

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.

There are some exciting projects in the works— the Bayview playground expansion and new entrance and park signs. Those of you who attended Fall Fest got an early look at the updated design of our entrance signs. The playground expansion will accommodate equipment for older kids to enjoy. Our updated bylaws have been officially filed to better reflect our evolving neighborhood and to support a vibrant, well-organized community. You will find the updated bylaws posted on our website.

We encourage all members 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, 2026. 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, 2026, will be turned over to collections, so please be sure to pay by the due date.

We want to thank the board members who volunteer their time, and YOU for your continued support. Here's to a wonderful holiday season and a fantastic new year ahead!

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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.

2026 FLHPOA HARBOR REGISTRATION

Sunday, March 1 from 1pm to 3pm

Lake Villa Township Community Center (37850 N. 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 1 at 1pm CT. If you do not pre-register by the deadline, you may lose your rental slip, even if you show up to the main in-person registration event on March 1. 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 and have them ready for the March 1st 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 2026 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 1st 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 1 at the Lake Villa Township Community Center. Volunteers will verify your documents, collect your signed Rules and Regulations, collect payment, and hand over your keys/slip number, or add you to a waiting list if you are new to the harbor or rejoining us after a break.

2026 FLHPOA HARBOR FEES

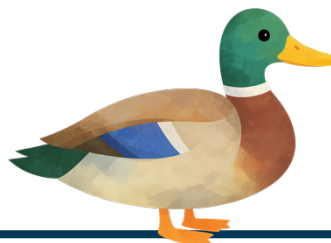
- \$90 Ramp Key
- \$300 Boat Slip (\$210) + Ramp Key (\$90)
- \$100 Initial fee for new harbor members
- \$50 Inconvenience fee (for those who register after the March 1st event)

If you'd like a dock box installed at your slip, simply select the dock box and footer installation option in the registration form.

DO YOU 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 1 event entirely!

NOTE: The Early Bird 1-on-1 schedule will be released in January via email and our website.



HARBORMASTER REPORT

Thank you to all FLHPOA harbor members for an amazing and smooth 2025 boating season! Now let's focus ahead on the 2026 season.

Our Harbor Committee is revealing some great new additions to our harbors to be announced once they are finalized that will address our ever-changing evolution of watercraft used at our harbors by our members. We continue to receive feedback annually from our harbor members and make changes and improvements that make our harbor the best and most affordable harbor on the Chain O' Lakes.

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.

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EVENT QUESTIONS? IDEAS?

Our 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.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- NOV 28– DEC 14 Holiday Decorating Contest (Online ENTRY)
- DEC 15– DEC 29 Holiday Decorating Contest (Online VOTING)
- JAN 18 FLHPOA Business Expo
- JAN 21 Monthly Meeting
- FEB 7 Soup-er Bowl Cook-Off
- FEB 18 Monthly Meeting
- MID-MAR March Madness Brackets (Online)
- MAR 18 Monthly Meeting
- APR 4 Easter Egg Hunt
- APR 15 Monthly Meeting
- MAY 2 Spring Park Cleanup
- MAY 9 Spring Park Cleanup (Rain Date)
- MAY 20 Monthly Meeting
- MAY 23 Pickleball Tournament
- JUN 17 Monthly Meeting

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

NOTE: All events are organized by board members who generously volunteer their time. All dates, times, and locations are subject to change. Please watch for updates on FB and our website.

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 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. 28 and Dec. 14.

Our website will have a list of all addresses participating along with an interactive map. **Online voting will run from Dec. 15 through Dec. 29.**

Winners will be announced December 30th.

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



FLHPOA BUSINESS EXPO

Sunday, January 18 from 1 to 4pm

Fairmont Shores

Calling all neighborhood entrepreneurs and small business owners!

We're inviting you to come advertise your products and/or services at our FLHPOA Business Expo!! Bring your business cards, flyers, coupons, and/or samples!

This will be a great opportunity to connect with neighbors, gain new customers, and share what you do with the community!!

Please register on our website if you plan on advertising your business at this event.

SOUP-ER BOWL COOK-OFF

Saturday, February 7 (Time TBD)

Location TBD

It's time for a rematch of our FLHPOA Soup-er Bowl Cook-Off!! Whip up a batch of your best homemade soup or chili for a chance to take home the trophy!

Not a good cook? That's okay! We need tasters and judges so come on down to join the fun and mingle with your neighbors. You will definitely leave with a happy belly full of delicious food!

Prizes will be awarded to the winners of various categories. Ladle up. It's time to compete!

Note: Once the location and time is known, we'll post that information on our website and Facebook group.

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 4 at 10am SHARP

Bayview Park

The Easter Bunny has done it again!!

Just hop on over with your own Easter Baskets to Bayview Park for our annual FLHPOA Easter Egg Hunt!

The hunt is for children 12 years and under. We'll begin right at 10am, so plan to arrive a few minutes early.



Pickleball Tournament

Saturday, May 23 at 1pm

Bayview Park

Grab your paddles and come on down to our neighborhood pickleball court to compete for the neighborhood title!!

This will be a pre-registration event, so we have time to structure the brackets.

Keep calm and dink on!



SPRING PARK CLEANUP

Saturday, May 2 at 9am

Rain Date: Saturday, May 9 at 9am

Bayview Park

Spring has sprung!

It's time to get our parks ready for warmer, sunnier days. We need your help to clear away the winter debris and enjoy some much-needed fresh air after being cooped up all season!

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.

** Volunteers will be entered into a raffle to win some great prizes!*



FISHING DERBY

Saturday, June 20 from 9am to 1pm

Bayview Park

One fish, Two fish, Red fish, Blue fish...

Join us for our 3rd annual Fishing Derby! Bring your pole and fishing gear— we'll provide the bait.

There will be prizes for kids and adults 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 required!



BAYVIEW PARK PLAYGROUND EXPANSION

Hello Fox Lake Hills Community!

The Park Planning Committee has been exploring new features to add to the Bayview Park playground to better accommodate the older children in our community. The committee has been busy working with our vendor to gather quotes on several options that we believe will make great additions to the park.

After careful consideration, the three features that have been selected are: Breakaways, Dome Climber with Orbs, and Maypole. The photos below show examples of the equipment styles, though the colors pictured are not the colors that will be ordered.

The committee is also planning to move away from the colors we used at Orchard Park (red, blue, and gray) in favor of a more lake-inspired color theme called *Crest* that uses shades of blue. Please see the sample of the *Crest* color theme for reference.

This project is planned for completion in 2026. A community build will be part of the installation process, and we'll be looking for volunteers to lend a hand when the time comes. More details will be shared when the installation timeline is finalized.

Breakaways



Dome Climber with Orbs



Maypole



Crest Color Theme



NEW FLHPOA ENTRANCE & PARK SIGNS

The Sign Committee has been hard at work exploring options for updating the entrance and park signs throughout Fox Lake Hills. Over the past several months, the committee has:

- Researched a variety of design and material options
- Completed a full audit of existing signs in the neighborhood
- Created mockups for new design concepts
- Shared preliminary designs at monthly meetings and Fall Fest to gather community feedback
- Begun the process of obtaining estimates from vendors

To help manage costs, the number of entrance signs will be reduced, with new signs placed at the most frequently used entrances.

The project is planned for installation in 2026. Please see below for mockups of the new signs.

Entrance Sign Mockup



BAYVIEW: corner of W. Lincoln Dr. & N. Rte. 59

CHESNEY SHORES: corner of Entrance Dr. & N. Rte. 59

ORCHARD GARDENS: corner of W. Lincoln Dr. & N. Rte. 59

ORCHARD GARDENS: corner of Piper Ln. & W. Monaville Rd.

Park Sign Mockup



BAYVIEW PARK: N. Lake Shore Dr.

CHESNEY PARK: N. Peninsula Rd.

JOHN RULE PARK: corner of W. Chesney Dr. & W. Glade Dr.

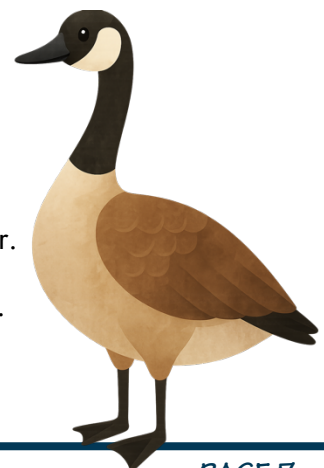
ORCHARD PARK: corner of N. Summerfield Dr. & W. Carson Dr.

Boat Launch Sign Mockup



BAYVIEW BOAT LAUNCH: N. Lake Shore Dr.

CHESNEY BOAT LAUNCH: N. Peninsula Rd.



HELPFUL RESOURCES

Discover your community library... right here in Lake Villa! The **LAKE VILLA DISTRICT LIBRARY (LVDL)** offers so much more than books.

Did you know you can listen to audiobooks, stream music, take online courses, and more— all for free from the comfort of your home with a library card?

Take advantage of free computer and Wi-Fi access, fun events and classes, meeting and study rooms, notary services, and even home delivery for library materials if mobility or transportation is a challenge.

Hoopla (hoopladigital.com) also works with your LVDL library card to stream movies, e-books, and other digital media. Learn more at: lvdl.org/research.

Stop by the Lake Villa District Library or visit lvdl.org/services to sign up for your library card and start exploring all that LVDL has to offer!

The **UNITED WAY OF LAKE COUNTY 211 CONTACT CENTER** is a nonprofit geared toward providing resources to help Lake Co. residents in need whether it be housing or food assistance, crisis support, or something else. It's always confidential and 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).

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The **LAKE VILLA TOWNSHIP FOOD PANTRY** provides non-perishable food for Lake Villa Township residents. You may receive support twice per month.

Service hours are M–Th 8am–3:30pm at 37098 N. Fairfield Rd. Be sure to bring proof of address. See lakevillatownship.org/food-pantry for info.

FEELING THE SQUEEZE OF HIGHER COSTS?

Even small changes in how you heat, cool, and power your home can make a noticeable difference on your monthly bills. Try these simple, low-cost (or no-cost) ideas:

Heating & Cooling

- ◆ In winter, lower the temperature by 2–3°F, and set it to lower temps while you're asleep or away. Each degree can cut your energy use by up to 3%!
- ◆ Weatherstrip or caulk around windows, doors, and outlets to keep warm air in and cold air out.
- ◆ Clean furnace and A/C filters monthly to help systems run efficiently.
- ◆ Clean your dryer duct— lint buildup is a fire hazard!
- ◆ During winter months, run ceiling fans clockwise at low speed to push warm air down.
- ◆ Make sure furniture isn't blocking vents or radiators.
- ◆ Close curtains at night, open them during the day.
- ◆ Keep interior doors open for better airflow.

Water & Water Heating

- ◆ Flush your water heater once a year and lower the temperature to 120°F.
- ◆ Fix leaks— a dripping faucet or faulty toilet flapper can waste hundreds of gallons per year.
- ◆ Take shorter showers.
- ◆ Use cold water to wash clothes.

Electricity

- ◆ Switch to LED bulbs— they use up to 90% less energy and last much longer than incandescent bulbs.
- ◆ Unplug or power down electronics to stop “phantom” energy draws from TVs, chargers, appliances, etc.
- ◆ Wait for full loads before running appliances.

