

Joanne was in charge of ordering and installing the new washers and dryers in the laundromats, and chose to clean and paint the interior of the buildings before installation. She updated and painted the Community Hall kitchen and storage rooms. She managed the storage shed located by the shuffleboard courts. Joanne ordered almost every sign in the park, including the welcome sign in the mailbox area, the street signs, the empty lot rental signs, and the rules and information signs throughout the park. She was the docks and seawall contact person. For many years, Joanne walked the east side of the park to read the meters for the park office. She oversaw Tony's Cleaning Service, who deep clean the office, clubhouses, laundry buildings, etc. Year after year, Joanne volunteered to help with so many activities and projects that no one could ever remember them all. Her unselfishness and caring were felt over and over by so many individuals who needed a helping hand throughout her years in our village.

Finally, Joanne was a source of many laughs and light-hearted banter in the office. She brought us together as a team and as friends as we worked together. Joanne will be missed, but her many contributions will always stay here. THANK YOU, JOANNE!

Board of Directors Report

We now have two new board members for the 2023 term. Jeff Centers and Chuck Hall have both made many contributions to the park, Jeff Centers has organized the Hurricane Preparation team and worked with many volunteers to make plans to keep residents safe and comfortable during hurricane evacuations. Jeff is well known for organizing the food and cooking for the many people who spent time at LBH during Hurricane Ian. He is Grill Master of Burger Nights and cooks at many other events. Jeff will oversee ordering kitchen supplies and will manage site changes during the summer months. Chuck Hall has often volunteered his experience with electricity, plumbing, motors, etc. to help the park. During Hurricane Ian, he figured out how to supply LBH with electricity when the large generator was down. Chuck volunteered to rebuild the park sewer pumps and oversaw setting up the canal aerators. As a new board member, he will be rebuilding a concrete block wall between lots on Bristlecone and Lake Street, ordering and installing a new generator at the main well, and will be available for other park projects as they arise. Both Jeff and Chuck will be outstanding additions to the board.

Two members of the board were re-elected for another 3-year term. Cal McAnally is beginning his 7th year and Matt Skjonsby is beginning his 5th year on the board.

Over 28 lots/shares have been sold in the last two years. A few weeks ago, 3 lots/shares were sold on the same day. When new shareholders are asked why they want to buy in LBV, their number one answer is "Because everyone is so friendly". Other comments are that the park is "very well kept" and "it is a beautiful setting". That says a great deal about the type of residents you are and how your actions have made this such a desirable park. To quote Elvis: "Thank you, thank you very much!".

Duke Energy meters: Any resident who receives their electric bill from Duke Energy is responsible for any repairs below the meter itself. It would be a good idea to look at the box below your meter to determine if it needs painting to protect it from rust and decay.

Hats off to the following volunteers for their help with many park projects so far this year: Bill Kelley, Donneta and Ken Doyle, Gene Eads, Dutch Angus, Cal McAnally, Pat Pringle, Mel Bezinque, Ron and Marcia Wiessinger, Jorge Betancourt, Ken Lantagne, JoAnn Bolligar and Gary Basch.

A “freebie” for shareholders: There is free black dirt located in a large pile south of the sewer plant on the east side of Canal Road. Bring a pail, wheelbarrow, etc. to haul it to your site.

Please remember to look around you now and then and be thankful you are fortunate to be a part of a wonderful community, surrounded by beautiful nature and an abundance of great weather. How did we get so lucky?

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

March Activities:

Cruise: On February 27, 2023, 24 Lake Bonnet Village residents will/have embarked on a Cruise to the Dominican Republic and Grand Turk. A more detailed report will follow in the April Chatter. As of print time, I hope everyone has/is having a great time! – Teresa Riddle, Fun Club 1st VP

Red Blood Bus: There will be another Blood Bus coming to LBV on Wednesday, March 1, 2023, from 10:30a - 4:30p at Community Hall circle drive. For those who missed the first date, this is your chance to contribute! *Please sign up for an appointment at Community Hall beginning on Feb 15.* PLEASE DO NOT GO ON-LINE TO SIGN UP! It causes duplicate appointments, which means someone must wait to donate. Please sign-up to help support our Highlands County Community! – sponsor Donna Eads

Annual Golf Tournament: Join us on Saturday, March 4, 2023, for the annual Lake Bonnet Village Golf Tournament. Participants should be at Pinecrest Golf Course by 12:00 noon. A sign-up sheet is on Community Hall bulletin board. Sign up as a single or men’s team, ladies’ team, or mixed team. - Hosts Vickie Starbuck 2729 E Elmwood 765-210-2479 and Cindy Hathaway 2750 E Oakwood 863-257-6136

50th Wedding Anniversary Celebration: Come celebrate with our Honorees, Tom and Kathy Dressel, Gene and Donna Eads, Allen and Linda Griffith, Dan and Vicky Jex, Larry and Carol Pierson and Jon and Pat Pringle, on Sunday, March 5, 2023, at Lake Bonnet Hall. Doors will open to guests at 6:30 p.m. (so you can greet the honorees). The program will start at 7:00 p.m. Come join your LBV Family for this special occasion. If you have questions, contact Sherry Lawrason (231-330-6563) or Helen Matzke (920-265-3271).

Best of the Rest Potluck Dinner: Heads up residents of all states and provinces and full-time Floridians (outside of Indiana, Ohio & Michigan, who have their own dinners). The “Best of the Rest” Potluck takes place on Tuesday, March 7, 2023, at 5:00p at Lake Bonnet Hall (new west hall). Please bring a potluck dish and/or dessert to share and your table service (plate, silverware, cup). If you’d like to participate in our door prize drawing, bring something to donate from your home state. -Hosts Evelyn Petry & Helen Matzke

Mardi Gras Dance: The Fun Club is sponsoring a live music dance on Saturday, March 11, 2023 from 7-10 pm at Lake Bonnet Hall (new west hall). The theme is “Mardi Gras”. Music will be by Martin Michalski. Admission is free. Bring your own beverages and snacks. Dress is Mardi Gras costume or casual – your choice. Join us for our last live music event of the season!

March Potluck: Tuesday, March 14, 2023 at 5p at Lake Bonnet Hall (new west hall). Free to all. Registered guests are welcome. Bring a dish and/or dessert to pass and your table service (plate, silverware, cup). Dishes with meat are appreciated at the monthly potlucks. Great food and great company – come join us!

✳️ **DJ Dance:** Friday, March 17, 2023 from 7-9p at Lake Bonnet Hall (new west hall). The theme is “*Back to the Hop*”, featuring 50’s and 60’s music and videos, including some Dick Clark American Bandstand videos. If you have a special request, call host Gary Stokes 845-242-5443.

St John’s Pass Day Trip: Scheduled for Wednesday, March 22, 2023, for all residents of Lake Bonnet Village. Non-residents may also be included on this trip. Information and brochures are available at *both* clubhouses. We need 40 people to sign up at Community Hall (old east hall) by *March 15*, or the trip will be cancelled. Cost is \$119 per person. Checks should be made out to “*Tours 4 You*”. Contact me for further details and questions. Please sign up soon! -Teresa Riddle, Fun Club 1st VP 606-748-2066

Karaoke Night: Friday, March 31, 2023, from 6-9p at Lake Bonnet Hall (new west hall). If you’d like to sing, you must call host Gary Stokes so that he can find your songs at 845-242-5443.

Fire Ring Pop-Up Music Nights: Watch Facebook and the park entry area for announcements of pop-up music nights around the Fire Ring from 5:30- 8p. – host Gary Stokes

Lake Bonnet Village Fellowship Church Choir: Bring *your* voice and Make a Joyful Noise unto the Lord! Our choir rehearses every Friday at 9am at Community Hall (old east hall). We provide special music for Fellowship Church services on Sunday mornings at 9am. Join us! – choir director Teresa Riddle 606-748-2066

FUTURE ACTIVITIES:

Easter Dinner: We will gather to celebrate Easter in the park with a Potluck Dinner on Easter Sunday, April 9, 2023, at 1:00p at Lake Bonnet Hall (new west hall). The dinner is free and is open to all residents of the park. Registered overnight guests are welcome. We will provide iced tea and lemonade. You should bring a dish and/or dessert to share and your table service (plate, silverware, cup). Please sign up to attend at Community Hall beginning on March 1. We’re looking for a host and volunteers for this event.

RECOGNITION:

Church Dinner: Lake Bonnet Village Fellowship Church held their annual church dinner on February 5, a potluck featuring ham and chicken. 100 people joined us for dinner, scripture readings and music. Thank you to all that volunteered and attended! Everyone in the park is invited – please join us next year! – host Teresa Riddle

Hot Chicken Salad Dinner: This dinner is a favorite of my own family. Thank you to everyone who helped plan, prepare, and clean up for the dinner, and a huge thanks to everyone who purchased tickets! 175 residents purchased dinner and carry-out, a huge success. You are all the best! – Host Teresa Riddle

SUNSHINE REPORT: Many in our park have been sick with the “Florida Crud” this past month. We hope that this “Crud” will go jump in the lake. In the meantime, check in (from a safe distance) on those that may need a helping hand – some soup or groceries – a way each of us can show our love and concern. So far in February, I have sent 7 get well and 4 sympathy cards. Please continue to keep me posted on illnesses and deaths. – Teresa Riddle, Sunshine Lady

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you! I could fill up the newsletter with thank you and still not convey how much I appreciated all of the food, visits, offers of help and most of all the prayers. I am slowly improving. Love all of you. God bless each and every one! - DeAnn McIntosh

MARCH 2023 Lake Bonnet Village Activities Calendar

EVERY SUNDAY	EVERY MONDAY	EVERY TUESDAY	EVERY WED	EVERY THU	EVERY FRIDAY	EVERY SAT
Fellowship Church 9a CH Line Dancing Class 2p LBH	Women's Bible Study LBHAR 9a Women's Shuffle 9:30a CH Art Class 1-3p CH Dominoes 6:30p LBH Bingo 7p CH	Coffee & Donuts 8a CH Men's Shuffle 10a CH Texas Hold-Em 6-8p Pool Rm Dominoes 6:30p LBH Card Bingo 6:30p CH	Quilt/Sew Grp 9a CH Women's Shuffle 9:30a CH 65 12:30p CH Mahjong 1p LBH Popcorn-Fire Ring 4p Euchre 6:30p CH	Men's Shuffle 10a CH Hands of Love 1p CH Dominoes 6:30p LBH Bingo 7p CH	Choir Practice 9a CH Bocce Ball 9a LBH Art Class 10a-12n CH Dauber Bingo 6:30p CH	Produce Cart 3P CH Circle Texas Hold-Em 6-8p Pool Rm
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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BUILDING ABBRE KEY:	CH=COMMUNITY HALL (OLD EAST HALL)	LBH=LAKE BONNET HALL (NEW WEST HALL) LBHAR=ACTIVITIES ROOM/LIBRARY	BLOOD BUS CH 10-30a-4:30p	LBV Ringers @ Home Shine 9a Burger Night LBH 4:30p		Pancake Bkfst CH 8-9:30a Golf Tournament 12n @ Pinecrest
-10p5	6	7	8	9	10	11
50th Anniversary Party LBH 7p Doors open 6:30p		Best of the Rest Dinner LBH 5p		LBV Ringers @ Buttonwood 9a		French Toast Bkfst CH 8-9:30a "Mardi Gras" Dance LBH 7-10p
12	13	14	15	16	* 17 *	18
Ice Cream Social CH 3p	Fun Club Exec Board Mtg LBH 11a	FUN CLUB ELECTIONS CH 9A Potluck LBH 5p	Soup & Sandwich LBH 11a	LBV Ringers @ home FUNDAY 9a Burger Night LBH 4:30p	DJ Dance LBH 7-9p "Back to the Hop"	Bonnet Brunch CH 9:30-11a Poker Run CH 11a-1:30p
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
	COOP Meeting 9a LBH		Day Trip to John's Pass			Golf Cart Races LBH 1-3p
26	27	28	29	30	31	4/1
		Coffee & Donuts speaker: Victory Golf Carts			Karaoke Night LBH 6-9p	Last Breakfast: Bonnet Brunch CH 9:30-11a