



**LAKE  
BONNET VILLAGE CHATTER**

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### **Fun Club**

I want to take this time to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! I apologize for not being there to help kick things off. I want to thank Maggie, Jeff, the officers and all the other volunteers that stepped up to get activities started. You all are awesome!! We are still in need of volunteers to host activities and to help make the events happen. These activities raise money to pay for most of the things we do at Lake Bonnet. If we don't raise any money, then many activities can't happen. If you like all our events, please step up to host, volunteer and sponsor Fun Club Activities! Sign up now at Community Hall (old east hall).

Our first *Fun Club Meeting* of the year will be on Tuesday, December 13, 2022 at 9am at Community Hall. We'll be discussing a possible February Craft Sale, breakfasts, and many other topics. All park residents are Fun Club members – come and learn about what's going on and how you can pitch in!

Our annual Meet & Greet, hosted by Peggy Rowe, is coming up on January 9, 2023. The theme is "Hollywood ... You Can Be a Star". This event is an opportunity for our new(er) folks to meet other members of the park. We haven't had one in 3 years, so anyone who is new to the park since January 2020 (and there are lots of you!) is encouraged to come to Meet and Greet! We'll talk a bit about how the park works, play some games, and have some fun. Mark your calendars to attend.

I've sent Maggie a list of the ideas that came out of the suggestion boxes. They will be posted on the bulletin boards at both halls. When I arrive, I will meet with CoOp Board to review them, and then discuss them at an upcoming Fun Club meeting. The boxes are still at both halls for your suggestions. Thank you for all your suggestions so far!

Please join us on the Lake Bonnet Village Facebook page. Go online to [www.facebook.com/groups/lakebonnetvillage/](https://www.facebook.com/groups/lakebonnetvillage/) and request to join for park news, updates, and pictures. This is a private group for Lake Bonnet Village Residents (owners & renters). Only members can post or view posts.

Carla Bloss  
Fun Club President

HELLO!!! And welcome to our wonderful Lake Bonnet Village. For those returning, WELCOME BACK and to ALL those NEW residents, we all say a great big HOWDY!!! I am Teresa Riddle, First Vice President of the Fun Club of Lake Bonnet Village. I solicit volunteers for all our activities and schedule park trips. There are many things that go on within our park! Many activities require purchased tickets, which is used to pay for other activities and functions in the park. Without YOU attending and volunteering to help at these many events, they can't happen, so we hope you will join in the fun. Most activities for the season have been posted on the bulletin board at the Community Hall (old east hall). Each activity needs a host (or hosts) AND YOU as volunteers!! Please check the board: grab a family member, friend, or neighbor and sign up to work at an activity or two OR three! It is a fun way to meet new people. YOU might even enjoy it! So, step outta your comfort zone and join the FUN.... And that's why it's called the FUN CLUB!

I'm working on 2-3 trips this winter season, starting in January. Be sure to check Facebook and the board at Community Hall (old east hall) for trip information and to sign up.

I am looking forward to meeting our new residents and all my precious friends all over the park to help everyone enjoy this season. I will also be searching for someone to step into my place come March 2023, as this will finish my time on the Fun Club Board after a 3-year stint. I will find YOU soon after my arrival on December 19! MERRY CHRISTMAS EVERYONE!

Teresa Riddle  
Fun Club 1st VP

Fun Club Bylaws: Bylaws are necessary for most organizations. They provide structure and direction for the organization. It's also necessary to review bylaws periodically to make sure they continue to help the organization. The Lake Bonnet Village Fun Club Bylaws committee members are Ralph Scharff, Sue Hill, Darlene Lamp, Bill Kelley, and Linda Cohn. They reviewed the current bylaws and have recommended changes. The next steps are for the LBV Fun Club executive board to approve the changes and the membership to vote their approval. It's too costly to print individual copies for the membership, so a copy of the current bylaws and a copy of the proposed updated bylaws will be posted in each clubhouse by the 1st of December. Voting by the membership will take place at either the December or January Fun Club meeting. -Linda Cohn, LBV Fun Club Bylaws Committee

## Board of Directors Report

Your board of directors would like to welcome everyone back! Thank you to our year-round residents for keeping the park looking great, and to everyone involved during and after Hurricane Ian for their great team effort.

To begin the 2022-23 season, I'd like to provide a list of our current board members and their responsibilities, so you know who to contact (in alphabetical order):

- **Mel Bezinque** (MI), 1yr on Board – Dock Master & Dumpster Master. Also provides list to Board of units that need washing.
- **Larry Cable** (IN), 13yr on Board – Site Change Director. Measures sites for boundaries. Contact him for approval before making any changes to your site.
- **Linda Haven** (IA), 19yr on Board – Board Secretary / Treasurer. Works closely with Donna Units, office manager. Responsible for handling share sales, transfers or changes. Communicates with park attorney regarding legal matters, State and Federal law changes, workshops for Board members and other legal matters.
- **Joanne Hodges** (MI), 7yr on Board – Purchaser of all kitchen supplies; manages storage shed at CH; manages cleaning staff for halls & office; oversees laundries & collects/deposits laundry money; Special Projects Director
- **Cal McAnally** (OH), 6yr on Board – Assistant Director of Maintenance. Welcomes and places campers in park; oversees maintenance of East pool; works throughout the park, often using tractor & backhoe.
- **Matt Skjonsby** (MI), 4yr on Board – Communications Director. In charge of Audio/Visual equipment in both clubhouses; produces a yearly study of competing parks in our area regarding RV rents, share prices and offered amenities.
- **Byron Townsend** (MI), 16yr on Board – President. In charge of monthly board meetings; assists Linda in sales closings; enforces park rules; handles resident disputes within the park; writes monthly Board reports for Chatter; endeavors to welcome all new residents and campers and help them learn about the park and meet other residents.
- **Jerry Winters** (OH), 9yr on Board – Safety Director. Checks safety conditions and checks out safety complaints throughout the park; in charge of maintaining the Heart Defibrillators located in both clubhouses & in office.
- **Abe Westbrook** (IN), 17yr on Board – Vice President. Maintenance Director. Elected to the original Board in 2002. Works closely with Pat Units, Maintenance Manager, and all maintenance volunteers; contacts companies for repair and upkeep of our park infrastructure; in charge of maintenance shop.

**Board Elections:** Our shareholders meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 25, 2024, at 9am at Lake Bonnet Hall (new west hall). All shareholders are encouraged to attend. We have 3 board vacancies: Cal McNally, Matt Skjonsby and Abe Westbrook. If you wish to submit a resume to become a candidate for these vacancies, you must have a resume into the office by 3:00pm on Tuesday, December 13, 2022. The first mailing was on November 25, 2022.

**Board Meetings:** Board Meetings are included on the monthly calendars of park events. By law, agendas are posted on the outside bulletin board by the mailboxes. All shareholders are welcome. These meetings are your opportunity to hear what is going on in the park and to ask questions and voice your opinion.

**Notice:** Effective December 1, 2022, park legal fees for request of support of Caregivers or of service or support animals will become the responsibility of the resident requesting those services. Please contact the office with questions.

**Park Rules:**

- Yard waste dumpster on East Grove: this dumpster is for LEAVES, BRANCHES, CUT UP LIMBS, GRASSES, PLANTS ETC. **“IF IT DON’T GROW, IT DON’T GO!”** There is a sign prominently posted next to the dumpster explaining what is allowed. *NOT ALLOWED:* man-made products, building materials, dirt, stones, bricks, metals, paint etc. The company that picks up our yard waste charges the park \$200 per item they must remove. In future, a camera will record activity. If we can identify you placing something unacceptable in this bin, you will be held responsible for the fine.
- Pool & Hot Tub rules: Please observe the posted *safety* rules, including no swimming after dusk and no pets at the pool. If you have questions about the rules, please contact the office.
- No pets are allowed in public buildings, including clubhouses, office, laundry rooms, billiard room, etc. These areas are reserved for people only (only exception is during hurricane evacuations, when specific pet management rules are in place).
- Barking dogs: We welcome pets in the park, but uncontrolled barking is a disturbance to neighbors and others. When dogs are left alone, they become stressed and can bark and whine repeatedly. If you are made aware of a problem with your dog, you need to take steps to change their behavior. Everyone in the park has a right to peace and relative quiet. We don’t want to ask you or your dog to leave the park, but we will do so if the problem can’t be solved.
- Park wildlife: Wildlife contributes greatly to the peace and enjoyment of being in our park. We need to protect both the wildlife and the people in the park, however. Feeding alligators lessens their natural fear of people and encourages them to come on land seeking food. They can attack, injure, or even kill people or pets. Feeding alligators is against state law in Florida, for which you can be fined or jailed. Please look from a distance, don’t feed.

Lake Bonnet Village is a beautiful place to live, with so many fun things to do and friendly people to get to know. We hope this season is one of the best ever for all of our park family!

Byron Townsend, President  
Lake Bonnet Village Co-Op, Inc.

**December Activities:**

**Hands of Love:** Ladies - please mark your calendars! Thursday, December 1st marks the first meeting of the fall/winter season of the Hands of Love (HOL) group. We meet every Thursday at 1 PM at Community Hall (old east hall). Not only can you display your sewing, knitting, or crocheting abilities, HOL offers you an opportunity to make projects for approximately 10 charities and organizations. It also gives you the chance to meet new people and make friends. In addition, we will be making greeting cards for our HOL group to send to LBV residents and families. Do you like to bake? There's a need for you! At the December 1st meeting, we will be discussing some new projects. We'll begin work on one of the new projects, as well as continue some of the ongoing projects. Deb Holden and I are excited about the upcoming

months. Please contact Maureen at 814-677-2722 with questions. We hope to see you at the meeting! -Hands of Love Coordinators Maureen Tomlinson and Deb Holden

**Cookie Sale:** Our annual Fun Club Christmas Cookie Sale is on Friday, December 9, 2022, at Community Hall (old east hall). We've added candies and bars along with cookies to be donated for our sale. Sugar free items are also appreciated. Drop off treats to donate between 9 and 11am at Community Hall. Plates of a dozen mixed treats will be sold for \$4 each, beginning at 12 noon until 3p or sell out. Proceeds go to the Fun Club. We hope you make this a fun and tasty part of your holidays. Questions? Please contact host Ruth Townsend at 909-534-1127 or speak to Pat Harrington or Sue Hill.

**Breakfasts:** Our first *French Toast breakfast* will be on Saturday, December 10, 2022, from 8-10:30am at Community Hall (old east hall). Tickets will be \$5 each if purchased in advance from your Section Leaders, or \$5.50 at the door. Want to help? Contact Sherry Lawrason or Jeff Centers, who are organizing the team.

Our first *Bonnet Brunch* will be on Saturday, December 17 from 9:30-11a at Community Hall (old east hall). Tickets will be \$5 each if purchased in advance from your Section Leaders, or \$5.50 at the door. Want to help? Contact Sandy Gorski, who is organizing the team.

**Chinese Take-Out Dinner:** We're bringing in Chinese take-out for dinner on Saturday, December 10, 2022, at 5p at Lake Bonnet Hall (new west hall). Tickets will be \$10 each for a choice of Sweet and Sour Chicken or Sesame Chicken, both with rice, a fortune cookie, and a Chinese donut. Tickets will be available from your Section Leaders or at any of the Bingo activities prior to the event. Eat-In or Take-out. We'll have Iced Tea and Lemonade available. Bring your chopsticks! Proceeds go to Fun Club activities. -host Maggie Griesemer

**Lake Bonnet Ringers Ice Cream Socials:** Our monthly Ice Cream Socials will begin on Sunday, December 11, 2022, at 3p at Community Hall (old east hall). Bring a friend & join us for a sweet treat & lots of fun! Proceeds go to the Lake Bonnet Ringers. -Donna Carpenter 304-816-6561

**Potluck:** Tuesday, December 13, 2022, at 5p at Lake Bonnet Hall (new west hall). No meat is provided for these potlucks, so a dish to pass with some meat is appreciated! Bring a dish/dessert to pass and your table service (plate, cup, silverware, napkin). Hosted by Sandy Morgan.

**DJ Dances:** (FREE) Let's get this season swinging. *There will be 2 DJ Dances in December!* Wed 12/14 & Wed 12/21, both 6:30-9p at Lake Bonnet Hall (new west hall). Come dance or relax watching each songs video on the Big Screen. BYOB & Snacks. Two more opportunities to wear one of those MANY Christmas blouses you have, if you'd like! -hosts Gary & Linda Stokes

**🎄 Christmas Dinner Potluck:** Lake Bonnet Hall (new west hall) at 1:00 p.m. on December 25, 2022. PLEASE SIGN UP at Community Hall (old east hall) to attend so we know how much food to buy. Turkey, ham, stuffing, mashed potatoes, gravy, iced tea and lemonade will be provided. Please bring a dish or dessert to pass, your table service (plate, cup, silverware, napkin) and a dish with lid if you want to take home leftovers. MANY VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED! Please sign up to help at Community Hall (old east hall). Watch Facebook for more info. -hosts the Lawrasons and the Fields

**Christmas Decorating:** I am chairing (but welcome co-chairs) the Christmas Decorating Committee. We tried really hard last year to set up the totes efficiently, so with lots of help, it should go smoothly. Show up on Nov. 28-30 at 9am at the storage shed behind Community Hall (old east hall) to open the totes, check lights, grab a tote and go decorate. Your help is also needed to take down the decorations on January 3, 2023, at 9:00 a.m. -host Sherry Lawrason (231) 330-6563

**New Years Eve Dance:** Roaring 20's Theme – Get out those beaded dresses and long pearls! This dance will be on New Year's Eve, 12/31/22, from 8p-12 midnight at Lake Bonnet Hall. Live music will be provided. Tickets will be \$8.00 each and will be available from your Section Leaders (to cover the cost of the music). Bring your own drinks and munchies. We still need a host and some helpers to set up! Please volunteer!

## Upcoming Activities:

**Art Classes:** Art Classes will begin, one on Mondays beginning January 2, 2023, from 1-3p and the other on Fridays beginning January 6, 2023, from 10am – 12p at Community Hall (old east hall). Sign-up sheets for each class will be at Community Hall. *Everyone needs to be signed up to attend*, and classes will be limited to 15 persons each. Deadline to sign up will be 12/25 or when classes are full. The first class will be an orientation, so bring a paper & pen to take notes. If you have questions or concerns, please contact me at 863-318-7273 or at 2734 E Oakwood. -Sharon Seymour

**Lake Bonnet Blood Drive:** The Red Blood Bus will be at Lake Bonnet Village on January 4, 2023, from 11:30a – 4:30p at Community Hall circle (old east hall). The times have been changed so that you should no longer have a long wait to donate! Each donor will receive a wellness check of blood pressure, pulse, temperature, iron count & cholesterol screening, along with a \$20 eGift card and a One Blood long sleeved T-shirt. Watch Facebook & bulletin boards to find out how/where to sign up. -sponsor Donna Eads

**2023 Meet and Greet** - theme is HOLLYWOOD, 'YOU Can Be a Star' to be held Monday, January 9th, 2023, from 12:00 noon to 2:00pm at Lake Bonnet Hall (new west hall). You are encouraged to wear a "Hollywood" costume but not required. Everyone welcome! Final planning meeting will be on Tuesday, January 2nd 10:30 am at Lake Bonnet Hall. Contact host Peggy Rowe (740) 547-6629, if you would like to assist, we still have a few things that need to be accomplished.

**Quilting/Sewing Group** will begin on Wednesday, January 11, 2023, at 9am at Lake Bonnet Hall. – Sponsor Darleen Lamp

**2023 Fishing Tournament:** You must be a resident of LBV. Everyone must complete a registration form and pay their entry fee no later than 1 week before the FIRST "monthly fishing tournament." The fee is \$15 per individual (covers \$5 per month). Monthly tournaments will be held the on Wednesdays: January 11, February 8 and March 8 from 7:30 AM till 11:30 AM. Total weight for all 3 months, one for bass and one for Pan fish, will determine top winners. Proceeds from entry fees will go towards a picnic for all fishermen/fisherwomen and their spouses. Date to be determined later. Same rules will apply as in past LBV fishing tournaments: 2 fishermen per boat, bass fish must be alive when weighed in, all Florida fishing regulations apply. ALL participants must be at the weigh in station behind Community Hall (old east hall) at 7:00 AM for a briefing before each tournament. The tournaments start at 7:30 and weigh in begins at 11:30. See hosts Buddy Fields (252) 202-3616 or Steve Rowe (863) 449-1695 to sign up.

**Michigan Dinner:** Chairman/Co-Chairs are needed for the Michigan Dinner on January 17, 2023. A special raffle prize has been donated for this event. If you are from Michigan, you don't want to miss this one!

**50th Anniversary Celebration:** All couples celebrating a 50th wedding anniversary in 2021, 2022, or 2023 (January 1 through December 31), please register for this event on the bulletin board at Community Hall (old east hall) and contact one of the event coordinators for details as soon as possible. This event is scheduled for March 5, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. at Lake Bonnet Hall (new west hall). Contact hosts Helen Matzke (920-265-3271) or Sherry Lawrason (231-330-6563) for details.

**Sunshine Report:** We had several residents with illnesses, as well as some deaths and loss of loved ones, this past summer. Please keep all these folks in your thoughts and prayers. If you see someone in the park who might be struggling, say a kind word or drop a card at their doorstep. It just might be the day they need some encouragement. THANKS to everyone for sending me info on those with medical issues and the loss of loved ones. Please continue to keep me updated. – Teresa Riddle, Sunshine Lady

**Thank you** to all my Lake Bonnet Friends for all the cards & phone calls this last summer during my surgery and recovery. All were greatly appreciated! I'm doing well. -Jerry Haydlauff

## DECEMBER 2022 Lake Bonnet Village Activities Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
CH = Community Hall (old east hall) LBH = Lake Bonnet Hall (new west hall)	11/28 CHRISTMAS DECORATING 9A CH	11/29 CHRISTMAS DECORATING 9A CH	11/30 CHRISTMAS DECORATING 9A CH	<b>1</b> Hands of Love 1p CH <b>Burger Night 4:30p LBH</b> Dominoes 6:30p LBH Bingo 7p CH	<b>2</b> Cribbage 1p LBH Dauber Bingo 6:30p CH	<b>3</b> Produce Cart 3P CH Texas Hold-Em Billiards Rm 6-8p
<b>4</b> Fellowship Church 9a CH	<b>5</b> Dominoes 6:30p LBH Bingo 7p CH	<b>6</b> Coffee & Donuts 8a CH Texas Hold-Em Billiards Rm 6-8p Dominoes 6:30p LBH Card Bingo 6:30p CH	<b>7</b> 65 12:30p CH Mahjong 1p LBH Popcorn-Fire Ring 4p Euchre 6:30p CH	<b>8</b> Hands of Love 1p CH Dominoes 6:30p LBH Bingo 7p CH	<b>9</b> <b>COOP Budget Mtg 9a LBH</b> <b>Cookie Sale 1p CH</b> Cribbage 1p LBH Dauber Bingo 6:30p CH <b>Golf Cart Parade 6:30p</b>	<b>10</b> <b>French Toast BKFAST 8-9:30a CH</b> Produce Cart 3P CH <b>Chinese Takeout Dinner 5p LBH</b> Texas Hold-Em Billiards Rm 6-8p
<b>11</b> Fellowship Church 9a CH <b>Ice Cream Social 3p CH</b>	<b>12</b> FC Exec Board Mtg 11a LBH Dominoes 6:30p LBH Bingo 7p CH	<b>13</b> Coffee & Donuts 8a CH <b>FUN CLUB MTG 9a CH</b> <b>Potluck 5p LBH</b> Texas Hold-Em Billiards Rm 6-8p Dominoes 6:30p LBH Card Bingo 6:30p CH	<b>14</b> 65 12:30p CH Mahjong 1p LBH Popcorn-Fire Ring 4p Euchre 6:30p CH <b>DJ Dance 6:30-9p LBH</b> <b>Golf Cart Parade 6:30p</b>	<b>15</b> Hands of Love 1p CH <b>Burger Night 4:30p LBH</b> Dominoes 6:30p LBH Bingo 7p CH <b>Chatter 1/23 deadline</b>	<b>16</b> Cribbage 1p LBH Dauber Bingo 6:30p CH	<b>17</b> <b>Bonnet Brunch 9:30-11a CH</b>  Produce Cart 3P CH Texas Hold-Em Billiards Rm 6-8p
<b>18</b> Fellowship Church 9a CH	<b>19</b> <b>COOP Meeting 9a LBH</b> Dominoes 6:30p LBH Bingo 7p CH <b>Golf Cart Parade 6:30p</b>	<b>20</b> Coffee & Donuts 8a CH Texas Hold-Em Billiards Rm 6-8p Dominoes 6:30p LBH Card Bingo 6:30p CH	<b>21</b> 65 12:30p CH Mahjong 1p LBH Popcorn-Fire Ring 4p Euchre 6:30p CH <b>DJ Dance 630-9p LBH</b>	<b>22</b> Hands of Love 1p CH Dominoes 6:30p LBH Bingo 7p CH <b>Golf Cart Parade 6:30p</b>	<b>23</b> Cribbage 1p LBH Dauber Bingo 6:30p CH	<b>24</b> Produce Cart 3P CH Texas Hold-Em Billiards Rm 6-8p
<b>25</b> Fellowship Church 9a CH <b>CHRISTMAS DINNER 1:00p LBH</b>	<b>26</b> Dominoes 6:30p LBH Bingo 7p CH	<b>27</b> Coffee & Donuts 8a CH Texas Hold-Em Billiards Rm 6-8p Dominoes 6:30p LBH Card Bingo 6:30p CH	<b>28</b> 65 12:30p CH Mahjong 1p LBH Popcorn-Fire Ring 4p Euchre 6:30p CH	<b>29</b> Hands of Love 1p CH Dominoes 6:30p LBH Bingo 7p CH	<b>30</b> Cribbage 1p LBH Dauber Bingo 6:30p CH	<b>31</b> Texas Hold-Em Billiards Rm 6-8p  <b>NEW YEAR'S EVE DANCE 8p-mid LBH "Roaring 20's"</b>