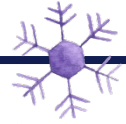




The Spotlight

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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT & VICE PRESIDENT



As we wrap up another successful year, we'd like to take this opportunity to thank all of you for being such engaged members of our community. It was wonderful to see so many familiar faces and new neighbors at our recent Beach Bash and Fall Fest. These events brought us together for fun, food, and great company, and we're already looking forward to next year! Keep an eye on our community website and Facebook page for announcements of future gatherings and activities.

The Chesney Park & Harbor Restoration Project is actively moving forward. The project scope of work is erosion prevention at Chesney Park as well as maintenance dredging for the inlet at Bayview Marina. Our commitment to preserve our waterfront parks and harbor benefits the entire community.

The board is continuing to work on updating our bylaws to better reflect our evolving neighborhood and to support a vibrant, well-organized community. We will keep you informed of our progress.

We encourage all members interested in this process to join our monthly meetings, which are held on the third Wednesday of each month at 7pm. Your feedback and involvement are always welcome!

Please note, invoices for association dues are included in this mailing. Payments are due by January 1, 2025. To make your payment, please visit Associa Chicagoland's website:

<https://www.associaonline.com/locations/associa-chicagoland>

Select "Account Login" on the right-hand side and log in to complete your transaction. For any questions or assistance with your account, please contact Associa at (847) 490-3833.

Accounts with a delinquent status after March 15, 2025, will be turned over to collections, so please be sure to pay by the due date.

Thank you for your continued support, and here's to a wonderful holiday season and a fantastic new year ahead!

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HARBORMASTER REPORT

Thank you to all FLHPOA harbor members for an amazing and smooth 2024 boating season! Now let's focus ahead on the 2025 season. See the next page for information about HARBOR REGISTRATION.

The board has approved a maintenance dredge on Bayview inlet to increase the depths coming in and out of the harbor. A depth study conducted in the summer of 2024 revealed that significant silt and sand deposits have started to fill in the inlet, making it too shallow for larger boats with deep drafts to navigate. A similar depth study was conducted at Chesney, where, to our surprise, depths are still good- matching or even exceeding the lake's average pool level in some areas.

All the expenditure details can be found in the FLHPOA Harbor Fund accounting report, which is shared at our monthly meetings. Please join us sometime to hear about what the board is doing to continually improve our community, parks, beaches, and harbor. Meetings are always held on the third Wednesday of each month, and all residents are encouraged to attend.

STEVEN JERGENSEN, HARBORMASTER

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STAY CONNECTED

Stay updated on the latest announcements by visiting our website at foxlakehills.org.

Another great source of information is the "Fox Lake Hills Home Property Owners" group on Facebook. To become a member, you must answer the questions when prompted.

CHECK OUT FOXLAKEHILLS.ORG!

ABOUT US > BOARD MEMBERS

- Email addresses for all board members

ABOUT US > FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

- Have a question? It may already be answered here!

ABOUT US > HELPFUL CONTACTS

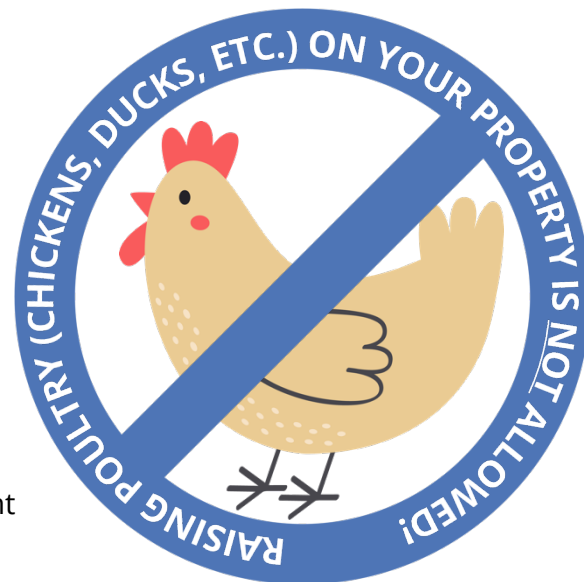
- Quick access to both general and boating related resources

DOCUMENTS > BUDGETS

- 2024-25 budgets
- Information about how your annual association dues are spent

DOCUMENTS > NEWSLETTERS

- Digital copies of the past two Spotlight newsletters
- Electronic form to receive the Spotlight newsletters via email



2025 FLHPOA HARBOR REGISTRATION

Sunday, March 2 From 1pm To 3pm

Lake Villa Township Community Center (37850 Rte. 59)

Questions? Contact Steven Jergensen at (224) 444-9541 or flhpoa.bayview.harbor@gmail.com

- STEP 1** Pre-register NOW online at <https://foxlakehills.org/meetings-events/harbor-registration/>
The deadline to pre-register is March 2. *NOTE: If you do not pre-register by the deadline, you may lose your slip, even if you attend the main in-person registration event on March 2. Online pre-registration is required in advance for all new and existing FLHPOA harbor members.*
- STEP 2** Gather your verification documents from the pre-registration process and have them ready for the March 2nd event, or schedule an Early Bird meeting with a harbormaster to complete your registration. *REQUIRED DOCUMENTS: a copy of active watercraft, a copy of current watercraft registration, and a paid receipt of your 2025 HOA dues.*
- STEP 3** Print out the harbor rules and regulations from the bottom of <https://foxlakehills.org/meetings-events/harbor-registration/>, then sign and date them. Have these ready to turn in at the March 2nd event, or bring them to your Early Bird meeting.
- STEP 4** *(This step is NOT required for Early Bird registrants)*
Line up between 1pm and 3pm on March 2 at the Lake Villa Township Community Center. Volunteers will verify your documents, collect your signed rules and regulations, collect payment, and provide your keys/slip number or add you to a waiting list if you are new to the harbor or rejoining after a break.

2025 FLHPOA HARBOR FEES

\$90	Ramp Key
\$300	Boat Slip (\$210) + Ramp Key (\$90)
\$100	Initial fee for new harbor members
\$50	Inconvenience fee (for residents who register after the in-person event on March 2 nd)

Note, if you want a dock box installed at your slip, you may make the appropriate selection in the registration for the footer and the box.

WANT TO BYPASS THE IN-PERSON EVENT?

Try **EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION** by scheduling a 1-on-1 meeting with an FLHPOA harbormaster to avoid the March 2 event entirely!

NOTE: The Early Bird 1-on-1 schedule will be released in January via the website and email after we receive the keys and permit stickers from our vendors.

CONTACT INFO FOR NEIGHBORHOOD ISSUES

Did you notice a streetlight out? Did you notice damage at one of the parks? Contact the director-at-large or appropriate director to report it.

Director-at-Large:	Bill	(847) 651-0153	flhpoa.director@gmail.com
Bayview Director:	Ron	(847) 691-7213	flhpoa.bayview@gmail.com
Chesney Director:	Terri	(224) 323-1008	flhpoa.chesney@gmail.com
Orchard Director:	Tim	(224) 308-4466	flhpoa.orchard@gmail.com

UPCOMING EVENTS

FLHPOA members in good standing (dues paid) and their accompanied guests are welcome at our events.

DEC 16-	Holiday Decorating Contest	
DEC 25	(Online Voting)	
JAN 11	Holiday Survivor Social	TIME TBD
JAN 15	Monthly Meeting	7PM
FEB 8	Soup-er Bowl Cook-Off	TIME TBD
FEB 19	Monthly Meeting	7PM
MAR 8	Garden Geeks Gala	TIME TBD
MID- MAR	March Madness Bracket Contest (Online)	
MAR 19	Monthly Meeting	7PM
APR 16	Monthly Meeting	7PM
APR 19	Easter Egg Hunt	10AM
MAY 3	Spring Park Clean-Up	9AM
MAY 10	Spring Park Clean-Up (Rain Date)	9AM
MAY 17	Bayview Tavern	1-4PM
MAY 21	Monthly Meeting	7PM
JUN 6	Friday Night Lights	4-7PM
JUN 14	Fishing Derby	9AM-1PM
JUN 18	Monthly Meeting	7PM
JUL 16	Monthly Meeting	7PM

FLHPOA events are organized by board members who generously volunteer their time. Many events are weather dependent. All dates, times, and locations are subject to change. Please watch for updates on FB and our website as events approach.

Holiday DECORATING Contest

Be merry, be bright, make your house a holiday delight! Channel your inner Clark Griswold to create your holiday masterpiece for our Annual Holiday Decorating Contest.

To compete in the contest, submit the entry form that will be posted in our Facebook group and on our website between Nov. 29-Dec. 15.

Online voting will run from Dec. 16-Dec. 25. Winners will be announced December 26th.



Prizes will be awarded for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place!

HOLIDAY SURVIVOR SOCIAL

Saturday, January 11 (Time TBD)

Lake Villa Township Community Center

Did you survive the holidays??? If you did, it's time to celebrate this victory! Stroll on over to the Holiday Survivor Social and swap some holiday horror stories with a few neighbors.



Come to think of it, did you get a gift that's just not your vibe? Well, wrap it back up and use it for entry into the hilarious White Elephant game!

Board games will be available for kids (or adults).

Water and a few snacks will be offered. Bring the rest of your adult holiday spirits or favorite beverage to enjoy. Bringing a snack to share will help you get on the "nice" list for next year!

SOUP-ER BOWL COOK-OFF



Saturday, February 8 (Time TBD)

Lake Villa Township Community Center

Come hungry for the FLHPOA Soup-er Bowl Cook-Off!! Whip up a batch of your best homemade soup for a chance to take home the trophy! Making soup not your thing? That's okay! Still join in the fun to mingle with neighbors, taste some delicious soups, and vote for your favorites!

Prizes will be awarded to the winners of various categories. Let's STEW this!

Garden Geeks Gala



Saturday, March 8 (Time TBD)

Lake Villa Township Community Center

Do you have the greenest thumb in the community, or can you kill a plastic plant? Whether you're an expert gardener or have never tried gardening but always wanted to... this is the event for you!

It will be about that time to start planning this year's garden, so bring your excitement, knowledge, and questions to mingle with other garden fanatics in the neighborhood!

Have extra seeds? Bring them with to buzz around the room and swap with others!



MARCH MADNESS BRACKET CONTEST

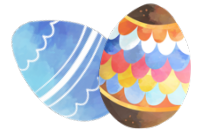
Mid-March (online)

Watch for details on our website and FB

Let the Madness begin!! Think you have the luck to create the 1st perfect bracket in March Madness history?!? Or will your bracket bust early?

Join in on our FLHPOA March Madness bracket contest—there will be a bracket for adults and one for kids. C'mon... take your best shot!

Easter Egg Hunt



Saturday, April 19 at 10am SHARP

Bayview Park

Hippity hop on down to Bayview Park for our annual FLHPOA Easter Egg Hunt!



The hunt is for children 12 years and under. Please bring your own basket! We'll begin right at 10am, so plan to arrive a little beforehand.

Spring Park Cleanup

Saturday, May 3 at 9am

Rain Date: Saturday, May 10 at 9am

Bayview Park

Can you bee-lieve it's spring?!? That means it's time to spruce up our parks for the warmer days to come!

Come help remove the harsh weather rubbish from our parks and get some much-needed fresh air after being couped up all winter long!

Please bring any lawn tools you may have (e.g., rakes, shovels, shears, wheelbarrows) to help us get this project done in record time! Oh, and a tip from our pros is to also wear some garden or utility gloves.



BAYVIEW TAVERN

Saturday, May 17 from 1pm to 4pm

Bayview Park

Bring your favorite libations—whether wine, beer, cocktails, or a delightful mocktail—and an appetizer down to the Bayview Tavern (aka the pavilion) for a little Sipping Saturday.

Don't miss this chance to mingle, relax, and get to know your neighbors better!

Friday Night Lights

Friday, June 6 (Time TBD)

Bayview Park

There's no better way to spend a fun summer night than watching a favorite movie outdoors under the stars! Bring a blanket, chairs, snacks, and your cooler. Come early if you want to snag the best seats on the lawn!

Watch for more details on FB and our website as we get closer to the summer.



FISHING DERBY

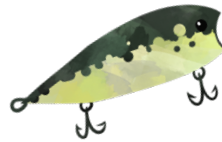
Saturday, June 14 from 9am to 1pm

Bayview Park



Here fishy, fishy!! Time to cast those lines into the water for some family-friendly fun, and maybe catch a fish or two!

Join us for our 2nd annual Fishing Derby! Bring your pole and fishing gear- we'll provide the worms. There will be prizes for kids up to 12 years old, including awards for the biggest fish, smallest fish, most fish caught, and most unusual catch.



There are no entry fees. This is one of the IDNR's free fishing days, so no fishing licenses are needed either!

DON'T FORGET...

about our fun events in the second half of the year!

JULY

Friday Night Lights

AUGUST

Cardboard Boat Races

Summer Beach Bash

SEPTEMBER

Bonfire on the Beach

Golf Outing

OCTOBER

Bayview Tavern

Fall Fest

Halloween Decorating Contest



NOTE: All events are tentative and final dates are still being worked out.

More details will be shared in the next Spotlight, our website, and FB.

EVENT QUESTIONS? IDEAS?

Our new Entertainment Coordinator is Stacie Sprovieri. If you have questions about an event or an idea to suggest, please email her at flhpoa.fun@gmail.com.

We are always looking for help with events. Please fill out the **Volunteer Form** on foxlakehills.org to share ways in which you wish to contribute.

FLHPOA MEETINGS

We encourage all residents to attend our monthly FLHPOA meetings!

We meet in person at the Lake Villa Township Community Center (37850 N. Rte. 59).

The meetings are always held on the third Wednesday at 7pm.

Changes to meetings are always posted on our website and FB.

REMINDER: GARBAGE COLLECTION

Lake Villa Township signed a new waste and recycling contract with LRS (Lakeshore Recycling Systems, LLC.).

The new service will start on May 1, 2025.

OTHER WINTER FUN

Catch the **HOLIDAY PARADE AND TREE LIGHTING** in downtown Lake Villa on **November 30 at 5pm!**

See lake-villa.org for more information.



CABOOSE PARK has a great sled hill, toboggan run, and ice rink!

The park is lit up for evening use between the hours of 5:30 and 10pm, weather and conditions permitting.

The best place to park is in the parking lot off Grand Avenue.

See LakeVillaTownship.org/sled-hill for more information.

FEELING THE SQUEEZE OF HIGHER UTILITY BILLS?

Try these suggestions from familyhandyman.com...

- ◆ Replace worn-out weatherstripping around doors
- ◆ Adjust your door threshold or install a door sweep
- ◆ Locate window leaks & seal them with caulk
- ◆ Use heat-shrink plastic window film
- ◆ Consider using thicker curtains or dual-cell honeycomb shades & keep them closed at night
- ◆ Open window coverings when the sun is out
- ◆ Insulate & seal air leaks in attics/crawl spaces
- ◆ Close your fireplace damper when it's not in use
- ◆ Fill gaps around electrical outlets & switches
- ◆ Clean fridge coils & check temperature (38–40°)
- ◆ Drain the water heater and lower the temperature
- ◆ Insulate the water heater and exposed water pipes
- ◆ Take shorter showers
- ◆ Use cold water to wash clothes
- ◆ Keep your dryer duct clean
- ◆ Switch to a thermostat that can be scheduled to reduce temperatures at night and/or while away
- ◆ Change your furnace filter regularly
- ◆ Plug electronics into a power strip & turn off the power strip when not in use

For more info, go to <https://tinyurl.com/4z9bcpvf>



DO YOU HAVE A WINTER SAFETY KIT?

According to the American Red Cross, an emergency kit should contain:

- ◆ One gallon of water per person per day, up to a 2-week supply
- ◆ A 2-week supply of easy-to-prepare, non-perishable food
- ◆ First aid kit
- ◆ 7-day supply of medications
- ◆ Sanitation and personal hygiene items
- ◆ Emergency blanket
- ◆ Multi-purpose tool or toolkit
- ◆ Flashlights
- ◆ Extra batteries
- ◆ Cell phone with chargers
- ◆ Battery- or crank-powered radio
- ◆ Cash
- ◆ Family and emergency contact info
- ◆ Copies of personal documents (e.g., medical information and list of medications, birth certificates, proof of address, insurance policies)

Learn more at <https://tinyurl.com/29bdzn7n>

HELPFUL RESOURCES

The **LAKE VILLA DISTRICT LIBRARY** is a great resource for Lake Villa Township residents!

Did you know you can listen to audio books, read e-books and magazines, stream music, take online courses, reserve study/meeting rooms, fax documents, and so much more... all for free from the comfort of your home if you have a library card?! **Go to Lake Villa District Library or lvdl.org/services to get a library card.**

Hoopla (hoopladigital.com) also works with a LVDL library card to stream digital media (e.g., movies, e-books)! You can find more information at lvdl.org/research.

The **UNITED WAY OF LAKE COUNTY 211 CONTACT CENTER** is a nonprofit geared toward providing resources to help Lake County residents in need whether it be housing or food assistance, crisis support, or something else. It is always confidential and always free. There are also volunteer opportunities available.

They have a 24-hour telephone helpline (855-677-5253), a texting chatline (898211), and an incredible website (211lakecounty.org).

SPRING CLEANING

As you prepare for spring, consider donating or recycling the items you no longer need.

The Solid Waste Agency of Lake County (SWALCO) has a very informative “Where Do I Recycle This?” finder on their website, swalco.org. Please see their website for ALL available drop-off sites and more details for the following suggestions.



CLOTHING & TEXTILES

- **Lake Villa: VFW Post 4308**
130 Grand Ave., Lake Villa
- **Lindenhurst: Village Hall**
2301 E. Sand Lake Rd., Lindenhurst
- **Fox Lake: Grant Community High School**
285 E. Grand Ave., Fox Lake
- **Fox Lake: Village Hall**
66 Thillen Dr., Fox Lake

ELECTRONICS & HOLIDAY LIGHTS

- **Grant Township Hwy. Dept. Facility**
26535 Molidor Rd., Ingleside

HOUSEHOLD CHEMICALS & PRODUCTS

- **SWALCO – HCW Facility in Gurnee**
By appointment only– schedule online
- **Waste Management “At Your Door”**
Call (800) 449-7587 to schedule

MEDICATIONS

- **Lake Villa: Police Department**
65 Cedar Ave., Lake Villa
- **Lindenhurst: CVS**
2020 E. Grand Ave., Lindenhurst
- **Fox Lake: Grant Community High School**
285 E. Grand Ave., Fox Lake

SHOES

- **Lindenhurst: Village Hall**
2301 E. Sand Lake Rd., Lindenhurst
- **Fox Lake: Village Hall**
66 Thillen Dr., Fox Lake

SPRING HOME MAINTENANCE CHECKLIST

- Check roof for damaged shingles.
Clean out gutters and downspouts.
- Power wash house exterior.
Clean windows and doors.
- Fertilize lawn and repair any damaged areas.
Aeration is great to do in spring!
- Prep lawn mower– change oil, change spark plugs, sharpen blades, etc.
- Test all smoke and carbon monoxide detectors.
Replace batteries, if needed.
- Get your HVAC system inspected.
Replace filters.

