



CHATTER

Issue 193, December 2024 Amy Evans, Editor

Fun Club:

Our first Fun Club Meeting of the year will be on Tuesday, December 10, 2024 at 9am at Community Hall. 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, is coming up on January 23, 2025. This event is an opportunity for our new(er) folks to meet other members of the park, anyone who is new to the park since January 2024 (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.

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/ 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.

December 2024 Chatter - BOD Report

Welcome home to all snowbirds and a big hug and “Thank You” to all residents who did not migrate north for the summer and who protected our beautiful park during the hurricane and helped cleanup after the hurricane. We are very lucky to be owners of such a special park in a beautiful part of Florida and have the opportunity to govern our own community.

This season will hopefully be a wonderful experience for all in the park. Your Board of Directors (BOD) will be ready to help provide this experience. Also, “Thank You” to the many park volunteers who help make running a resident-owned park financially sound.

On the 3rd Monday of each month, your BOD holds a meeting for ALL SHAREHOLDERS. This means that your name is on the share. If you are living with someone whose name is on the share but yours isn’t, then you cannot attend a BOD meeting or vote in any election held by the BOD. An agenda for the meeting will be posted 48 hours before the meeting on the bulletin boards at the mailboxes and in front of the Community Hall as well as inside the Lake Bonnet Hall. Following adjournment of the BOD meeting, there will immediately be an open discussion meeting where anyone attending can ask questions of the board, give opinions, make suggestions, etc. Coffee is always available. Please join with your fellow shareholders to help us make this a park that serves us all.

YEARLY BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTION

MESSAGE FROM LINDA HAVEN, BOD SECRETARY/TREASURER

The first notice of the election to fill 3 vacancies on the BOD will be sent out on 11/22/2024 and will include a copy of the proposed 2025 budget. The Budget Meeting will be held on 12/13/2024 at Lake Bonnet Hall (west). The second notice of the election will be sent out on 12/23/2024 and will include copies of candidate’s

resumes, ballot, envelopes, and a proxy to vote on waving the reserves and audit. If you do not plan on attending the Shareholders meeting on the fourth Wednesday of January (22nd), this proxy needs to be returned to the office (mailed or in person) before January 22nd. The election will take place at the Lake Bonnet Hall (west) on Wednesday, January 22, 2025, at 9:00 AM.

I would like to say a BIG THANK YOU to the 2017 Board of Directors and shareholders when we were trying to get a vote to build the beautiful Lake Bonnet Hall/Shelter that served us so well during this past summer's hurricane/storms. Their foresight has created a safe haven for all of us.

FRIENDLY REMINDERS:

1. To ALL shareholders, renters, and their visitors: According to the State of Florida Marijuana Use Law, only people who carry a Florida issued Medical Marijuana Card are allowed to smoke marijuana and only within their residence. Therefore, your LBV Co-Op will enforce this law as well as the use of any other State of Florida established illegal drug. Our rules also prohibit ANY TYPE OF SMOKING which includes vaping, at either pool, at the laundry/bath house, the Office, in either clubhouse or any of our buildings that are for the use of our residents, AT ANY TIME.

2. We are looking forward to another great year from our residents in keeping their units washed, repaired and any junk removed. Redwood residents have been showing the rest of the park what that looks like. Any other areas up to challenging them for top honors? We truly appreciate all of you who help keep our park top notch.

3. Our Fun Club was in place when we purchased the park in 2002 and has been a vital part of the success in building a very special community and place to live. Every resident, including renters, is automatically a member of the Fun Club, the social arm of the park. We wish to thank all the people who have volunteered in some way throughout the past 22 years to make the Fun Club a terrific aspect of Lake Bonnet Village. Please volunteer to help keep it active!

4. For those people who own a dog(s), please remember to adhere to the following dog rules of Lake Bonnet Village:

Dogs must be on a leash AT ALL TIMES when outside the unit.

Dogs may not disturb residents by barking.

Dogs and cats must be walked DIRECTLY to and from the dog walk area which is on the north side of the road west of the mailboxes.

The BOD reserves the right to prohibit any resident or guest from keeping a pet in our park if these rules are violated.

PLEASE BE A GOOD NEIGHBOR AND FOLLOW THESE RULES

Sincerely, Lake Bonnet Village BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Officers:

Byron Townsend, President

Larry Cable, Vice President

Linda Haven, Secretary/Treasurer


Directors:

Mel Bezinque Calvin McAnally


Jeff Centers Matt Skjonsby

Sue Hill Sharon Warblow

DECEMBER ACTIVITIES:

 **CHRISTMAS DECORATING:** Help is needed to decorate our park for Christmas. Sign up at the CH, and/or just show up on Dec. 2 and 3 at the storage shed behind the CH at 9:00 a.m. to open the totes, check lights, grab a tote and go decorate. We tried to set up the totes efficiently last year, so with lots of help, decorating should go quickly and smoothly. Help is also needed to take down the decorations on January 3, 2025 at 9:00 a.m. Thanks. Sherry Lawrason (231-330-6563).

CHRISTMAS GOLF CART PARADES: It's that time again to put your decorative skills to work, and show us how creative you can be with your Golf Cart, bikes & yourself for the LBV Annual Christmas Parade. This years parades are scheduled for December 4th, 12th, 17th & 23rd. Hosts Jim & Sandy Gorski


 **COOKIE SALE:** Our annual Fun Club Christmas Cookie Sale is on Friday, December 13, 2024, 12 - 3 at Community Hall (old east hall). Please bring cookies, candies and bars be donated for our sale to the community hall by 10am on the 13th. Sugar free items & cookies without nuts are also appreciated. If you need your cookies picked up, please let Kim know by Thursday at noon. We hope you make this a fun and tasty part of your holidays. Kim Coe & Pat Harrington Hosts

BREAKFASTS: Our first Pancake breakfast will be on Saturday, December 7, 2024, from 8-9am at Community Hall (old east hall). Tickets will be \$5 each if purchased **AT THE DOOR**.
Our first Bonnet Brunch will be on Saturday, December 21 from 9:30-10:30a at Community Hall (old east hall). Tickets will be \$5 each if purchased **AT THE DOOR**. Want to help? Contact Sandy Gorski, who is organizing the team. We hope you all will be understanding of this situation and be patient when coming to the Clubhouse for breakfast

POTLUCK: Tuesday, December 10, 2024, 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).

LAKE BONNET VILLAGE FELLOWSHIP: Due to unforeseen circumstances, Lake Bonnet Village Fellowship will begin its seasonal services Sunday, December 15th in the Community Hall, with Pastor Fortna. Services begin at 9:00. All Lake Bonnet residents are welcome. Bob Lower, Deacon Chairman

COFFEE & DONUTS: Everyone is invited to come on down to the Clubhouse (old east hall) on Tuesday, December 17th at 9am for coffee and donuts, as well as meeting up with neighbors and friends. This month our speaker will be from the Highlands County Sheriff's Office, who will be talking about the many scams that are happening today to the elderly community.

 **CHRISTMAS DINNER:** Christmas Dinner is, December 25th at 1pm in LBH. Please bring a side dish or a dessert. Bring your own plates, utensils & TO GO containers. If you know anyone who is house bound, please let us know and delivery will be provided. We need a lot of volunteers to pull off this holiday feast. Tom & Kathryn Dressel Hosts

DANCES

Let's get this season swinging. There will be 2 Dances in December! at Lake Bonnet Hall (new west hall). Come dance or relax watching each songs video on the Big Screen. BYOB & Snacks.

- December 14 - "Rock N Christmas" – DJ Gary 6:30 pm -?
- December 31 – NYE Brian Graves (Party Pros) 8 – Midnight

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES:

Hey LBV Peeps! Mark your calendars, we have two very exciting trips planned for this season!

Early Bird Dinner Theater, January 11th (Saturday). It's a midday show, with the bus leaving at 8am. It states that it's a buffet style meal so I'm sure there is something for everyone. The performance is "Love... or Best Offer"

Savannah! February 2nd, 3rd and 4th (Sunday-Tuesday). The trip includes transportation, hotel, continental breakfast and Historic trolley tour.

Sign up sheets will be in the Community Hall. More information will be on facebook and I'll have flyers in the Community Hall. I hope to arrive by December 4th, but I'll see if I can get someone to put up a signup sheet.

See you soon!

Patty Barkley, 1st Vice President, Fun Club

LAKE BONNET BLOOD DRIVE: The Red Blood Bus will be at Lake Bonnet Village on January 8, 2025, at the Community Hall circle. Watch Facebook & bulletin boards to find out how/where to sign-up.

PARK CLEAN-UP DAY: Everyone, time to get your gloves, buckets and rakes ready to help beautify our park. Clean-up Day is set for Friday, January 17, 2025 from 9-3.

LADIES MONDAY SHUFFLE: January 6th will begin our 2025 season at 9:30 if the temperature is 58°. If you would like to shuffle, come on down to the Club House. Don't know how? No problem, we play for fun. See you there. Shirley McAnally

MICHIGAN DINNER: To **ALL** Michiganders, our state dinner is scheduled for Tuesday, January 21, 2025. Please bring a bottle of wine that is made in Michigan to be shared at your tables. You are also welcome to bring a gift that is made in Michigan for the gift exchange. Hosted by Edna Walters and Suzette

HOT CHICKEN SALAD DINNER: I will be sponsoring a Hot Chicken Salad Casserole dinner on January 24th to raise funds for the LBV Fun Club. Please consider being a volunteer to help with meal preparation and/or making a dessert. There will be a sign-up sheet for volunteers and/or dessert makers at the old Clubhouse beginning January 1. Teresa Riddle, Chicken Dinner Chair

BEST OF THE REST 2025: To **ALL** LBV residents that are not from OH, MI, or Indiana since they have their own dinner. The **BEST OF THE REST** is scheduled for Sunday, March 2, 2025. We are having a different party this year. **You will not need to bring a gift to exchange.** Just bring your knowledge about the State or Province you live and a photo of home away from Lake Bonnet to share, and plan to have fun! Hosted by Sandy Lorentzen and Deb Votava

December 2024 Lake Bonnet Activities Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Fellowship Church 9a Cornhole on Bristlecone 1p Samba 1p Line Dancing Class 1:30p	Ladies Bible Study 9-10:30a Women's Shuffle 9:30a Hand & Foot 1:30p Dominoes 6:30p Bingo 7p	Men's Shuffle – 10a Texas Hold-Em 6-8p Dominoes – 6:30p Card Bingo – 6:30p	Quilting Group- 9-12n Women's Shuffle 9:30a Produce Cart 11a 65 – 12:30p Euchre- 6:30p	Men's Shuffle – 9:30a Chair Fitness – 9-10a LBH Hands of Love – 1p Mahjong- 1p LBH AR Pegs & Jokers - 6:30p Bingo- 6:30p	Bocce Ball 9a Choir Practice CH 9a Art Class CH 10-12 Dauber Bingo CH 6:30p	Texas Hold-Em – Pool Rm 6-8p
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	LBV Holiday Decorating	LBV Holiday Decorating	Golf Cart Parade – 6:30p	Burger Nite – 4:30p LBH		Pancake Brkfst – CH 8-9a
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
	Fun Club Ex Board Mtg. – LBH 11a	Fun Club General Mtg. – CH 9a Potluck – LBH 5p		Golf Cart Parade 6:30p	Co-op Budget Mtg. – LBH – 9a Christmas Cookie Sale – CH – 12-3p	French Toast Brkfst – CH – 8-9a Pre-Christmas Craft Sale – LBH 10-1p DJ Gary Dance – LBH 6:30 -? THEME – ROCK'N CHRISTMAS
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
LBV Fellowship Church – CH 9a Ice Cream Social – CH 3p	Co-op Mtg – LBH – 9a	Coffee & Donuts – CH 9a (Speaker – HCSO – Topic Elder Scamming) Golf Cart Parade – 6:30p		Burger Nite – 4:30 p LBH		Bonnet Brunch – CH 9:30 – 10:30a
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
	Golf Cart Parade – 6:30p		Christmas Dinner – LBH – 1p			
29	30	31				
		NYE Dance – LBH 8-12M Brian Graves (Party Pros)				