



Lake Asbury

Lakelighter

January 2026

282 Branscomb Road, Lake Asbury, FL 32043

Lake Asbury Ladies Club

by Cheryl Petrucci

As we put away our Christmas decorations and welcome a New Year I wish everyone a happy and healthy upcoming year May God bless you all. The Ladies have been busy taking down the decorations at the community building. We are planning our next event the spaghetti diner which

will be held on February 14th at 5:30 till 7. This is a very popular event so come out and see for yourself why! Bring your sweetheart or your family or both for a delicious meal!

We thank again all our sponsors once again for a fantastic Christmas party, it was a great time for all that attended. A special treat provided by our neighbor Tom Lahey as he brought out his antique car and to the excitement of all gave rides to everyone. Thank you Tom. Thanks to Kay Manly for chairing this event and the Ladies that helped run the event.

All the luminary's were sold and benefited Jacksonville Autism school, we hope you enjoyed them for a very worthy cause.

-Cheryl Petrucci

Lake Asbury Lake Lot Owners Association



This is a seasonal reminder that blowing leaves (and grass in the spring and summer) into the lake is not a good practice. While we cannot control the nutrients entering the lake from upstream sources, we can control what enters from our own properties.

Fall and winter are beautiful times at Lake Asbury, and it's natural that some leaves will fall into the water. However, blowing leaves into the lake adds to this process and creates problems. Leaves rarely settle near where they enter the lake; instead, wind and currents carry them elsewhere. In coves and fingers, debris often accumulates on just a few properties at the back.

As leaves and vegetation decay, they release nutrients such as carbon, nitrogen, and phosphorus. While these nutrients are beneficial for soil, excess nutrients pollute lakes. Phosphorus, in particular, fuels hydrilla and algae growth, which then requires herbicides or carp for control. High nutrient levels can also cause algal blooms that reduce dissolved oxygen, harming fish and the overall lake ecosystem.

Let's be good neighbors and responsible stewards of our lake by not blowing leaves into the water. Instead, please collect and finely mulch leaves. They can be spread across your yard to return nutrients to the soil or used as mulch around plants to help protect them from hard winter freezes.



We hope you are having a good start to the new year 2026 on our beautiful Lake Asbury Lakes. We've got something here for everyone here in Lake Asbury, fishers, boaters, kayakers, and people who just like to sit out and enjoy the peace and views.

It's always a great day here in Lake Asbury.

And to start off 2026, you should receive your 2026 Membership Packet in the USPS mail in early February. That packet contains information about membership and how to receive a new 2026 key to the boat ramps, should you need one. Membership is voluntary but to ensure motorized access to the lakes, you'll want a Full Membership.

The Ramp Gate Locks are schedule to change in March but we'll have several opportunities for you to pick up a key.

Saturday – March 14 10am to 1pm

Monday – March 16 After the LALLOA Meeting

Tuesday – March 17 Locks Change

Saturday – March 21 10am – 1pm

Saturday – March 28 10am – 1pm

Sunday – March 29 1pm – 3pm

All the information you'll need is contained in the Membership Packet. If you do not receive your packet, reach out to us using the "Contact Us" on our website lakeasbury.net

Happy New Year!!

Your LALLOA Board Members,

Bill Schoenberger (Co-Chair), Debbie Barrett (Co-Chair) Tricia Smith (Secretary), Kay Manly (Treasurer), Mike Bunn, Danny Hedberg, Mark Wantage, Tricia



Lake Asbury Municipal Service Benefit District
By: Diane Poidevant
Meeting dates in 2026 for the MSBD are as follows:

2/2
3/2
4/6
5/4
6/1
7/6
8/3
9/14
10/5
11/9
12/7

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.

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

Please be on the lookout for the porch bandits that roam the neighborhoods as the holidays approach when many residents order gifts, etc. that are delivered to the front step. If strange vehicles are noticed scouting the neighborhood, especially after delivery services have been in the area, keep an eye on them if possible to see if they stop at a neighbors house and pick up anything. If something looks suspicious, try to get a photo of the vehicle and the license plate if possible, without exposing yourself to danger. Call the CCSO non-emergency No.(904)264-6512 and let them know about the incident. This is the best defense against these bandits, because the victims of the theft may not even know a delivery was made. Door Bell cameras are also a good resource to keep track of delivery theft.

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! 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 a 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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Spaghetti NIGHT

FEBRUARY 14TH

5:30-7 PM

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Free!

FAMILY & CHILDREN ARE WELCOME!

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Our Lake Asbury Community Is Grateful for YOU!

Our community is strengthened by the kindness and generosity of neighbors who step up when it matters most. Throughout 2025, many residents shared their time, talents, and hearts to support others and help Lake Asbury thrive. We proudly recognize the following individuals for their special acts of service and positive impact this year:

Dottie and Darrell Crawford – Sponsors of our 2025 Christmas celebration. Because of their generosity, 65–70 children visited with Santa, made ornaments, and enjoyed a wonderful party. Please support the Crawfords at the Ortega Chick-fil-A on Roosevelt Blvd. in Jacksonville. Special thanks as well to Tom Lahey, who delighted guests by giving rides in his antique Rio.

Lee and Lenor Goodnight – Using their local business connections, they secured approximately 20 donated door prizes for our August Ice Cream Social, making the event unforgettable. Support them at Hair by Lee & Friends in Orange Park.

Paul Pierce – Paul dedicates countless hours to maintaining our community center and park, from general repairs to spreading mulch in the play yard. He is currently rebuilding the Lake Asbury sign on Lake Asbury Drive. His commitment is truly remarkable.

Ryan Allen – A fireworks professional who brought excitement to both the Fourth of July and New Year's celebrations by providing his own crew and fireworks. Support Ryan at North Florida Pyrotechnics Wholesale Fireworks.

Teresa Papp – Teresa introduced Lake Asbury's first Contra Dance, proving that even with two left feet, everyone can join the fun. Smiles were everywhere—thank you, Teresa.

Our Board Members – Our three neighborhood boards and Ladies Club are powered by dedicated volunteers who work tirelessly behind the scenes and in the spotlight. Their efforts include hosting events, maintaining records, assisting cleanup crews, monitoring lake levels, working with county officials, decorating for the holidays, creating this newsletter, and much more. The best way to say thank you is simple: attend a meeting—your presence matters.

We are deeply grateful to every volunteer recognized here for their service during 2025. Your dedication does not go unnoticed, and your impact is truly appreciated by your Lake Asbury neighbors.

If you're looking for a way to give back in the coming year, we invite you to join us. There's always room for more helping hands and caring neighbors—attend any meeting to learn how you can get involved.

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 ~ Cheryl Petrucci ~ tctjtt@comcast.net

Lake Asbury Community Association

Meets the Last Monday of each month at 6:30 P.M. at the Community Center
Lake Asbury Community News Letter ~ www.thelakelighter.com
Chairman ~ Gayward Hendry Cell ~ 904-673-8892
Building Rental ~ Brittney Scantling ~ 904-403-1290 / booking@thelakelighter.com

Lake Asbury Lake Lot Owners Assoc.: www.lakeasbury.net

Chairman ~ Debra Barrett ~ deblittlegator@aol.com ~ 904-652-3832
Treasurer ~ Kay Manly ~ 904-993-3829 ~ lakeasburyloa@gmail.com
Boat ramp keys & guest pass ~ Kay Manly ~ 904-993-3829

Neighborhood Watch Program

Chairman ~ Paul Pierce
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Municipal Service Benefit District

Meets 1st Monday at 6:30 p.m.
Chairman ~ Mike Clemens ~ mike.clemens@lamsbd.com
District Secretary ~ Donna Gysin ~ Secretary@lamsbd.com
MUNICIPAL DISTRICT WEBSITE — www.lamsbd.com



Lake Asbury Fire Department

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

Lake Asbury Riding Association (LARA)

Meets 3rd Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.
President: Katie Ryan
Phone: (904) 465-3663
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Clay County Sheriff Office

NON-EMERGENCY 904-264-6512
SHERIFF WEB SITE — claysheriff.com

Fla Fish & Wildlife

Alligator Nuisance: Call 866-FWC-GATOR (866-392-4286)
www.myfwc.com

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