activities were going on. If you feel something is questionable of this nature, please notify CCSO at (904)264-6512, so they can check it out. Help keep our neighborhood safe!

School is back in session, so watch out for children walking and riding bikes to and from school on our roads since we do not have sidewalks in many places in the community.. Also, be aware of school zones and the associated speed limits. CCSO is actively patrolling and enforcing the speed limits.

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.

Paul Pierce, Neighborhood Watch Chairman

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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,
President ~ Cheryl Petrucci 904-669-8798

Lake Asbury Community Association

Meets the Last Monday of each month 6:30 P.M. Community Center
Lake Asbury Community News Letter = www.thelakelighter.com

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Lake Asbury Fire Department

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Municipal Service Benefit District

Meets 1st Monday 6:30 p.m.
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Lake Asbury Riding Association (LARA)

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