

July 2026



Lakelighter

282 Branscomb Road, Lake Asbury, FL 32043

All in Lake Asbury are invited to the:
Lake Asbury Community Association Annual Meeting

Who: Everyone living in Lake Asbury, bring the family

What: LACA Annual Meeting & BBQ Free Lunch

When: Saturday July 11 @ Noon

Where: LA Community Center - 282 Branscomb Rd

Lake Asbury Ladies Club

by Cheryl Petrucci

Summer has arrived and it will go by fast! Boating, fishing, and swimming in our lakes! How much better could it be! Please be mindful in the lakes and keep everyone safe.

The Ladies Club had a well deserved luncheon at Longhorns on June 16th for all the ladies hard work, couldn't do it without them.

Upcoming events:

One of our best events is the ice cream social this year. It will be held on **August 9th from 3 to 430pm**. It will be sponsored by *Lee Goodnight* once again this year; we thank you very much for sponsoring us. Please see him at *Hair By Lee*.

Will be having a chili dinner night on **October 17th from 5 to 630pm**. We will need a sponsor for this event. If you're willing, please see any Ladies Club member. Our monthly meetings for the Ladies Club is the first Tuesday of every month at 10 AM. New faces and fresh ideas are always welcome. Would love to see you there. Come join us. Wishing you all a fun safe and sun filled summer!

Warmly, Cheryl Petrucci
Lake Asbury Ladies Club

*Lake Asbury Lake
Lot Owners
Association*



Did you know the Lake Asbury Lakes are Manmade?

One of the things that makes our community so special is our beautiful lakes. Because our lake is manmade, it was carefully surveyed and platted when it was created. That means each waterfront property has established boundary lines that determine where private ownership ends.

As a lakefront property owner, it is important to know exactly where your surveyed property line is. Your property extends to that surveyed boundary—not necessarily to the edge of the water or wherever the shoreline happens to be today.

To help residents enjoy their waterfront, the Lake Asbury Lake Lot Owners Association (LALLOA) permits lakefront property owners to extend improvements from their property line onto the lake bottom by up to 15 feet, subject to LALLOA guidelines and approval requirements.

It is worth remembering that this allowance has limits. Staying within the approved limits helps protect everyone's shared lake, prevents potential property disputes, and ensures that future lake maintenance and management can continue smoothly.

If you are planning a new dock, retaining wall, shoreline project, or other waterfront improvement, taking a few minutes to locate your property survey before construction begins can save time, expense, and headaches later. If you're unsure where your property line is or have questions about what is permitted, please contact LALLOA. Also, before starting your project submit your documents to LALLOA Project Review Committee.

Working together to respect property boundaries helps preserve the beauty, fairness, and enjoyment of our lake for all residents.

Thank you for doing your part to keep our lake community a wonderful place!



Lake Asbury
Community Association

Lake Asbury Community Association Inc.

Your community needs you! As a volunteer-based association, we rely on the time and talents of our neighbors to help maintain and improve our shared spaces. Below are several projects where your help would make a real difference:

General Contractor – We are seeking to hire a licensed General Contractor to manage a sign relocation.

Project: The sign that was located at Henley Rd and Lake Asbury Dr., was removed some months back because it was not on Lake Asbury owned property. Plans are in place to relocate it to a new home at the triangle shaped property owned by LACA at the corner of Wesley Rd and Lake Asbury Dr. However, Clay County requires permitting and supervision by a Licensed General Contractor. We have the sign, the engineering drawings for the brick base from the previous sign installations and the mason ready to build. We just need a GC. Please reach out to Paul Pierce 904-210-1868.

Gutters needed on the Shed Building – Volunteer gutter installers needed

Project: With the building renovation money has been tight. One way we cut corners was to not install new guttering on the shed building (aka the old haunted house). But with the recent rains it has been evident that guttering is necessary. Supplies will be purchased by the LACA but we need helping hands for installation. Please reach out to Paul Pierce 904-210-1868 or Kay Manly 904-993-3829.

Boring Bees – Volunteer Carpentry Help Needed

Project - The wood-boring bees have invaded our porch and new paint. We need their holes filled and new 2x2s installed in that area and then the new wood needs to be primed and painted. We have the paint on hand. Please reach out to Paul Pierce 904-210-1868 or Kay Manly 904-993-3829.

Porch Bench – Volunteer needed to paint the porch bench

Project – The current porch bench still reflects the old building color and needs to be updated to match. We have the blue paint for the job, just need someone to bring it to life.

Porch Concrete needs paint – Volunteer needed to paint the porch floor surface.

Project – The concrete on the porch is stained and not improved with pressure washing. It needs a coat of paint. LACA will purchase the specific concrete paint, just need a limber person to carefully prep and paint the surface.

Attorney – LACA needs assistance locating a specifically specialized attorney

Project – We are in need of legal consultation related to Real Estate, Government Programs and Civic Associations. If you are an attorney or can recommend one with this experience, we would greatly appreciate your contact information.

Thank you for supporting our community. Every contribution, big or small, helps keep Lake Asbury a place we are all proud to call home.

Your Board: Gayward Hendry (President); Paul Pierce (Vice President);
Bernita Nester (Secretary); Kay Manly (Treasurer); Jacky Bently & Chris Luther



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, South Lake Asbury, and Lake Ryan continues on an as-needed basis.

The multifaceted approach to weed management (hungry carp, mechanical removal, targeted chemical treatments) is showing positive results.

Nuisance and/or invasive aquatic plants to look for:

water hyacinth and duck weed - these plants float along the surface and can be easily lifted out of the water by hand, net, or rake

hydrilla - this plant grows from the lake bottom in long shafts, until it reaches the surface; using a lake rake along your shoreline or dock is an effective way to pull these weeds out of the water

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 boat and trailer are rinsed with clean water BEFORE they are put back into one of our lakes.

The board is pursuing Federal/FEMA grant fund sources to help offset the cost of the dams.

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. Our Lake Asbury Community Resource Officer, Ronnie Freshour, has spoken at our Lake Asbury community meeting and is very receptive to calls from our community. He shared that he can be reached directly for questions or concerns at 904-673-3754. Neighbors who see someone trespassing on the dams can also call the sheriff's office non-emergency number (904-264-6512) or upload pictures 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.

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



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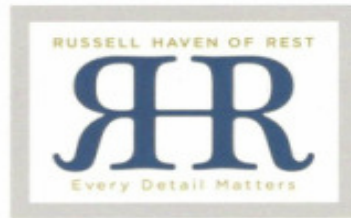
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Did You Know? Sewer Service May Be Coming to Parts of Lake Asbury

You may have heard some discussion around the neighborhood about the possibility of sewer service being extended into portions of Lake Asbury. Clay Utilities is currently exploring the idea for homes along sections of Wesley Road, Lake Asbury Drive, Circuit Rider Road, and Bush Court (see the accompanying map).

At this stage, this is simply a proposal, and nothing will move forward unless 75% of the affected property owners support the project. By responding with interest, residents are not committing themselves to sewer, rather they are just expressing interest.

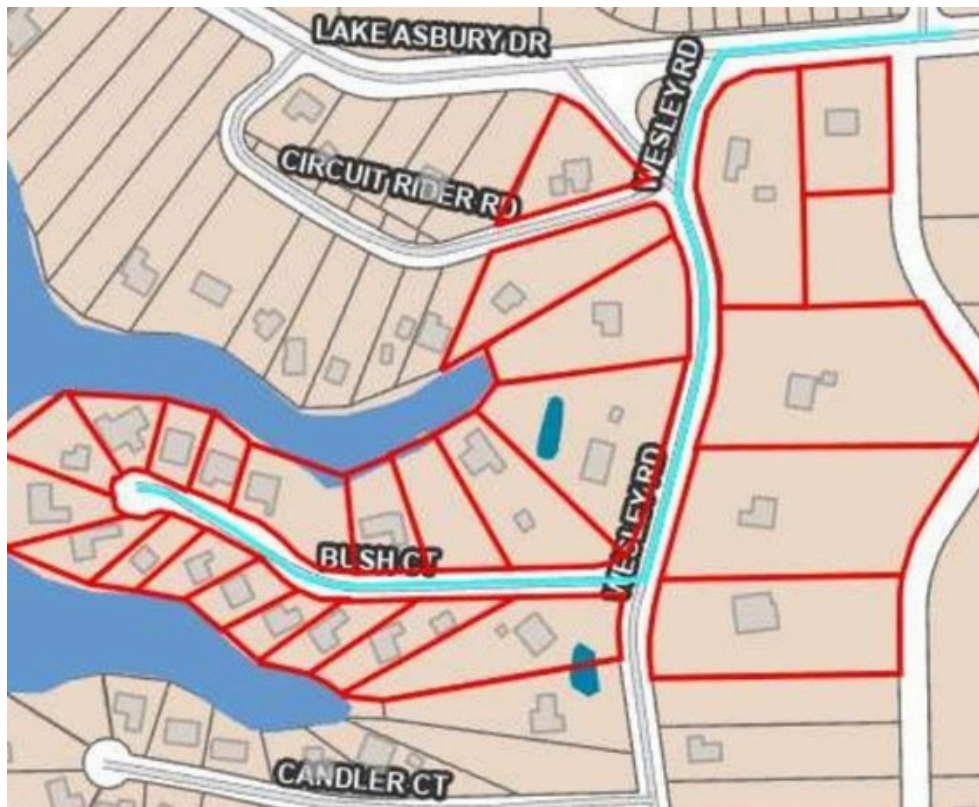
If the 75% interest threshold is met, Clay Utilities would begin the engineering and planning process to determine the final design and actual costs. Homeowners would incur costs for connecting to the sewer system as well as installation fees.

The proposed system for this project would be a gravity sewer system. Depending on your property's elevation and location, some homes may need a grinder pump as part of the connection.

Clay Utilities has also indicated that financing options may be available, allowing eligible homeowners to spread some of the upfront costs over time through their monthly utility bill. As with any utility project, installation would involve digging to install sewer lines. The exact amount of work on individual properties has not yet been determined and would be part of the engineering process if the project moves ahead. Sewer lines are typically installed on the opposite side of the road away from the water line.

If your home is in one of the proposed areas, now is a good time to learn more, ask questions, and stay informed. Whether you're excited about the possibility or simply want more information, understanding the proposal will help everyone make the best decision for our community. You can contact Clay Utilities at 904-272-5999 if you have further questions or are interested in adding sewer in your area.

As more details become available, we'll be happy to share updates with our neighbors.



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 4th 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
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Neighborhood Watch Program

Chairman ~ Paul Pierce
 Phone: 904-210-1868 Email: pepierc@aol.com

Municipal Service Benefit District

Meets 1st Monday at 6:30 p.m.
 Chairman ~ Mike Clemens ~ mike.clemens@lamsbd.com
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 MUNICIPALE 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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