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Candlewick Lake INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION ACTIVITIES

*West Gate/Caledonia Road Gate Open from 8AM-8PM

- 11AM- PARADE STEPS OFF**
Motorized vehicles start at Savannah Oaks, Bikes and walkers start at Friendship Park and parade ends at the Rec Center - *all are welcome!*
- 3PM- FOOD TRUCKS**
Enjoy Food Trucks at the Rec Center
- 1 - 4PM & 7-11PM LIVE MUSIC**
Live Entertainment at the Rec Center before and after fireworks
- FIREWORKS START AT DUSK APPROXIMATELY 9:20PM**
Fireworks will happen rain or shine and the time may change depending on weather conditions

CANDLEWICK LAKE • POPLAR GROVE, ILLINOIS

Candlewick Lake's INDEPENDENCE DAY PARADE

SATURDAY, JULY 11, 2026

The Candlewick Lake Events Commission is looking for **COMMUNITY GROUPS & INDIVIDUALS** to participate in our Independence Day Celebration Parade

Get your neighbors together and *join in on the fun!!!*

- MOTORCYCLE GROUPS
- SCOUT GROUPS
- CHURCH GROUPS
- SPORTS TEAMS
- OR JUST FRIENDS & NEIGHBORS

MOTORIZED VEHICLES, BICYCLES & WALKERS WELCOME!

Let's make this our BIGGEST and BEST parade ever!

Saturday, July 11th, Candlewick Lake will host the annual Independence Day Celebration. Beginning at 11AM, the parade will kick off from Friendship Park and move to the Recreation Center. Grab a chair and pick a good seat along the route. The parade is always a great way to kick off the day! If you are interested in participating in the annual parade, please contact the Administration Office.

Following the parade, the celebration continues at the Recreation Center with live music starting at 1PM. Featured acts Emily Wendy will play from 1PM - 4PM and Don't Tell Mom from 7PM - 11PM.

Hungry from all the celebrating? Food Trucks will join the Recreation Center fun at 3PM. Be sure to get in line and grab some delicious food from our local vendors.

Fireworks will go on rain or shine this year - beginning at dusk, around 9:20PM. Get ready, grab a spot, anchor your boat, and enjoy the view.

Having guests? The West Gate/Caledonia Road Gate will be staffed beginning at 8AM.

Candlewick Lake Association wishes you a happy and safe July 4th and Independence Day Celebration!

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Community News & Events

4th Annual Pickleball Tournament

Congratulations to the participants and winners of the 4th Annual Candlewick Lake Pickleball Tournament in honor of the late Bill Leibforth – who, along with his wife Susan, are the founding members. Partner teams played several matches throughout the afternoon in the Rec Center gym on June 7th. Comcast/Xfinity’s sponsorship was very generous with providing a catered lunch from Red Robin and supplying JBL prizes for our winners. Victory pickleball courts also donated 2 passes for beginner session lessons.

Congratulations to the winners of the “OK” group - Tina Masbruch and Hunter Peterson who won JBL EarPods and the Victory pickleball lessons!

Congratulations to the winners of the ”GOOD” group – Michelle Cotham and Judah Masbruch who won JBL speakers!

A huge thank you to all the players and those who worked behind the event to make it a wonderful afternoon of competitive pickleball and lunch with neighbors!! We look forward to next year’s tournament!



Thank you to all who participated!



Teams ready to play!



Enjoying an afternoon of competitive pickleball



“OK” Group Winners - Tina Masbruch and Hunter Peterson



“Good” Group Winners - Judah Masbruch and Michelle Cotham

Somers Team Claims Victory at 2026 Candlewick Lake Bass Tournament

The 2026 Candlewick Lake Bass Tournament was held under near-perfect conditions, with beautiful weather, mild winds, and plenty of active fish. Sixteen anglers participated in a day filled with friendly competition, camaraderie, and impressive catches.

Taking first place was the father-son team of Gene Somers and Finn Somers, who brought in the tournament’s top catch and earned a \$380 payout. Finn Somers nearly added another accolade to the team’s success, falling just short in the Big Bass competition by a mere 0.06 ounces.

The Big Bass Award was captured by Christian Bonacquisti, who’s impressive 5.08-pound largemouth bass earned him a \$160 prize.

Finishing in second place was the team of Jeff Gorham and Steve Goram, who secured a \$260 payout for their strong performance on the water.

Tournament officials reported that every team successfully caught a six-bass limit. Following the weigh-in, all fish were released in healthy condition and swam away to be caught another day, reflecting the tournament’s commitment to conservation and responsible fishing practices.

With excellent weather, competitive fishing, and strong participation, the 2026 Candlewick Lake Bass Tournament was another successful event for the local angling community.



First Place Tournament Winners Gene & Finn Somers - with Finn’s Big Bass catch



Second Place Tournament Winners Jeff Gorham and Steve Goram



Big Bass Award by Christian Bonacquisti

Candlewick Garden Club gets creative at Friendship Park

by Paula Kurpeski

On Saturday, June 13, 2026, the Candlewick Garden Club enjoyed a beautiful sunny day learning the creative art of casting leaves with cement.

Our very own Cindy Mikota, led our group and shared her talents, tips, and techniques with the group. Twenty participants gathered to create their own unique garden treasure while enjoying time together, conversation, and the beauty our lake community.

It was a wonderful afternoon filled with creativity, learning, laughter, and friendship — (and snacks) exactly what the Garden Club is all about.

A special thank you to Cindy for sharing her knowledge and inspiring us all to bring a little more art into our gardens.

Won't you consider joining us next month? Watch the paper for upcoming topics. Questions feel free to email candlewickgardeners@gmail.com

— Candlewick Garden Club



A Bright Light Has Been Extinguished

Submitted by Bonnie Marron

Long-time CWL resident (over 35+ years) and volunteer extraordinaire, Sandy Morse, has passed away. For those who knew Sandy they know this to be true; for those who did have the pleasure Sandy was the definition of a community volunteer.

I met Sandy more than 15 years ago. I think it was when I joined the Communications Commission in 2009. I do not know when she started with the commission, but she stayed with the commission until she resigned in 2025 partly due to a disagreement with the Board. She was also a member of the Finance Commission for many years as well as a Board of Directors member for one year. Following her one-year term she decided her talents could be better used elsewhere and she turned her interests into establishing the Community Garden with some of the vegetables going to the Capron Food Pantry and the original Neighbors Helping Neighbors Program which provided Christmas dinner and gifts for CWL residents in need. She stayed with these programs until she no longer could or they were taken away. Sandy spent the last five years battling various forms of cancer, but while the disease may have slowed her down, it certainly did not stop her. When she entered the hospital on May 23rd her daughter Meg, contacted me to make sure the Community Garden was looked after because she knew how important it was to her mom. She stayed with the Finance Commission (not sure when she last attended a meeting) and even attended the Budget Hearing in February.

In addition to the above she taught, at no cost to the CWL residents, two aquatic classes (Water Aerobics and Tabata), has been a member of group of residents who interfaced with Aqua, could be found at most Bunco nights, some Pub Trivia and Bingo nights, and volunteered for the Lake & Links Fest and the CWL 50th Anniversary Celebration. The list goes on and on and I am sure I am forgetting a few things. In addition to this she belonged to various clubs, including bowling, outside of CWL. She spent much of her life as a single mom of four and put herself through college as a single mom, graduating with degrees in both IT and HR.

Our community needs more individuals like her. I think of Sandy when people say they do not have the time. She and I had some very differing opinions on a variety of subjects, but that is probably why we worked as friends and I consider her my best friend in CWL and she will be greatly missed.

To my friends at Candlewick...

by Hubert Kays

I was recently enjoying a day of fishing from the pier. The fishing was great as usual. Some how, I found myself in the water. I've fished here forever and owned property a long time.

I will forever be grateful to the folks who came to my rescue and pulled me back on the pier. I do not remember trying to catch myself or tripping. The management can be proud of your community. The strangers who came running to help me say good things about Candlewick.

To the strangers who came running, the folks at the Rec Center, the two guys that helped me, and the security folks.. THANK YOU SO MUCH.

You all should be proud for what you did for me. I will forever be grateful.

Thanks again,
Hubert Kays

You won't get an unsolicited phone call but we'll be here when you need us.

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Thank you to all our participants!
Please see the Garden Club Ad on Page 12 for upcoming event information.

Annual Candlewick Lake Kids Fishing Tournament

The annual Candlewick Lake Kids Fishing Tournament was held on June 21 and turned out to be another great day for our community. Although rain was in the forecast, the weather cooperated throughout the event and only began to lightly sprinkle after prizes had been awarded.

This year, **34 kids participated**, enjoying a morning of fishing, fun, and friendly competition.

The event is proudly sponsored and organized by Friends of Candlewick, a self-supported volunteer group dedicated to improving and supporting our lake community. Our group consists of a small team of volunteers—many of whom are also involved with Lake Management—who coordinate the annual fishing tournament while also helping address lake-related improvements and community projects throughout the year.

Over the years, **Friends of Candlewick** has funded projects such as purchasing fishing piers and contributing additional funds toward fish stocking efforts to help improve the lake experience for everyone.

How do we fund these projects? Through our community aluminum can recycling program. We currently maintain four collection locations throughout Candlewick:

- Recreation Center
- Highland Green Valley
- Friendship Park
- Front Office

Residents are encouraged to bag aluminum cans securely and place them in the nearest collection bin. Every donation helps support future improvements and events within our community.

A special thank you goes out to all **14 volunteers** from the Board, Lake Management, and Friends of Candlewick who helped make this event possible through registration, judging, and tallying results. Your time and dedication continue to make events like this a success.

Thank you to everyone who participated, volunteered, and supported the event. We look forward to seeing everyone back next year for another great day on Candlewick Lake!

CONGRATULATIONS WINNERS

OF THE 2026 CANDLEWICK LAKE KIDS FISHING TOURNAMENT

Age 3-6

First Place - Jacob Kloeckner (Most Fish)

Second Place - Walter Schmucker (2nd Most)

Third Place - Amelia Lappin (smallest fish)

Age 7-9

First Place - Elias Villalobos (17.5 inch bass)

Second Place - Connor Keyes

Third Place - Colton Schiller

Age 10-13

First Place - Presto Diblasi (21 inch bass*)

Second Place - Poppi Somers

Third Place - Jayden Dillenburg

Age 14-16

First Place - Drew Sportsman (19 inch bass)

Second Place - Shane Weber

Third Place - Othmiel Guzman

*New Kids record! Great Job Presto!

Thank you to everyone who participated, volunteered, and supported the event.

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Summer Soltice Event

On the evening of June 21, residents gathered at the Recreation Center for games, bonfire, and live DJ to celebrate the arrival of summer. Another great turnout for this Candlewick Lake Events Commission Sponsored Event!



SUMMER SAFETY

for Everyone

WORKING TOGETHER FOR A SAFE CANDLEWICK LAKE

CAR AND OTHER MOTORIZED VEHICLE DRIVERS,

IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO KNOW AND FOLLOW THE RULES OF THE ROAD.

SPEED LIMIT 25

Candlewick residents and your guests need to respect the **SPEED LIMITS** posted.

STOP

STOP SIGNS means to come to a complete **STOP**.

WALKERS

of all ages, remember that you always walk facing the oncoming traffic – that means you are facing the oncoming traffic.

*** Safety Please ***

- Too many people walk with their head down – either on their phones or with earbuds and don't know what is happening behind them.
- If walking in the evening, please wear light colored clothing or something reflective.

PLEASE REMEMBER THE ROADWAY IS A SHARED SPACE *

Cars, other motor vehicles and Bikers keep to the **RIGHT**.

Walkers keep to the **LEFT**. (Not the Middle)

BICYCLE RIDING

is a fun way to exercise and enjoy the outdoors.

- Rules of the Road apply to all bicyclists, please when teaching your child to ride a bike remember to teach them the safety rules.

ADULTS ** PARENTS ** KIDS OF ALL AGES ---

- Please take some time to review and talk about the Rules of the Road, for both vehicles and all types of bikes * and why those rules should be followed.

CWL PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION

wants everyone to be **SAFE**.

STAY INFORMED

STAY SAFE

CANDLEWICK LAKE ASSOCIATION

Did you know?...

Aluminum cans collected at Castaway Park, Highland Valley Green, and the Recreation Center Peninsula are recycled and the money collected is used to fund projects that benefit the lake and community.

Funds have been used for:

- Kid's Fishing Tournament
- Fish stocking
- Building fish structures
- Purchase lake GPS
- Lake planting

Bins marked for Can Collection are for CANS ONLY. Please do not put glass, plastic, or garbage into the Can Collection bins. Violators are subject to a \$500 fine. All areas are monitored by Candlewick Lake Public Safety

Yard of the Month

June 2026 - Winners

229 Rochester

142 Brandywine

HOLIDAY HOURS

July 3rd

ADMINISTRATION OFFICE CLOSED
RECREATION CENTER 10:00AM - 2:00PM
SAVANNAH OAKS 7:30AM - 10:00PM

July 4th

ADMINISTRATION OFFICE CLOSED
RECREATION CENTER 9:00AM - 5:00PM
SAVANNAH OAKS 7:30AM - 6:00PM

July 11th

ADMINISTRATION OFFICE CLOSED
RECREATION CENTER 9:00AM - 5:00PM
SAVANNAH OAKS 7:30AM - 6:00PM

★ From our family to yours ★

WISHING YOU A

HAPPY 4TH OF JULY

CANDLEWICK LAKE ASSOCIATION

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Yard of the Month Contest

Every month from May through October, the Events Commission sponsors a Yard of the Month Club. Residents are encouraged to nominate friends, neighbors, or someone who has done a nice job on their yard. There are two winners each month!

- Nominations are due by the 9th of each month. Yard of the Month Club Members will then go out to view the nominated yards.
- Judging is only applicable to areas visible from the street (no backyards).
- A sign announcing the winner will be permitted in the winner's yard until the following month's winner is announced.
- Nomination Forms are available at the Rec Center, or you may cut out and return the portion below.

NOMINATION FORM - YARD OF THE MONTH

Address Nominated:

Nominated By:

Reason for nomination (optional):

Nomination form due at the Rec Center by the 9th of each month before 5PM

Board of Directors

Why Candlewick Lake Facilities Are Not Open to the Public

by Candlewick Lake Association Management

From time to time, questions arise regarding whether Candlewick Lake should open the clubhouse, golf course facilities, or other amenities to the general public for events, fundraisers, programs, rentals, or other activities. Some members wish to see broader public access on a regular basis, while others advocate for occasional public events. Because this topic continues to surface yet remains foggy for many, it is important for everyone to understand the purpose of Candlewick Lake as established by our governing documents.

The answer begins with a simple fact: Candlewick Lake was created as a private community, not a public facility, or a hybrid of both. This is not a recent Board policy or management interpretation. The concept starts in the Association’s governing documents dating back at least to the 1977 CC&Rs, which state that Candlewick Lake’s streets, lakes, parks, recreational facilities, and other amenities “shall remain private” and are intended for the use and enjoyment of Association members. That principle has remained a foundational characteristic of Candlewick Lake for decades.

While there may have been times in the past when certain events or uses were handled differently, past practice does not override the governing documents or eliminate the Board’s responsibility to apply them going forward.

The Association’s amenities—including the clubhouse, parks, recreational facilities, golf facilities, lakes, and other common properties—exist because they were established, funded, and maintained for the benefit of Candlewick Lake property owners and residents. These amenities are supported through member assessments and are part of the benefits and services provided to those who own property within the community.

Most importantly, our governing documents establish that Candlewick Lake’s common properties and amenities are private in nature. The CC&Rs provide that the community’s common properties and recreational facilities are private and are intended for the use and enjoyment of Association members. Unlike a municipal park district, public recreation center, banquet facility, or commercial event venue, Candlewick Lake was not created to serve the general public.

This distinction is important because it affects virtually every aspect of Association operations. This is not an opinion; it is governance fact.

When the Association evaluates requests involving public access to amenities, the issue is not whether a particular event is worthy, charitable, educational, or beneficial. Nor is the issue whether the event would occur once, twice, or several times per year. The fundamental question is whether the proposed use is consistent with the purpose of Candlewick Lake as a private, member-funded community.

Members occasionally ask where the line should be drawn. The reality is that there is no specific number of public events that suddenly transforms a private community into a public facility. Rather, the Board must ensure Association facilities, staff resources, and member-funded assets are being used for the benefit of members, residents, and their guests, or whether they are being used to attract, serve, or accommodate the general public.

In addition to governance concerns, there are practical operational considerations. Opening amenities to the public can increase demands on staff, security, maintenance, insurance coverage, parking, and facility management. Non-member use of these services and amenities increases wear and tear on facilities that were funded and maintained through member assessments. It can also reduce members’ ability to use and enjoy those amenities by limiting availability in order to accommodate non-members.

There are also financial and tax considerations. Candlewick Lake is a not-for-profit community association whose primary purpose is to maintain common property and provide services and amenities for its members. Federal tax laws treat member assessment income differently from income generated from non-members. If an association directs activities, services, and amenities toward the general public, additional tax reporting, accounting, and compliance obligations arise. While occasional exceptions may not create significant concerns, the more the Association provides public-facing activities and services, the greater the tax, legal, and financial implications arise.

This does not mean that non-members can never enter the community. Guests of residents, prospective purchasers, contractors, invited speakers, and certain Board-approved activities have always been part of community operations. In limited circumstances, the Board may also evaluate special requests on a case-by-case basis. However, such exceptions do not change the fundamental purpose of the Association, the private nature of the community, and the Board’s obligation to uphold the governing documents.

Ultimately, the Association’s responsibility is to preserve and protect the assets, amenities, and character of Candlewick Lake for the benefit of the membership. While people’s opinions may differ on where particular requests should fall, the guiding principle remains the same: Candlewick Lake’s facilities and amenities exist first and foremost for the members who fund them and the private community they call home.

Monthly Board of Directors Meeting:

Tuesday, July 21st, 2026, 6:30PM
Tuesday, August 18th, 2026, 6:30PM

All Monthly BOD Meetings held at the Recreation Center

**Meeting dates and times are subject to change. Subscribe to CWL E-blasts for updates*

BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

In a continued effort to improve communication between Candlewick Lake Association, the Board of Directors, and Candlewick Lake residents, the Candlewick Lake Newspaper Commission has launched the Board Meeting Highlights. This new featured section in the monthly Candlewick Lake Newspaper details the most recent Board of Directors Meeting(s). This section will differ from the Official Meeting Minutes and contain highlights such as: topics of discussion, action items, and votes. Due to printing deadlines, there may be a delay in publication of the Board Meeting Highlights. We thank you for your patience and feedback as we develop this new section.

The following actions were taken or reported by the Board of Directors at their June 16, 2026 meeting.

- The Board unanimously approved Lake Management’s recommendation to get bids for the replacement of docks at Castaway, Friendship Park and the Recreation Center launch.
- The Board unanimously approved Public Safety Commission’s request to put a Sharps disposal kiosk from COAR outside the Administration building.
- The Board unanimously approved Savannah Oaks Commission’s recommendation to schedule a 9-hole golf outing on July 4th.
- The Board approved by a vote of 4/3 Savannah Oaks Commission’s recommendation to allow the Friends of Savannah Oaks to use a caterer for the August 8th golf outing.
- The Board unanimously approved the caterer for the Volunteer Appreciation Dinner.
- The Board unanimously approved sending the Association Rights Against Sex Offenders issue to Public Safety with Dave Wiltse helping.
- The Board unanimously approved Resolution 26-R-17 for the purchase of a beverage refrigerator and bottle organizers for Savannah Oaks Clubhouse.
- The Board unanimously approved holding the Kids’ Fishing Tournament with properly screened volunteers.
- The Board unanimously approved revising the rules for the Reseparation Fee obligation for replats. A policy will be presented at the 7/21/26 Board meeting.
- The Board unanimously approved a Benjamin Wilken replacing Gary Kurpeski on the ECC.

Full meeting minutes will be posted to the Candlewick Lake website (candlewicklake.org) after approval at the following month’s Board of Directors Meeting

The Board Beat

In this recurring piece, we will explain various aspects of the Board and it’s functions. This month we will give an overview of Board Communication and Decision Making.

Did you know that all discussions regarding Board of Directors’ business must take place in open session (meetings)?

The Common Interest Community Association Act (the governing laws for homeowners and condo associations) contains an Open Meetings Mandate which states:

All Board discussions and decisions regarding Association business must take place at noticed meetings open to all unit owners, unless the topic falls under limited exceptions, like legal and personnel issues.

So if you have ever wondered why a board meeting is so long - this is the answer. All discussions must take place within that meeting so that the membership can be present.

On the plus side, you get a front row seat to the decision making process of the Board of Directors. Pertinent background information is provided to the Board prior to the meeting in order to study and come prepared with their thoughts and questions. This is also why the agenda is posted at least 48 hours in advance, that way the membership can come and sit in on the items they may be wondering about. If the members have a question or comment on an agenda item the board has open forum at the beginning of each meeting where you can let us know your thoughts.

As always the board looks forward to seeing you at our next meeting!

Creative & Editorial

My Independence on July 4th

By PattyMac

Yesterday was the best day of my life! It was the 4th of July, our nations’ 250th birthday! Grandpa and I walked down by the dock and talked a little while, about me growing up. I was surprised that he seemed to understand what it was like to be thirteen.

After the parade we played games, went to the pool, ate hotdogs and of course had ice cream! Before the fireworks, we played with sparklers and smoke bombs in our backyard. I got an old coffee can, put all the firecrackers I had in there, stood back and let them go, exclaiming, “Take that, you filthy animal”, just like Kevin in Home Alone. I was putting stuff away when I noticed I had one more firecracker left.

After we all went to bed, I couldn’t stop thinking about it. How did I miss that one? Maybe, after they are all asleep, I’ll set it off. Maybe they’ll think it’s the neighbors. Mom would know, she always knows. The garage door opening would wake them up for sure.

Then I remembered talking with Grandpa earlier today. Our founding fathers were ordinary men who did extraordinary things that brought about our independence because they were faced with the hard question: Should I, or shouldn’t I take action? He said we all will have times when we are not sure of what to do next and one thing that helped him was to ask himself, will it bother me later if I do or don’t take action now?

That night, I slept like a baby. In the morning when I came downstairs, Mom was at the stove cooking our breakfast. I knew right then, she knew. She gave me that look. Dad smiled. Grandpa, was sitting at the table, took a sip of his coffee, grinned and nodded his head. Yes, I woke them up last night. I even unashamedly and loudly proclaimed “Goodnight family” before returning to bed.



PEACE FOR A GREAT MAN

By Ken Dillenburg

“If I only had one more firecracker I could scare the crap out of that old man in the wheelchair!”, the boy said. He had no idea what effect a simple firecracker can have on some.

Memorial Day was always hard for Don, but the 4th of July was the worst. He lost several buddies in the Big War (WW2) and on Memorial Day his family would always take him to one of the services dressed in his old uniform to honor those who didn’t make it home. Even in his nineties he could still see their young faces, and remember most of their names. Every year it led to tears.

The 4th of July was another thing completely. When the fireworks shells were shot up and the explosions rang out he was back in the foxhole. Mortar rounds were screaming in and exploding all around. Some wouldn’t explode, and there was just the loud thud as the shell hit the ground. Everyone was praying one wouldn’t land by them. Some were lucky, some were not.

Don felt the concussion from the explosion and heard someone yelling “MEDIC!” He looked down to see one of his legs was missing from the knee down. That was all he remembered. The term P.T.S.D. wasn’t used back then, it was “shell shock.” Don’s shell shock had not left after all these years.

His well meaning family wheeled him to a good vantage spot to view the Candlewick fireworks. They normally put on quite a show. He was determined to keep his eyes open this year to avoid the flash backs. The show began, big booms as the patterned multi-colored fire spread across the sky. Soon Don’s eyes were so heavy he could keep them open no longer. The Star Spangled Banner was playing loudly over the sound of the fireworks. He closed his eyes and beautiful patterns of colored light filled his consciousness. It was wonderful and he felt a peace he had never known. A soft smile appeared on his wrinkled face as he recognized his old buddies from the service, waving at him. Don would never fear again. His eyes would not open again. Don was free. It was time for the great reward for a great man. R.I P. Don, our American hero!

Newspaper Commission Meeting:

Tuesday, July 14th, 2026, 6PM
Wednesday, August 12th, 2026, 6PM

All Newspaper Commission Meetings held at the Admin Office.

**Meeting dates and times are subject to change. Subscribe to CWL E-blasts for updates*



CREATIVE WRITING

for the CWL newspaper

The Newspaper Commission is seeking submissions for the **Creative Writing Corner!**

If you are interested in submitting, please send your 250-word fictional story to newspaper@candlewicklake.org using the monthly writing prompt.

AUGUST WRITING PROMPT:

“I have caught a lot of fish in Candlewick Lake, but this one....”

due July 10th for publishing in the August Newspaper

CANDLEWICK LAKE NEWSPAPER SUBMISSIONS

We love to hear from our readers!
Letters to the editor & opinion pieces should:

- **Discuss topics of interest to our community, preferably ones we have recently covered**
- **Offer a different perspective or additional information and insight**
- **Be 350 words or less**

Sample Topics Include:



- Around the Lake
- Savannah Oaks
- Rec Center Activities
- Community News
- Outside CWL
- Community Interests
- Local News

Send submissions by the 10th of the month to:
newspaper@candlewicklake.org

Submission does not guarantee publication. The Candlewick Lake Newspaper Commission may edit submission for clarity and editorial standards.

Join the Candlewick Lake

Book Club

Meet the Last Wednesday of each Month

5:30PM • Social Time
6PM • Book Discussion

@ Water’s Edge Room in the Recreation Center

Sign up for e-blasts or visit the News tab on CandlewickLake.org for updates on each month's book

LENDING LIBRARY IN WATER’S EDGE ROOM AT THE RECREATION CENTER
TAKE A BOOK • LEAVE A BOOK
KIDS • YA • FICTION • NON-FICTION • BOOKS ON CD



Join the Fun at the Rec Center!



KIDS GYM

10:30am – 12:00pm
EVERY TUESDAY

A fun non-instructional environment for both you and your children to gather and socialize! Equipment such as balls, mats, and toys will be available for your children to use.
Kids Gym is FREE for Residents. Bring your CWL ID and a change of shoes. No registration required. Parents/Guardians must remain with children and supervise their play at all times.



VOLLEYBALL

1pm – 3pm
2nd & 4th Saturdays
ages 14+
free for all residents



FULL COURT BASKETBALL

6pm – 8pm
Mondays: ages 16+
Tuesdays: ages 14+



PICKLEBALL

Join the Pickleball League every week in the gym! Rackets and balls are available at the Rec Center. Residents may bring a guest for a \$4 fee per visit. Remember to bring a change of shoes to keep the floor clean!

Wednesdays 6pm – 8pm (ages 18+)
Thursdays 6pm – 8pm (ages 14+)
Thursdays 1pm – 3pm (ages 18+)



BUNCO

6:00pm – 8:00pm First Friday every Month

Anyone 18+ is welcome to join us at the Rec Center on the first first Friday of every month! BYOB & a snack to share!



PONY CANASTA

Wednesdays
1pm – 4pm
Water's Edge



CANDLEWICK CRAFTERS

1pm – 4pm
2nd & 4th Monday every month

Looking for a friendly group where you can learn a new skill or simply work on your current project? Meet the Candlewick Crafters in the Lakeview Room twice a month!



MORNING WALKERS

Monday – Friday
9:15am – 10:15am

Fitness walking is a safe and fun way to get some serious exercise! Participants walk & march while working out to fitness videos. Choose your own workout intensity & speed. Bring a change of shoes and join us in the Gymnasium every weekday for this free class!

ACTIVITIES & RENTALS

POOL	
Guest Pool Pass - Daily	\$8
Guest Pool Pass - Seasonal (Limited to Four)	\$45
KAYAKS, FISHING, DOCKS	
Kayak Rentals (\$20 cash deposit or license held)	\$5/hour
Life Jacket Rental (Children Required to Wear Life Jacket on Kayaks)	\$2
Guest Fishing Permit - Daily (Limited to Five Per Day)	\$15
Guest Fishing Permit - Three Consecutive Days	\$20
Guest Fishing Permit - Seasonal (Limited to Four)	\$35
Dock Rental - Marina Docks (Annual Fee) \$25 Deposit Required	\$500
Dock Rental - Stationary Docks (Annual Fee)	\$325
ADVENTURE CLUB	
After School Care	\$15/day
Summer Camp	\$35/day
GYM & FITNESS CENTER	
Guest Gym Pass	\$5/day
Guest Fitness Center Pass	\$5/day
Resident Extended Hours Fitness Center Pass (Monthly)	\$15/month
Replacement Extended Hours Fitness Card	\$15
Rec Programs	varies
Dog Park (Annual Fee Per Tag - Per Dog) \$25 Key Deposit Required	\$15
RENTALS	
Lakeview Room (2 hour minimum, \$400 cap) \$200 Deposit Required	\$55/hour
After-Hours Rental Fee - Lakeview Room (Additional Fee Per Hour)	\$30/hour
Friendship Park Pavilion \$25 Deposit Required	\$30/day
Outpost Rental - Half Day (5 hours or less) \$200 Deposit Required	\$175
Outpost Rental - Full Day (6 hours or more) \$200 Deposit Required	\$300
proof of special event insurance is required for facility rentals	

KAYAK RENTALS



@ CANDLEWICK LAKE RECREATION CENTER

\$5 per hour per kayak

Kayak rentals are available at the Rec Center for Candlewick Lake residents. Please visit the Rec Center Front Desk to rent a kayak today!

Rental Cost: \$5.00 per hour, per kayak

Life Jackets: Available for \$2.00 per hour, per person (or bring their own Coast Guard-approved vest)

Type of Kayaks: Two-person kayaks available

Who Can Rent: Must be a Candlewick Lake resident, age 16 or older (resident must be in the kayak)

Age Restrictions: No children under 3 allowed; anyone under 16 must wear a life vest

Location of Use: Kayaks are restricted to the no-wake zone only

Important Note: No swimming is allowed from the kayaks at any time

Paddles are provided with rentals, and all equipment is issued after check-out through the Recreation Center.

Candlewick Lake Recreation Center's

FITNESS CLASS SCHEDULE

Classes begin the week of June 23rd



Cardio Dance

Thursdays | 5:45PM - 6:30PM

\$30 for Six-week Session



Strength Training

Thursdays | 6:45PM - 7:25PM

\$15 for Six-week Session



Yo-Chi

Thursdays | 7:30PM - 8:15PM

\$30 for Six-week Session



Strength & Yo-Chi Combo

Tuesdays & Thursdays | 9AM - 10AM

\$40 for Six-week Session

Sign-up at the Recreation Center Front Desk. Payment is due at sign-up for all sessions. Drop-in classes will be available for \$5 per class.

Every Monday Night

FOOD TRUCKS ARE BACK

at the Rec Center

*Weather permitting. Stay tuned for day-of Facebook updates announcing which food trucks will be visiting. Please note that weekly e-blasts will not be sent this year.

Candlewick Lake Recreation Center's

Coffee Sponsorship Program

Provide coffee & supplies for Candlewick Lake Residents in the Water's Edge Room at the Recreation Center, while advertising your business or event with an 8.5"x11" advertisement posted at our coffee station.

\$200 for a 3-month sponsorship
\$300 for a 6-month sponsorship

BREAKFAST

START YOUR DAY RIGHT!

Breakfast Sandwich

Ham slice, egg rounds, and cheese all on a french roll with a parmesan peppercorn sauce.

\$6

Breakfast Special

Sausage gravy covers our pizza or flatbread crust, topped with egg crumbles, bacon, and cheese for a great start to the day.

Pizza: \$16 / Flatbread: \$14

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Summer DRINK MENU

Peach Tea

Peach Jim Beam, Coke, & Lemonade come together for a light summer treat.

\$9.00

Blackberry Dandy

Summer refreshment in a glass with Blackberry Crown Royal, Lemonade, & Sprite.

\$8.00

Summer Mule

A summery twist on a course classic. Made with Tito's Vodka, Cranberry Juice and Ginger Beer

\$6.50

Otter Pop

Vanilla, Midori Melon, Sour come together with lemonade & sprite for a nostalgic summer treat.

\$7.00

Rum Bucket

A refreshing mix of 5 rums, pineapple, and orange juice, topped with grenadine. Served up in a bucket of fun.

\$10.00

IT'S YOUR MONEY

Your Finance Commission has the responsibility to examine our Operating and Reserve Expenditures as well as funding. Each member takes this responsibility seriously, pointing out areas that seem to be out of expected parameters and finding out why. The more eyes we have on these reports the better, and we are in need of members.

Many property owners seem to feel they are not qualified to participate, but that is not true. Sure, people with financial backgrounds will have a head start, but almost anyone can learn to read and interpret these reports. It just takes a little time and listening to other's comments.

You will catch on and be a very important part of making recommendations to the Board and understand how the gears mesh to make our association function. Give it a try!

SEND ME AN EMAIL! KEN DILLENBURG - LAKEFOLKS2@GMAIL.COM

Karaoke Night

@ Savannah Oaks Clubhouse

Upcoming Dates: July 25th

TRIVIA NIGHT

Pub Trivia @ Savannah Oaks Clubhouse

Upcoming Dates - July 18th & August 15th

Upcoming Events

July 2026

- 7/1 - Savannah Oaks Commission @ Rec Center, 6PM
ECC Meeting @ Admin Office, 6:30PM
- 7/3 - Bunco @ Rec Center, 6PM - 8:30PM
- 7/4 - Red, White, & Blue Golf Outing @ Savannah Oaks, 9AM
- 7/6 - Events Commission @ Rec Center, 6:30PM
- 7/8 - Public Safety @ Rec Center, 6:30PM
- 7/11 - Independence Day Celebration Events
Parade, Begins @ Savannah Oaks > Rec Center, 11AM
Food Trucks @ Rec Center, 3PM
Live Music @ Rec Center, 1PM-4PM, 7PM-11PM
Fireworks, Dusk or Approximately 9:20PM
- 7/14 - Newspaper Commission Meeting @ Admin Office, 6PM
Lake Management Meeting @ Rec Center, 6:30PM
- 7/15 - ECC Meeting @ Admin Office, 6:30PM
- 7/17 - Couples Golf Outing @ Savannah Oaks, 5:30PM
- 7/18 - Pub Trivia @ Savannah Oaks, 7PM
- 7/20 - Finance Commission Meeting @ Admin Office, 5:30PM
- 7/21 - Board of Directors Meeting @ Rec Center, 6:30PM
- 7/18 - Pub Trivia @ Savannah Oaks, 7PM
- 7/29 - Book Club Meeting @ Rec Center, 5:30PM
- 7/25 - Karaoke @ Savannah Oaks, 7PM
- 7/26 - Concert in the Park @ Rec Center, 6:30PM
(sponsored by Boone County Arts Council)
Free Boat Rides, 3PM - 6:15PM
- 7/29 - Book Club Meeting @ Rec Center, 5:30PM

August 2026

- 8/1 - Youth Golf League Tournament @ Savannah Oaks, 9AM
- 8/3 - Events Commission @ Rec Center, 6:30PM
- 8/5 - Savannah Oaks Commission @ Rec Center, 6PM
ECC Meeting @ Admin Office, 6:30PM
- 8/7 - Bunco @ Rec Center, 6PM - 8:30PM
- 8/8 - Friends of Savannah Oaks Golf Outing, 8AM
Garden Club @ Rec Center, 10AM - 12PM
- 8/11 - Lake Management Meeting @ Rec Center, 6:30PM
- 8/12 - Newspaper Commission @ Admin Office, 6PM
- 8/14 - Couples Golf Outing @ Savannah Oaks, 5:30PM
- 8/15 - Pub Trivia @ Savannah Oaks, 7PM
- 8/17 - Finance Commission @ Admin Office, 5:30PM
- 8/18 - Board Meeting @ Rec Center, 6:30PM
- 8/19 - ECC Meeting @ Admin Office, 6:30PM
Public Safety Commission @ Rec Center, 6:30PM
- 8/26 - Book Club Meeting @ Rec Center, 5:30PM

**For the Full Calendar of Events - See Page 22 or visit candlewicklake.org*

Events Commission Meeting:

Monday, July 6th, 2026, 6:30PM
Monday, August 3rd, 2026, 6:30PM

All Events Commission Meetings held at the Rec Center.

**Meeting dates and times are subject to change. Subscribe to CWL E-blasts for updates*

CONCERT IN THE PARK

AT CANDLEWICK LAKE

Sunday, July 26

at the Rec Center

- Food Trucks beginning at **3:00PM**
- Free Boat Rides **3:00PM - 6:15PM**
- The Rocksufers **6:30PM**

Free boat rides are provided by resident volunteers using their own boats.

This event is sponsored by the Candlewick Lake Events Commission in coordination with the Boone County Arts Council.

Candlewick Garden Club

No regular meetings scheduled for July

In July, please celebrate our Country's 250th anniversary with Candlewick Lake's events

Other CWL Garden Club events coming up:

- JULY** Date TBD
Trip to Rotary Gardens in Janesville, Wis.
- AUGUST 8**
Trip to Beloit Farmers Market
- SEPTEMBER 12**
"Carnivorous and Poisonous Plants" by Bobbi Burke

Questions: candlewickgardeners@gmail.com

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LOST & FOUND

If you have **LOST** an item, contact the Recreation Center (815-339-0500 ext. 300) to check the Lost & Found.

If you have **FOUND** an item, please drop it off at the Recreation Center.

Items left in the Lost & Found will be disposed of or donated if not claimed after one month.

June 2026 Yard of the Month Winners



142 Brandywine



229 Rochester

To nominate a yard - Complete the YOTM form on Page 6 and drop it off at the Admin Office

WELCOME TO
THROWBACK CANDLEWICK



Lining up for the July 4th Parade! Spy the lake in the back - Summer 1986



Ready for the parade! - Summer 1986

If you have any older photos (70's, 80's, or 90's) of Candlewick Lake, past community events, or just from around the lake and would like to share them - please email newspaper@candlewicklake.org
Thank you to the Romano Family for this month's photos

Candlewick Kids Corner

Instructions: Cut out this month's picture, have your child color it, and drop it off at the Rec Center or Front Office. Please include child's first name only, and age.

Each Month the CWL Newspaper Commission will choose their favorite submission and share it in the following month's newspaper.

Thank you Jaclyn for this month's submission:



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Hours:

Sun - Thurs: 5a - 10 p
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Have a Safe & Happy 4th of July Weekend!



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or email:
rbmadvertising@gmail.com



For Classified Line Ads: Call the CWL Office at 815-339-0500
or visit us online at www.candlewicklake.org

Lake Management

Lake Management Commission Meeting:

Tuesday, July 14th, 2026, 6:30PM
Tuesday, August 11th, 2026, 6:30PM

All Lake Management Commission Meetings held at the Rec Center.

**Meeting dates and times are subject to change. Subscribe to CWL E-blasts for updates*

Replacing a Critical Piece of Candlewick Lake Infrastructure

by Chuck Hart, Lake Management Commission Chair

Candlewick Lake Association is preparing to replace one of the community’s most important pieces of lake infrastructure — the primary boat ramp located at the Candlewick Lake Recreational Center.

While Candlewick Lake has four boat ramps throughout the community, this particular launch serves a much larger purpose than everyday recreational boating. The ramp being replaced is the Association’s primary heavy-duty access point for large equipment and lake maintenance operations.

For decades, this ramp has played a critical role in supporting major lake projects, including dredging operations, dock installations, dam maintenance, and repairs to the lake’s overflow structure. Barges, dredging equipment and other possible specialized machinery rely on this location to safely access the lake.

After approximately 50 years of service, the existing ramp has reached the point where replacement is necessary to ensure continued safety, durability, and operational reliability for future lake maintenance needs.

The new concrete ramp is being designed specifically to handle heavy equipment loads and long-term use. Plans discussed during the proposal process include an extended ramp length to better accommodate the large barges used seasonally for dock installation and other maintenance activities.

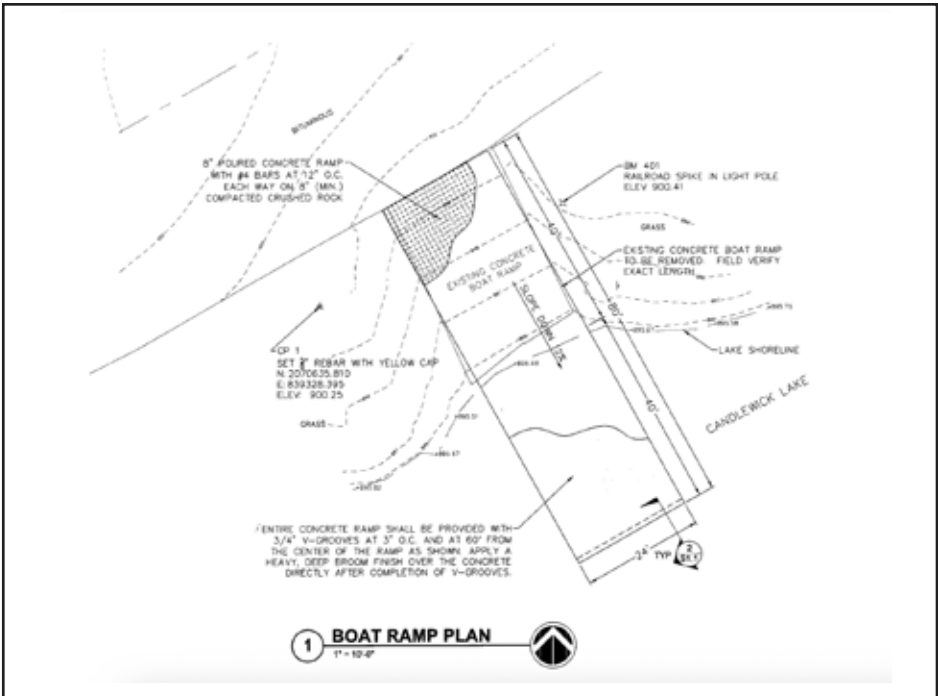
The proposed project also includes:

- Engineered and state-certified design plans
- Improved concrete thickness and reinforcement
- Compacted stone base material for enhanced stability
- Grooved concrete surface for improved traction
- Construction methods designed for long-term durability in fluctuating water conditions

Association management and maintenance staff worked closely with contractors to review construction details, engineering requirements, scheduling, and future operational needs before moving the project forward.

Although residents may primarily view the ramp as another boat launch, this project represents a significant investment in Candlewick Lake’s long-term infrastructure and maintenance capabilities. Maintaining dependable lake access for heavy equipment is essential for preserving lake quality, supporting dredging efforts, protecting the dam and spillway systems, and ensuring the Association can respond efficiently to future repair needs.

The Candlewick Lake Association Board approved Resolution 26-R-12 at the special board meeting on May 11, 2026 as part of ongoing efforts to maintain and improve community assets for current and future residents.



Part of the plans developed for the new Boat Ramp - Contact the Lake Management Commission for full plans

Fishing Regulations

- A State Fishing license is required for all people ages 16 and over.
- Your CWL Member ID is your Candlewick Lake fishing permit and must be carried with you while fishing on the lake.
- A guest fishing pass is required for each Guest age 16+ and may be a non-designated seasonal or a one-day pass. Both can be purchased at the Administration Office or Recreation Center. Guest passes must be purchased by a Resident with proof of residency.
- Guest use of the lake is permitted provided that the Property Owner is on or within the immediate vicinity of the lake at all times. Immediate vicinity is defined as the shoreline or a Property Owner’s lakefront property. Exceptions will be made when there are extenuating circumstances, as predetermined by Public Safety, that would prevent a Property Owner from being with their Guest. The Property Owner is responsible for contacting Public Safety in advance so that the request may be considered and logged. The log will be maintained so that an individual that has an “approved situation” will not need to call Public Safety every time their Guest wants to use the lake. If Public Safety staff members or certified volunteers see any pattern of abuse to this rule exception, it will result in a withdrawal of the exception privilege for the remainder of the season/year. When there are extenuating circumstances that prohibit the Property Owner from being on or within the immediate vicinity of the lake, the Property Owner must still be within the Candlewick Lake Community. (Policy 09-11)
- All shanties must be marked with the name and address of the CWL Property Owner or Resident and cannot be left on the ice overnight unattended.
- Only two (2) lines per person. This may include: 2 rods, 1 rod and 1 tip up, or 2 tip ups.
- NO MINNOWS ALLOWED (dead or alive). All other live bait is also prohibited. Exceptions: Bluegill and Perch caught at Candlewick, worms, leeches, and dead smelt may be used. Bluegill & Perch being used as bait may only be collected with hook & line. Netting of fish is not allowed.

FISH LIMITS

Applicable for Ice Fishing & All Year round

RESIDENTS			GUESTS OF RESIDENTS	
Bluegill	20/day	8” or more, limit 5 per day	10/day	8” or more, limit 5 per day
Perch	15/day	No size limit	7/day	No size limit
Crappie	15/day	9” minimum (Catch & Release 4/1 - 6/1)	7/day	9” minimum (Catch & Release 4/1 - 6/1)
Walleye	2/day	16” minimum	1/day	16” minimum
Catfish	6/day	No size limit	3/day	No size limit
Northern	2/day	24” minimum	2/day	24” minimum
Musky	1/day	48” minimum		Catch & Release
Rock Bass		No Limit		No Limit
Small Mouth Bass		Catch & Release		Catch & Release
Large Mouth Bass		Catch & Release		Catch & Release
Redear Sunfish		Catch & Release		Catch & Release
Grass Carp		Remove		Remove
Koi		Remove		Remove
Bullhead		Remove		Remove
White Bass		Remove		Remove
Any fish not listed above is Catch & Remove				
FISH LIMITS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE PLEASE CHECK THE INFORMATIONAL SIGNS AND THE CANDLEWICK NEWSPAPER				
CWL Residents age 16+ with a valid Illinois State fishing license may use tethered arrows to remove carp only from dusk to dawn. Please notify public safety when you have removed a grass carp; dispose of carp in a plastic bag before placing in trash can.				
CANDLEWICK LAKE ASSOCIATION FISHING REGULATIONS 2025-2026 APPROVED 07/15/2025				

FISHING RULES AND LIMITS
ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE.

READ THE FULL CWL
RULES & REGULATIONS AT
CANDLEWICKLAKE.ORG

REMINDER

YOU MUST HAVE A STATE
FISHING LICENSE AND
CWL PERMIT TO FISH ON
CANDLEWICK LAKE



**Your Member ID is your CWL fishing permit and must be carried with you while fishing. Guest permits can be purchased at the Recreation Center or Admin Office.

Public Safety



Public Safety Commission Meeting:

Wednesday, July 8th, 2026, 6:30PM
Wednesday, August 19th, 2026, 6:30PM

All Public Safety Commission Meetings held at the Rec Center.
**Meeting dates and times are subject to change. Subscribe to CWL E-blasts for updates*

Chief Chat

by Matt Studt, Chief of Public Safety

Welcome to the July edition of Chief Chat. This month, we will be focused on Candlewick Lake’s Independence Day Celebration.

That’s right, folks, it’s that time of year again as we host the largest celebration in Candlewick.

On July 11th, we will be holding our Independence Day Celebration. This is a huge event for Candlewick with lots of people hosting parties, our parade, food trucks, live music, and our fireworks display.

The lines to get into Candlewick Lake can get extremely long as this event is not open to the public. Please remember to call in your guests for that day to help expedite the process; let them know to have their ID’s ready and know the address they are going to. We work hard to keep the lines moving as fast as we can. Please be patient.

The parade kicks off at 11 am leaving from the Savannah Oaks area, passing Friendship Park where people walking will join in for the parade, and finishing at the Recreation Center. We are hoping to have Hoo Haven join us shortly after the parade has ended at the Recreation Center with some of their animals for everyone to check out. There will be food trucks at the Rec Center beginning around 3 until 9, with live music between 1 and 4 and from 7 to 11, all at the Recreation Center. The fireworks will go off at dusk, rain or shine.

There are lots of people that want to go to the Recreation Center, and we only have so much room to park cars. If you are able, please consider walking to the Recreation Center to enjoy the festivities. If we run out of room to park vehicles, the parking lot will be closed down, and no more vehicles will be allowed in to park. Again, we have a lot of people at the Recreation Center, so please be patient as we work to do everything we can so that as many people as possible can enjoy the event.

With increased traffic and pedestrian activity throughout the day, please remain alert while driving and be mindful of children, cyclists, and pedestrians traveling to and from the festivities.

Please remember that most fireworks are illegal in Illinois. The only legal type of fireworks are snake or glow worm pellets, smoke devices, party poppers, snappers, and sparklers. The fines for shooting off fireworks are as follows:

- 1st offense- \$250.00
- 2nd offense- \$500.00
- 3rd offense- \$1,000.00
- Each offense following the 3rd offense will be \$1,000.00.

Offenses carry over year after year.

These regulations help protect residents, pets, property, and emergency responders while ensuring everyone can safely enjoy the holiday.

That does it for this focused edition of Chief Chat. Please, everyone, have a safe Independence Day celebration on the 4th and on the 11th. Please remember to be patient if you are coming to or attending the celebration on the 11th. Our goal is for everyone to enjoy a safe, fun, and memorable celebration. Thank you for helping us make that happen.

And remember
Keep moving forward.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

1ST OFFENSE

\$250.00

2ND OFFENSE

\$500.00

3RD OFFENSE

\$1,000.00

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EACH OFFENSE FOLLOWING THE 3RD OFFENSE WILL BE \$1,000.00.

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OFFENSES CARRY OVER YEAR AFTER YEAR.

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Snake or glow worm pellets

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Smoke devices

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Trick noisemakers known as "party poppers"

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"Booby traps", "snappers"

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UPDATE

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Public Safety and Building Department Citations Now Available Online

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Prevent the transport of nuisance species

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May 2026 Public Safety Stats

TYPE OF CALL	2025	2026
Accident	1	0
Activated Alarm	2	2
Administration Detail	4	1
Animal Related	14	26
Assist	1	3
Attempt to Locate	5	5
Attempted Break-in	0	0
ATV Complaint	4	1
Bike Patrol	1	0
Boating Related	8	10
Building Check	560	446
Burglary to vehicle	0	2
Careless Driving	2	3
CITATIONS ISSUED		
Traffic	30	17
Ordinance	37	25
Inoperable	9	2
Unregistered	3	1
WARNINGS ISSUED		
Ordinance	83	81
Parking	10	8
Inoperable	11	3
Unregistered	9	2
Community Policing	127	363
Community Relations	41	112
Complaint	14	13
Damage to Property	2	8
Damage to Vehicle	0	3
Department Assist	9	8
Disorderly Conduct	0	0
Domestic Disturbance	0	1
Employee Relief	249	279
Escort	3	10
Fire Call	3	1
Fireworks	1	0
Fishing Related	5	2
Follow Up	8	15
Foot Patrol	83	128
Harassment	0	1
IT Issue	0	0
Information	40	15
Inspection	7	16
Intoxicated Subject	0	0
Juvenile Problem	8	7
Maintenance Issue	10	23
Medical Assist	12	19
Meet with Complainant	0	2
Missing Person	0	1
Motorist Assist	0	2
Neighbor Dispute	1	3
Noise Complaint	13	9
On Scanner	14	36
On View	1	2
Overnight Parking Permission	47	41
Paper Service	1	1
Parking Problem	7	19
Recovered Property	1	0
Report Ticket	5	7
Roadway Hazard	0	1
Suspicious Activity	3	1
Suspicious Person	3	4
Suspicious Vehicle	9	3
Theft	1	1
Traffic Control	2	3
Traffic Complaint	0	1
Traffic Enforcement	38	54
Trespassing	2	4
Unauthorized Entry	3	1
Vandalism	0	0
Vehicle in Ditch	0	0
Weather Alert	0	0
TOTAL	1567	1858

2026-2027 FEE SCHEDULE

ASSESSMENTS & RESIDENCY FEES	
Operating Assessment - Single Lot (Annual Fee)	\$1,303
Reserve Assessment - Single Lot (Annual Fee)	\$422
Associate Member/Tenant Fee (Annual Fee)	\$500
Tenant Registration Fee	\$100
MISCELLANEOUS FEES & SERVICES	
C-Pass - Owner of Record/Resident (Each)	\$30
C-Pass - Guest/Contractor (Each)	\$45
Replacement ID Card	\$10
Security House Checks (Calendar Month Fee)	\$75
Storage Area - Small Sites - Yearly Rental \$25 Deposit Required	\$225
Storage Area - Large sites - Yearly Rental \$25 Deposit Required	\$300
NSF Bank Fee	\$35
Paid Assessment Letter - More Than Two Business Days' Notice	\$50
Paid Assessment Letter - Less Than Two Business Days' Notice	\$60
Citation Review No-Show Fee	\$100
Incoming fax per page	\$1
Outgoing fax per page	\$1
Copies per page	\$0.20
Document Retrieval Fees (per hour)	\$45
Lot Survey Copy	\$25
POOL	
Guest Pool Pass - Daily	\$8
Guest Pool Pass - Seasonal (Limited to Four Passes)	\$45
PARKS & RECREATION	
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Guest Gym Pass (per day)	\$5
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Life Jacket Rental for Kayaks (Required for Children)	\$2
SAVANNAH OAKS	
Non-Resident Green Fees - 1st Nine Holes	\$15
Non-Resident Green Fees - Each Round After 1st Nine Holes (Same Day)	\$10
Golf Car Rental - 1st Nine Holes	\$9
Golf Car Rental - Each Round After 1st Nine Holes (Same Day)	\$9
Pull Cart	\$4
BUILDING DEPARTMENT - HOME CONSTRUCTION	
Application Fee	\$30
Construction Fee (Non-Refundable)	\$1,000
Clean-Up Deposit (Refundable)	\$1,500
Building Permit	\$35
Inspection Fee	\$50
Clean-Up Deposit Inspection Fee (each, after first two visits)	\$40
BUILDING DEPARTMENT - GARAGES, ADDITIONS, IN-GROUND POOLS	
Refundable Clean-Up Deposit	\$750
Building Permit	\$35
Inspection Fee	\$40
Renewal Fee	\$35
MISCELLANEOUS CONSTRUCTION	
Building Permit	\$20
Inspection Fee	\$25

New Houses/Misc. Construction

Homes Complete	1828
Under Construction	6
TOTAL	1834
NEW HOUSES APPROVED	
Brandywine SE	
MISCELLANEOUS CONSTRUCTION APPROVED	
ADDRESS	TYPE
James Circle SE	Color Change
Atlantic Drive SE	Color Change
Talladega SW	Deck
Benedict SW	Deck
Candlewick Drive NE	Deck
Candlewick Drive NW	Color Change
Columbia NW	Color Change
Candlewick Drive SW	Deck
Pembroke SW	Tree Removal
Chatham Court SW	Tree Removal
Gables SW	Tree Removal
Briar Cliff Street SW	Color Change
Picadilly SE	Pool
Picadilly SE	Tree Removal
Staffordshire NE	Color Change
King Henry SE	Driveway
Candlewick Drive SE	Shoreline Work
Candlewick Drive SE	Tree Removal
Hastings Way SW	Deck
New Brunswick SW	Shed
New Brunswick SW	Pool
Candlewick Drive NE	Deck
Candlewick Drive NW	Exterior Brick Addition
Columbia NW	Solar Panels
Marquette SW	Color Change
Sequoyah Court SW	Pool
Delta SW	Color Change
Thornhill SW	Tree Removal
Staffordshire NE	Color Change



PLEASE HELP US KEEP DELIVERIES IN
CANDLEWICK LAKE MOVING SMOOTHLY

Residents are reminded to direct all delivery drivers, including DoorDash, Uber Eats, Instacart, Amazon, and other service providers, to enter through the Main Entrance at **13400 IL Route 76** (East Gate), which is manned 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

We continue to receive feedback from drivers that they are sometimes sent to other entrances, which can cause delays and confusion. To help ensure timely delivery, please include the following in your delivery notes whenever possible:

“Enter through East Gate/Main Entrance at 13400 IL Route 76. Gate is staffed 24/7.”

Your cooperation helps avoid delays on your orders, improves driver access, and supports better service for everyone. Thank you.

A WARM WELCOME TO NEW OWNERS	
Durell Shavers	Candlewick Drive SE
Vanessa Ramos & Zachary Nichols	Centralia Place NE
Heather & Joel Reirich	Benedict Drive SW
Miroslaw & Teresa Wasilewski	Columbia Street NW
ADRIX LLC, Carlos Tovar, Rion Tovar Dolmant, & Timothy South	Constitution Drive SW
Gustavo Soto & Veronica Arroyo	Griffin Place SW

ECC/Building Department

2026 Mowing Dates - Vacant Lots

June 15 • July 15 • August 15 • September 15

Lots must be mowed no sooner than 14 days prior to the mowing dates. If you are the owner of a vacant lot, please make arrangements to have your lot mowed prior to these dates, whether you do it yourself or hire a contractor. If the lots are not mowed, a citation will be issued and Candlewick Lake will hire a contractor to mow the lot and you will be charged that fee as well. The mowing dates also apply to the Off Season Vehicle Storage area.

Please be reminded that it is the responsibility of each property owner to mow and maintain the ditch area in front of their property. Trimming around utility boxes, sign or mail box posts, trees and any other structure on the lot is also required. Please be sure to mow the entire ditch, up to the road shouldering. If you hire a contractor to mow your lawn or vacant lot, be sure they are aware of the rules as well.

Approvals/Permits Required & Obtaining Building Permits

Any type of construction project, exterior change, etc. requires approval by the Environmental Control Committee and/or Building Inspector and most cases a building permit must be issued.

Applications must be submitted and plans approved for any project. Application forms along with specification sheets for individual types of construction are available in the office or can be found on the web site at www.candlewicklake.org. The Rules and Regulations can also be checked to find out if the construction project needs approval.

The ECC meets the first and third Wednesday of each month. Please see the schedule for the deadlines for submitting plans for approval.

After applications for any type of projects are approved by the ECC, approval letters are sent out to the property owner. If the construction project requires a permit, the approval letter states at what meeting the application was approved, that a permit must be purchased in the Candlewick Lake Office before construction may begin, the cost, the office hours, a reminder that all dues, fines and fees must be paid before the permit is issued, a list of projects that also need a Boone County building permit and a notice to call the CWL Building Department for a final inspection when the project is complete.

Boone County Building Permits

Many construction projects require a Boone County Building permit in addition to the Environmental Control Committee approval and Candlewick Lake Building permit. In the last some months property owners have been getting their County permit before they've submitted their application and plans for approval by the ECC. There is no rule that requires you get ECC approval and Candlewick's permit before getting the County permit but we are suggesting that you submit your application to the ECC for approval before going to purchase your County permit, in the event that ECC denies your application.

Citation Review Reminder & No Show Fee

When you come in to the office to sign up for Citation Review a reminder letter will be given to you, listing the date, time and location of the review. At the bottom of the citation form itself, the same information is included. No reminder letters will be mailed out.

If a Member, Associate Member or Renter who requests a citation review hearing and fails to attend or request a continuance (within the required time frame), the Commission will find the citation valid, an additional \$25.00 fee will be charged to your account and you will not be able to appeal the citation any further.

Ditch & Culvert Maintenance

Per the Candlewick Lake CC&R's, all property owners are responsible for maintaining the drainage ditch area located in front of their property. For corner lots, this responsibility also includes the side ditch area. The ditch area is approximately 20 feet wide, extending from the edge of the roadway to the front property line, and is owned by Candlewick Lake.

To help maintain proper drainage and protect the lake, debris must be removed from the ditch area and culvert year-round. In the fall, leaves must be removed from the ditch and culvert. If they are left in the ditch they can wash into culverts (the metal pipes located beneath driveways), potentially causing blockages and restricting water

Environmental Control Committee 2026 Meeting Dates & Due Dates for Plans

Meeting Date	Plans Due	Plans Due - by Noon
All meetings are at 6:30PM at the Admin Office unless otherwise noted.	New Houses, House Additions, Exterior Remodeling or Changes, 3 or 4 Season Rooms, Sun Room, Garages, Culverts or Ditch Work, Retaining Walls around Culverts, Variance Requests, Shoreline Stabilization or Repairs, Color Changes, Tree Removal	Boat Lifts, Piers, Corner Markers, Decks, Docks, Plays Houses, Dog Runs, Pools, Driveways, Refuse Enclosure, Exterior Lighting, Satellite Dishes, Gazebos, Sheds, LP Tanks, Tree Houses, Underground Wireless Dog Fences
July 1, 2026	June 22, 2026	June 26, 2026
July 15, 2026	July 6, 2026	July 10, 2026
August 5, 2026	July 27, 2026	July 31, 2026
August 19, 2026	August 10, 2026	August 14, 2026

**Meeting dates and times are subject to change. Subscribe to CWL E-blasts for updates*

What Type of Approval Permit Do I Need?

	ECC Approval	CWL Permit	County Permit
New House	x	x	x
House Additions	x	x	x
Boat Lift	x		
Culvert Extensions/Changes	x	x	
Decks	x	x	x
Decorative Lot Corner Marker	x		
Ditch Work (Anything done to the ditch)	x		
Dock (Platform on Land)	x	x	x
Dog Run	x	x	x
Driveway, Driveway Extensions & Parking Areas	x	x	
Exterior Surfaces to be recoated or resurfaced (Color sample must be submitted)	x		
Exterior Lighting	x		
Exterior Remodel/Changes	x	x	x
Garden Fences	x		
Garages	x	x	x
Gazebos & Pergolas	x	x	x
LP Tanks	x	x	
Pier (Structure extending into water to tie boats)	x	x	
Playhouse	x		
Pool - Above or In-ground	x	x	x
Rain Barrels	x		
Refuse Enclosure	x		
Reside or Resurface Exterior	x		
Retaining Walls (around culverts)	x		
Satellite Dish (over 39")	x	x	
Shed	x	x	
Shoreline Stabilization/Repairs and Beaches	x		
Solar Panels	x	x	
Sun Room	x	x	x
3 or 4-Season Room	x	x	x
Tree House	x		
Tree Removal	x		
Underground or Wireless Dog Fence	x		

Building Permit Fees

NEW HOUSE CONSTRUCTION	
Non-Refundable Construction Fee (\$4,000 of \$5,000 Non-Refundable Construction Fee temporarily suspended until 12/1/26)	\$5,000 \$1,000
Refundable Clean-up Deposit (cash/check only)	\$1,150
Building Permit	\$35
Inspection Fee	\$50
TOTAL PERMIT	\$2,585
Application Fee	\$30
GARAGE, ADDITIONS, & REMODELING	
Refundable Clean-up Deposit (cash/check only)	\$750
Building Permit	\$35
Inspection Fee	\$40
TOTAL PERMIT	\$825
MISCELLANEOUS CONSTRUCTION	
Building Permit	\$20
Inspection Fee	\$25
TOTAL PERMIT	\$45

flow. In areas closer to the lake, leaves and debris may also wash directly into the lake.

No alterations may be made to the ditch area without prior approval from the Environmental Control Committee (ECC). This includes, but is not limited to, digging, adding rocks or bricks, installing retaining walls (around culverts or within the ditch), or any type of plantings. Homeowners wishing to perform work in the ditch area must submit detailed plans to the ECC for review and approval. Additional requirements can be found in Section 510 of the Building Department/ECC regulations regarding drainage ditches and Section 280 regarding culverts.

The ditch area must also be maintained through regular mowing. For improved lots, grass may not exceed 6 inches in height. Vacant lots, including the ditch areas, must also be mowed in accordance with the required mowing schedule.

Driveway Extensions & Parking Areas

Property owners wishing to add a driveway extension or parking area or to replace their existing driveway must submit an application for approval by the ECC. All driveways, driveway extensions and parking areas must be paved with concrete, asphalt or paving bricks. Gravel or stone as a surface is not allowed.

See Section 700 of the ECC / Building Department Rules & Regulations and Section 21-6 of the Candlewick Lake Rules & Regulations for complete rules on the above allowable signs. Citations will be issued to the property owner for signs in violation of the rules.

New Roofs & Windows

If you are changing the color of the shingles on your house, you need to get the color change approved by Candlewick Lake, but a permit is not necessary. However, a Boone County Building permit and inspections are required. Please contact the County Building Department at 815-544-6176 for further information.

Replacing existing windows, size for size does not need ECC approval but a Boone County Building permit and inspections are required. Adding windows, removing windows, changing a door to a window or a window to a door, changing the size of windows or adding or removing a door does need ECC approval.

Pools, Barriers, & Replacing Pools

Summer is upon us and many homeowners are making plans to put up a swimming pool in their back yard. Please remember that if you are putting up a pool or replacing an existing pool you need to get ECC approval and a permit. **Many property owners don't think that they need ECC approval or a permit for the blow-up type pools. The key is how much water the pool can hold.** The rules state that any pool that is capable of containing water over twenty-four inches (24") deep must be approved by the Environmental Control Committee and a permit issued. Not only is this a Candlewick rule, but a Boone County rule as well. If approval is not granted or a permit issued, citations will be issued. In addition, a 48" high barrier must be installed. When the pool is taken down, the barrier must be removed. The pool structure itself may be considered part of the barrier, so if a property owner has a pool that is 48" or higher, that can be considered the barrier and no further barrier is necessary. This rule is for any type of pool, blow-up or otherwise, that is capable of containing water over 24".

There are homeowners, who in the past have installed above ground pools that are kept up year-round and are below 48" in height. If the pool or any portion of it is below 48" a barrier must be installed, either on top of the pool or around the immediate perimeter of the pool. This same rule applies to the blow-up type pools that are less than 48".

Some property owners find out their pool that normally remains up all year didn't survive the winter and wish to replace it. Please be advised that if you are replacing your existing pool with a new one, the approval process and issuing of a permit is still required.

Repainting/Residing House & Submittal of Color Samples

If you are repainting, residing, or re-shingling the exterior of your house, a color chip or sample of all exterior surfaces to be recoated or resurfaced must be submitted for approval by the Building Inspector. Samples or color chips are required even if you are staying with the same color.

When you are repainting any exterior surface of your house a color chips must be submitted for approval which is kept on file. We have had property owners bring in spray paint cans, a pint, quart or gallon can of paint, a painted wood paint stirrer, a 2 x 4, a piece of plywood or other types of wood with the color painted on it. Please be advised that these items representing the color sample will not be accepted. Also, if you have already bought the paint and painted some on a piece of paper, it must be completely dry before bringing it into the office.

Signs

Please be reminded that in general, signs are not allowed in Candlewick Lake. There are a few exceptions to the rule which allow the following types of signs: general

contractor signs, real estate signs, political signs, garage sale signs, celebratory signs, security signs and wire (underground) / wireless dog fences signs.

Real estate signs must be placed within the property lines. Political signs are only allowed to be displayed 60 days prior and 10 days after an election. Political signs may not be placed in the ditch, on common ground or any CWL owned property.

The General Contractor for the construction of only new houses may display one (1) General Contractor sign within the boundaries of the lot, after a Candlewick Lake Building Permit has been issued for new house construction. No sub-contractor signs are allowed. No contractor signs for any type of home improvement projects are permitted. These include but are not limited to siders, roofers, landscapers, remodeling and driveway companies or any other type of construction. When you are having, work done on your house or yard, please advise your contractor that they may not display their signs. There are specific rules for the following allowable signs: garage sale signs, celebratory signs, security signs and wire (underground) / wireless dog fences signs.

Solar Panels

Solar panels are becoming more and more popular as people look for ways to reduce their electric bill. Added to that, in some cases the Federal and State Government are offering big incentives to those adding solar panels. Please be reminded that adding these panels to the roof of your home is considered an exterior change that needs approval by the Environmental Control Committee. Applications to attach to your plans for submission are available in the Administration Office or on the website.

Sump Pump Drainage/Discharge

Most homes have a PVC discharge pipe extending a short distance from the sump pit to the exterior of the home. Please be advised that sump pump discharge water may not be directed onto neighboring properties.

Homeowners are encouraged to attach drain tile or additional PVC pipe to the existing PVC discharge pipe and route the water toward the drainage ditch. When the discharge pipe extends only a few feet beyond the foundation, the water often seeps back into the ground near the home's foundation and may eventually return to the sump pit, where it is pumped out again. This creates a continuous cycle that can cause the sump pump to run more frequently than necessary. Additionally, allowing water to collect near the foundation contributes to water issues around your home and neighboring properties. Extending the discharge line toward the ditch helps move water away from the foundation and improves drainage.

Drain tile may be buried in a shallow trench to keep it concealed and prevent it from laying across the lawn. The discharge line may only be directed toward the drainage ditch. If any digging or work within the ditch area is required to install or bury the drain tile, plans must first be submitted to the Environmental Control Committee (ECC) for review and approval.

Vacant Lots For Sale

If you have your unimproved (vacant) lot for sale, you may keep the selling information on file in the Candlewick Lake office. This information will be available to anyone interested in purchasing a lot in Candlewick Lake.

Forms are available in the Administration Office, which must be filled out and placed in the book by the property owner. It is the responsibility of the lot owner to remove the form when the lot has been sold or is no longer for sale.

Candlewick Lake Association does not act as a selling agent for property owners. By signing the form, you are authorizing Candlewick Lake Association to provide the information to the general public.

Some of the listings go back to 2009. If you have put a form in the book, you may want to consider stopping in the office to review your form to be sure it has updated information with regards to your address, phone number, asking price etc.

Candlewick Lake Owned Lots

ADDRESS	LOT NUMBER
105 Candlewick Blvd. SE	Unit 1 Lot 55
220 Liverpool SE or 303 Kingsbury SE	Unit 9 Lot 92
110 Savannah Dr.	Unit 12 Lot 49
108 Savannah Dr.	Unit 12 Lot 50
106 Savannah Dr.	Unit 12 Lot 51



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Parks & Rec Department - Kayla Hill	ext. 301	khill@candlewicklake.org
Pool Reception Desk	ext. 302	khill@candlewicklake.org
Maintenance - Tom Fick	ext. 500	tfick@candlewicklake.org
Savannah Oaks Clubhouse - Chriss Montoya	ext. 400	cmontoya@candlewicklake.org
Savannah Oaks Golf Course Maintenance - Shawn Chisamore	ext. 401	schisamore@candlewicklake.org
IT & Communications - Randy Alberts	ext. 210	ralberts@candlewicklake.org
Assistant General Manager & HR - Chuck Corso	ext. 208	ccorso@candlewicklake.org

For efficient service, residents should contact the appropriate department directly.
Matters requiring further review may be escalated through administration.

Utility & Outside Community Phone Numbers			
Sheriff Non-Emergency	815-544-2144	Animal Control	815-547-7774
Aqua Illinois (Water)	877-987-2782	J.U.L.I.E.	800-892-0123
Frontier	800-921-8101	Boone County Building Department	815-544-6176
MediaCom	800-827-6047	Boone County Clerk	815-544-3103
Nicor Gas	888-642-6748	Boone County Treasurer	815-544-2666
ComEd	800-334-7661	Poplar Grove Post Office	800-765-1572
Waste Management	800-778-7652		

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East Gate Hours (Staffed) Caledonia Road & Westgate Drive 24 Hours, 7 Days a Week	South Gate Hours Dawson Lake Road This gate is not staffed/C-Pass Entry Only
Recreation Center 1812 Candlewick Drive May - October Monday - Friday: 9:00AM - 8:30PM Saturday: 9:00AM - 5:00PM Sunday: 12:00PM - 5:00PM November - April Monday - Friday: 9:00AM - 8:00PM Saturday: 9:00AM - 5:00PM Sunday: 12:00PM - 4:00PM Extended Fitness Pass Hours - 4:00AM - 10:00PM	
Park & Wake Hours Parks are open from dawn to dusk. Dawn is 30 minutes before sunrise. Dusk is 30 minutes after sunset. Speeds exceeding "no wake" are only permitted 10:00AM - 7:30PM or until sunset, whichever occurs first.	
Savannah Oaks Clubhouse 100 Savannah Ridge Drive Golf Season - May - November Open 7 Days a Week 7:30AM - 10:00PM Winter Hours - November - April Tuesday - Thursday: 5:00PM - 9:00PM Friday - Saturday: 4:00PM - 10:00PM Sunday: 11:30AM - 9:00PM <i>Clubhouse hours are subject to change due to weather, extended events , etc.</i>	

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Vision Statement: Candlewick Lake is a residential community featuring well-maintained and accessible amenities including a lake, golf course, recreation center, pool, parks, and conservation areas; and through events, programs, and outreach enable residents to engage with one another, fostering a sense of community.

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JULY 2026

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1 1:00PM - 4:00PM Pony Canasta - Rec Center 6:00PM SO Commission - Rec Center 6:30PM ECC Meeting - Admin Office 7:00PM AA Meeting - Outpost	2 9:30AM - 11:30AM Youth League @ Savannah Oaks	3 6:00PM - 8:30PM Bunco - Rec Center	4 8:00AM AA Meeting - Outpost 9:00AM RED, WHITE, & BLUE Golf Outing - Savannah Oaks
5	6 6:30PM Events Commission - Rec Center	7	8 1:00PM - 4:00PM Pony Canasta - Rec Center 6:30PM Public Safety - Rec Center 7:00PM AA Meeting - Outpost	9 9:30AM - 11:30AM Youth League @ Savannah Oaks	10	11 8:00AM AA Meeting - Outpost 9:00AM Citation Review Meeting - Rec Center 11:00AM Parade Begins Dusk - Approx 9:20PM Fireworks
12	13 1:00PM - 4:00PM Candlewick Crafters - Rec Center	14 6:00PM Newspaper Commission - Admin Office 6:30PM Lake Mgmt Meeting - Rec Center	15 1:00PM - 4:00PM Pony Canasta - Rec Center 6:30PM ECC Meeting - Admin Office 7:00PM AA Meeting - Outpost <i>VACANT LOT MOWING</i>	16 9:30AM - 11:30AM Youth League @ Savannah Oaks	17 5:30PM Couples Golf Outing @ Savannah Oaks	18 8:00AM AA Meeting - Outpost 7:00PM Pub Trivia @ Sav Oaks
19	20 5:30PM Finance Meeting - Admin Office	21 6:30PM Board Meeting - Rec Center	22 1:00PM - 4:00PM Pony Canasta - Rec Center 7:00PM AA Meeting - Outpost	23 9:30AM - 11:30AM Youth League @ Savannah Oaks	24	25 8:00AM AA Meeting - Outpost 7:00PM Karaoke @ Sav Oaks
26 6:30PM Concert in the Park - Rec Center Free Boat Rides from 3PM - 6:15PM <i>Event Sponsored by the Boone County Arts Council</i>	27 1:00PM - 4:00PM Candlewick Crafters - Rec Center	28	29 5:30PM Book Club Meeting - Rec Center	30 9:30AM - 11:30AM Youth League @ Savannah Oaks	31	

AUGUST 2026

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
						1 8:00AM AA Meeting - Outpost 9:00AM - 1:00PM Youth Golf League Tournament @ Savannah Oaks
2	3 6:30PM Events Commission - Rec Center	4	5 1:00PM - 4:00PM Pony Canasta - Rec Center 6:00PM SO Commission - Rec Center 6:30PM ECC Meeting - Admin Office 7:00PM AA Meeting - Outpost	6	7 6:00PM - 8:30PM Bunco - Rec Center	8 8:00AM AA Meeting - Outpost 8:00AM FOSO Golf Outing, 8AM 10:00AM - 12:00PM Garden Club Meeting - Rec Center
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23	24 1:00PM - 4:00PM Candlewick Crafters - Rec Center	25	26 5:30PM Book Club Meeting - Rec Center	27	28	29

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