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## Aqua Water & Boil Order

by David Wiltse, Candlewick Lake Board of Directors Vice President

As a resident, I was angry when I received the automated phone call from Aqua about the boil order on Thursday, March 26th, 2026. The automated call told residents what to do, but not why and nothing about estimated duration of the boil order. The Candlewick Lake Administration Office were not notified of the boil order directly from Aqua, and instead received the information from residents.

As an attorney, I have handled cases and inquiries with the Illinois Commerce Commission (ICC). I knew that the ICC has sole jurisdiction over private water utilities and that they had a complaint process for issues such as this. The ICC issues a Certificate of Convenience and Necessity to private Water

systems which allows them to operate. Therefore, Aqua is the water utility company in Candlewick Lake Association. Candlewick Lake Association does not have a contract with Aqua, just as we do not have a contract with other utilities such as Commonwealth Edison or Nicor Gas.

As residents, just as we do not have a say in utility companies, we also do not have any input over rates. The ICC establishes the rates. Two years ago, when there was a rate increase sought by Aqua, we combined our resources with other communities and municipalities to share the cost of an attorney and a financial consultant to fight the rate increases.

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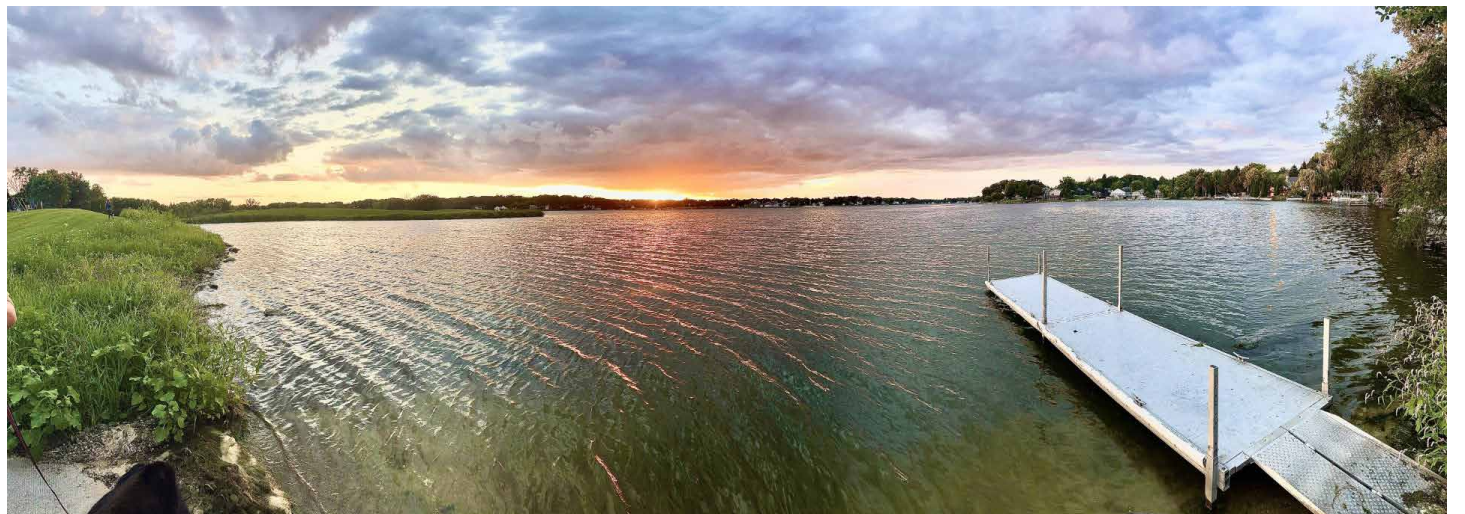


Photo Submission by Jeremiah Gritton

We were partially successful in fighting the rate increase in that they did not get all that they wanted.

On Monday March 30th following the boil order being lifted, I filed an Informal Complaint with the ICC regarding the boil order. I stated to the intake person via phone call that there was no follow-up on what was wrong or what was being done. I complained that the indication by Aqua that the order only affected only 151 to 500 households was grossly inadequate. I pointed out that we have more than 1,855 households and approximately 8,000 residents here in Candlewick Lake and that for 4 days there was no communication from Aqua. We still don't know what happened. I requested that a formal complaint be issued.

Additionally, I talked to State Senator Dave Syverson about this situation and gave him background on how expensive the

water is in Candlewick Lake. The General Assembly had passed a law, that if companies like Aqua wanted to take over and buy out some smaller failing companies, they could do so and they could charge back the cost of that to you and me. He was aware of that statute. I advised him that I had drafted and sent to his office a proposed amendment to the statute which allows the established a reimbursement fund on the customers of the acquired system so that the acquisition costs charged to us could be reimbursed. I made the draft retroactive so that the past costs can be reimbursed to us, the Candlewick Lake residents.

I urge other residents to also file an informal complaint with the ICC. Please visit their website at:  
<https://www.icc.illinois.gov/complaints/public-utility>

I will personally pursue these issues as hard and far as I can.

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# Community News & Events

## Lunch with the Easter Bunny - March 20

Photos and Article Submitted by Events Commission Chair, Kathi Smith

On March 20, the Easter Bunny hopped into Candlewick Lake, and what a wonderful day it was! Families kicked off the afternoon by meeting the Easter Bunny, creating adorable flowerpot crafts with decorative paper, enjoying a hot dog lunch, and trying their luck guessing how much candy was in the containers. Of course, there were plenty of photo opportunities with our guest of honor!

The highlight of the day was the Easter Egg Hunt. Each child found their 15 eggs, and four lucky hunters discovered a Golden Ticket inside, earning them an awesome Easter basket. Because of a snowstorm just a few days prior, the hunt was held in the tennis courts this year—an adjustment that worked out great.

Thank you to all the families who joined in this fun-filled afternoon. A special thank-you as well goes out to our amazing volunteers who always show up with smiles and enthusiasm, helping create lasting memories for the residents of Candlewick Lake.



## 37th Annual CWL Catch & Release Bass Tournament Saturday, June 6th, 2026

Come join the fun and competition with fellow residents. Interpretation of these rules will be left exclusively to tournament officials whose decision is final.

Pre-Tournament meeting at 6:15am behind Rec Center. Tournament hours 6:30 to 1:00

**Eligibility:** The tournament consists of up to 30 two-man teams fishing from Candlewick Lake registered boats. All teams shall consist of a minimum of one association member or special family member (mother, father, son, daughter, grandchildren). All qualifying members must be in good standing. All participants must have valid Illinois fishing licenses. No Candlewick permit is required for non-members during the tournament.

**Entry Fee:** \$80.00 per team. Please bring \$20 bills in cash for easy distribution of prize money.

**Big Bass Pot:** An optional \$20.00 entry fee per boat is required to enter the big bass pot. 100% pay back to the team with the largest bass.

**Prizes:** 100% of the entry fee will be awarded as prize money. Top 20% of field will receive prizes. Tie breaker shall be the team with the single largest bass or the team that weighs the most bass. If still tied a coin toss will take place.

**Sportsmanship:** Sportsmanship, courtesy, safety, and conservation are expected from each contestant. Any infraction of these fundamental sporting principles may be deemed cause for disqualification. **Official Checkpoint:** tournament will start and end behind the rec center. Anglers may not leave the boat except in a case of emergency (restroom, medical reasons, Etc.) **Boat Inspection:** Each boat will be inspected prior to tournament take off and all compartments will be checked for fish, alcohol, etc. **No Wake:** the lake is no wake the entire time of the tournament. Boat length is 20 feet max. **Scoring:** Final winners will be determined by total weight of each team's catch. Only largemouth and smallmouth bass will be weighed. Tournament limit shall be 6 fish per team, bass must measure 14" or more with mouth closed and the tail fanned. **BASS PRESENTED TO WEIGH WHICH FAIL TO MEASURE 14" WILL MEAN IMMEDIATE TEAM DISQUALIFICATION.** A courtesy bump board will be available prior to weigh-in to check questionable fish before submitting them for official measure. **Care of Fish:** Each boat must be equipped with a functional live well, large enough to maintain a live limit of bass for both contestants using the boat. Additionally, the use of chemical live well additive is strongly recommended. Contestants shall use reasonable care in handling fish to keep them alive and in good condition. Any Contestant caught mistreating a fish will be disqualified. Fish should be kept in live wells until weigh-in. **Dead Fish Penalty:** There will be a dead fish penalty of 1/2 of that fish's weight. **Fishing Method:** Only artificial lures may be used. No live or prepared bait will be allowed except for pork strips, rinds, etc. Only one rod may be used at a time; however, others may be rigged and ready. No trolling is allowed. Please allow reasonable casting distance between boats. **Weigh-In:** Weigh-in will take place at the conclusion of the tournament only. Weigh-In bags will be furnished and must be used by all contestants. Contestants are responsible for their catch from the boat to the check-in. All fish weighed become property of CWL lake management and will be returned to the lake. **Late Penalty:** Competitors must be at 6:15 meeting and weigh-in on time or be disqualified. No excuses.

Any questions, contact Chuck Hart (815) 520-1796.

★★★★ SAVE THE DATE ★★★★★

# Candlewick Lake's Annual INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION

SATURDAY JULY 11TH

FIREWORKS  
LIVE MUSIC  
FOOD TRUCKS



MORE INFORMATION COMING SOON



CANDLEWICK LAKE POPLAR GROVE, IL

# Fundamentals of Being a Board Member

by Gary Kurpeski, Candlewick Lake Board President

What does it truly mean to be a board member?

It's a question I've been asked many times—and one I've asked myself over the years. The truth is, the answer can vary depending on who you ask. Every individual brings their own perspective, shaped by experience, opinions, and expectations.

Over time, we've seen former board members, alongside current ones, share their thoughts—sometimes offering guidance, sometimes expressing disagreement. Not everyone has agreed with decisions that were made, and that's part of any evolving community. However, it's important that we continue to look at both the past and the progress made by those who have served before us. Their contributions have helped shape where we are today.

As a community, we've often found ourselves in a tug-of-war of ideas and ideologies. What has sometimes been missing is a shared understanding of the true meaning of leadership.

Being a board member should never be about ego, personal ambition, or individual agendas. At its core,

it should always be about doing what is best for the people of Candlewick. That principle—simple as it may sound—has, at times, been misunderstood or lost along the way.

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Today, we face an additional challenge: the growing influence of social media. While social media can be a useful tool for communication and connection, it has also, at times, contributed to division within our

community. Too often, when frustrations arise, the first response is to turn to a keyboard—to rally opinions, spread discontent, or react in the moment.

Let me be clear: freedom of speech is a right we all value and respect. But with that right comes responsibility. Not everything shared online reflects the full picture, and not every post contributes to productive dialogue.

I'll admit, there are moments when I read something and find myself wondering, “What did I say this week?” Sometimes it brings a smile—but other times, it highlights just how quickly information can be misunderstood or misrepresented.

In closing, I encourage all of us to take a step back and be thoughtful in how we communicate and what we choose to believe. Not everything we hear or read is accurate—and I think we all know that.

Let's continue to focus on what truly matters: working together, supporting one another, and making decisions that strengthen our community for everyone who calls Candlewick home.

## BURY THE BAD REVIEW

DO YOU LOVE YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD?  
DO YOU LIKE WINNING FREE STUFF?

LEAVE A GOOGLE REVIEW HERE

Help show the world how great Candlewick is by writing a positive Google review.  
To enter please send a photo of your completed review to [newspaper@candlewicklake.org](mailto:newspaper@candlewicklake.org) to be entered to win one of two \$50 gift cards.

## A message from Waste Management

### Spring Spotlight:

#### The Garage Cleanout - Keep it Clean, Keep it Safe

- **The Challenge:** Spring cleaning usually starts under the sink or in the garage — where “The Big Three” live: Corrosives (drain cleaners), Flammables (gasoline/oil-based paint), and Toxics (pesticides). When these leak in a recycling truck, they don't just create a safety risk — they contaminate clean materials, making them impossible to recycle.
- **The Rule:** Keep the “Hidden Hazards” Out.
- **Identify:** Check labels for Caution, Warning, or Danger. These items belong at a designated Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) facility.
- **The Big Five:** Stick to the core recyclables-
  - Plastic Bottles/Containers
  - Metal Cans
  - Paper
  - Cardboard
  - Glass Bottles/Jars
- **Clean & Dry:** Only place items in your recycling bin that are empty, clean, and dry.
- **The Second Life Rule:** Before tossing old garden tools, pots, or patio furniture, consider donating them. True repurposing starts with keeping usable items out of the bin entirely!
- **The Core Goal** - By keeping chemicals out of your bin, you ensure that the rest of your community's recyclables—including glass—can be successfully processed and repurposed into new products.

For more resources on core rules, visit:  
<https://www.wm.com/us/en/recycle-right>

Thank you for helping us keep our community's recycling stream clean and efficient!

RECYCLE RIGHT

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Always Recycle

Plastic Bottles, Cups & Containers

Paper & Paper Cups

Glass Bottles & Containers

Flattened Cardboard & Paperboard

Food & Beverage Cans

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Do Not Include In Your Recycling Container

NO Batteries, Power Tools, Flammables or Hazardous Waste

NO Foam Cups, Containers or Straws

NO Food or Liquids

NO Clothing, Furniture or Carpet

NO Loose Plastic Bags, Bagged Recyclables or Film  
Empty recyclables directly into your bin

NO Green Waste

To learn more, visit [wm.com/recyclerright](http://wm.com/recyclerright). © 2025 WM Intellectual Property Holdings, LLC. The Recycle Right recycling education program was developed based upon national best practices. Please consult your local municipality for their acceptable materials and additional details of local programs, which may differ slightly.

# From the Board

## Unfinished Business

### Approved Policy to change the rules for Rental Restrictions

Following is Policy 26-03, which was approved at the March 31, 2026 Board meeting to change the rules for rental restrictions. The policy will go into effect April 1, 2026.

#### POLICY 26-03

WHEREAS, Section 2-2 of the Rules & Regulations references rentals but doesn't specify the length of a rental lease/agreement and the Board of Directors wishes to change the rules to state that no home may be rented for less than one year, and

WHEREAS, Section 2-2, Paragraph F of the Rules & Regulations states a guest residing with an Owner of Record longer than 30 days must register the guest's vehicle and the Board of Directors wishes to change the rule that the guest and their vehicle must be registered at the Association Office, and

WHEREAS, Section 2-3 of the Rules & Regulations references "short-term rentals" but doesn't specify what constitutes a short-term rental and the Board of Directors wishes to change the rules to state that short-term rentals may not be for less than one year, and

WHEREAS, Candlewick Lake has a rental cap of 15% of houses that can be the subject of rental agreements at any given time as defined in Article III, Section 3.01, Paragraph a, Section 5(f) of the Bylaws and is not referenced in the Candlewick Lake Rules & Regulations, and

WHEREAS, rental restrictions were discussed at a Special Board Meeting on 4/13/15 and Resolution 15-R-16 (approved on 4/21/15) reiterated that there is a rental cap in the Bylaws and implemented rental restrictions, and

WHEREAS, Resolution 15-R-20 to further clarify the fine amount and changed #7 in the rental restrictions was approved on 5/19/15 and Resolution 16-R-06 was approved on 2/16/16 to add #9 to the rental restrictions for houses that are leased, using an agreement for deed (the grantee is building equity in the eventual purchase of the house), and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors wishes to have the rules for the rental cap and rental restrictions in the Candlewick Lake Rules and Regulations, and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that a paragraph be added to the beginning of Section 2-2; Section 2-2, Paragraph F be changed, a paragraph be added to the beginning of Section 2-3, and Section 2-4 be added as follows:

#### 2. Tenants / Guests

A rental agreement/lease as referenced in Section 2-2 shall not be less than one year in length.

A. If non-owners of record are allowed to reside in a House or to rent a House property, regular Membership privileges will remain in effect for the Owner, including the obligation to pay assessments and the right to vote.

B. A Tenant Application along with all required forms and necessary fees (see Fee Schedule) must be submitted to the Association prior to occupancy. Upon approval and paying the required fees, all Membership privileges, except the right to vote, will be granted to the Tenant. Failure to register and submit all documents will result in daily fines. The Tenant Fee will not be charged if a non-owner of record resides with an Owner in a House, provided that it does not violate applicable law, including but not limited to applicable codes regarding applicable occupancy and building code regulations.

C. A non-resident Owner who owns one House and utilizes it for his or her own personal use will be charged the normal annual assessment. A non-resident Owner who owns two Houses, utilizing one for his or her own personal use and renting out the other will be charged the normal annual assessment for each House; no Tenant Fee will be charged for the rental property, as the Amenities for both the Owner and the Tenant are covered in the assessments paid for each of the two properties by the Owner, although nothing contained herein shall be construed as a limitation on the Owner's right to thereafter charge the Tenant for such expenses. If a non-resident Owner rents out his house, both the normal annual assessment and the Tenant Fee will be charged as the Amenities are being used by both the Owner and the Tenant. In the case of a non-resident Owner owning more than one House and renting them all out, the normal annual assessment will be charged for each house and only one Tenant Fee will be charged. If a non-resident Member owns one or more Houses and also owns one or more vacant Lots, the Tenant Fee will not be charged, regardless of whether one of the houses is utilized for their own personal use as the Amenities are covered in the assessment paid for the vacant Lot(s).

D. A resident Owner who owns additional Houses to the one in which they live and rents them out will be charged the normal annual assessment for each House. No Tenant Fee will be charged for the rental house(s), as the Amenities for both the Owner and the Tenant are covered in the assessment paid for each property(s).

E. Tenants/Guests are subject to all restrictions of entry into the Development contained in Section 3: Entry Procedures, notwithstanding any status as a person otherwise lawfully residing in the Development, and shall therefore not have the entry status of Members and Associate Members with regard to Entry Procedures.

F. Any Guests residing with an Owner of record longer than 30 days, the owner must register the guest and their vehicle at the Association Office and pay any necessary fees.

G. Guests will be permitted to use the Amenities only with the Member/Associate Member/Tenant being present on Development property, or except as may be noted elsewhere.

#### 7.3. Rental Restrictions

All short-term rentals referenced in Section 2-3 shall not be less than one year in length. No home may be rented that has a lease less than one year.

A. Restatement of Current Rental Restrictions: The current Rental Restrictions are hereby reaffirmed and incorporated herein, with the exception of the applicability of the Rental Restrictions to Short-Term Rentals, which shall be additionally subject to the terms and provisions hereinafter.

B. New Rental Prohibitions for Short-Term Rentals: Consistent with the limitation contained in Article I, Section 1.A of the Declaration restricting use of the properties within the Association for single-family use, the Board hereby finds Short-Term Rentals to be inconsistent with single-family residential use. Therefore, unless otherwise allowed under the exception contained in Section 3 hereafter, Short-Term Rentals,

including but not limited to rentals advertised via websites such as "Airbnb" are hereby prohibited (the "Short-Term Rental Prohibition").

C. Exception for Applicability Short-Term Rental Prohibition: The Short-Term Rental Prohibition is hereby not applicable to those Members that submitted an application for rental authorization prior to December 31, 2016. For such exempt Member applicants that applied prior to December 31, 2016, prior to obtaining approval to rent a property or otherwise release possession of a property within the Association for less than thirty (30) days:

1. Such applicant must submit, as part of the application process, an affidavit that substantially provides the following in the reasonable discretion of the General Manager, the identification of an owner, officer, director, partner, trustee, or beneficiary (an "Affiliated Person") that lives at the residence full-time as that person's residence or that lives in another property within the Association other than the property to be rented. Reasonably-sufficient evidence must be attached to the application to so prove this residency, such as a current and valid a) driver's license or voter registration card, or b) tax return for the prior year, showing the person resides at the property as his or her primary residence. Utility bills are insufficient to prove residency. A lot not owned by a natural person (an "Entity-Owned Lot") is not entitled to be rented or otherwise have possession thereof released unless an Affiliated Person resides there in the rented property or resides in Candlewick Lake.

2. Guests must not be charged consideration for the right to be present. The General Manager in his or her reasonable discretion may require the application to provide:

a. Certification guests are not charged by the owner for their accommodations, and certification that the renter or person to whom possession is being released is not in fact paying consideration for such accommodations may be required by;

b. Identification of a specific affiliation between the owner and the guests such a membership in the owner corporation or company, status as a partner in the partnership, or trustee or beneficiary of the owner trust. Affiliations with the general public are insufficient, including where the owner rents or otherwise turns over possession of the property to someone from the general public without a prior affiliation such as via "Airbnb"; and

c. Certification and backup documentation that the applicant has sought and received confirmation from the Boone County Building/Zoning Department and Health Department that such proposed use of the property is in full compliance with the Boone County Code.

3. Guest Limits: For purposes of this exemption:

a. There is a limit of four (4) overnight guests at any given time upon each Entity-Owned Lot; and

b. A guest's stay on an Entity-Owned Lot is limited to seven (7) consecutive days, and no more than 15 days per year.

#### 3.4. Rental Caps & Rental Restrictions

A. An Owner shall be entitled to rent a House on a Lot, subject to the rules and regulations.

B. A maximum of fifteen percent (15%) of Houses can be rented at any given time. If fifteen percent (15%) is reached a waiting list to rent houses will be established.

C. The following are the rental restrictions:

1. There will be a 15% cap on Houses that can be subject to Rental Agreements at any given time. This 15% rental cap will be effective October 1, 2015.

2. There will be a "Waiting list" for Rental properties once the cap has been met.

3. Should a property on the "Waiting List" become eligible to rent and the Property Owner decides not to rent, they will be removed from the waiting list.

4. There will be no granting or giving of one properties eligibility to another property.

5. If a "Rental" Property should not be rented for a period of six (6) months then it will no longer be considered a "Rental" property and will have to go on the waiting list should they want to rent it in the future. Property owner does have the right to request up to a three (3) month extension from the Board of Directors. Request must be made in writing.

6. If a property owner has multiple rentals, each property will be considered on an individual basis.

7. There will be a \$250.00 fine for failure to register a rental property. If the rental property has not been registered within 30 days of the initial fine, a second fine in the amount of \$500.00 will be issued. Subsequent fines in the amount of \$500.00 will be issued every 30 days until compliance is met. The fine(s) will be charged for each property not registered.

8. "Hardship" situations will need to be appealed to the Board of Directors in writing. The Board will consider these on a case by case basis.

9. In order for a house not to be considered subject to the rental restrictions the following must be met:

a. An "Articles of Agreement for Deed" form must be submitted to and approved by the Candlewick Lake Administration.

b. A meaningful build-up equity must be included in the Agreement for Deed as follows:

i. End of Year 1: 6% (5% down and 1% over the first year)

ii. End of Year 2: 8%

iii. End of Year 3: 10%

iv. End of Year 4: 12%

v. End of Year 5: 15%

c. The seller's use of amenities must be waived.

d. A memorandum for the Articles for Agreement for Deed must be recorded with the Boone County Clerk's Office.

D. The Articles of Agreement for Deed form (available in the Administration Office) must be filled out and submitted to the Administration Office for any house that is leased, using an Agreement for Deed (the grantee is building equity in the eventual purchase of the house) beyond the standard body width.

## Approved Policy to change the rules for Rental Restrictions

Following is Policy 26-10, which was approved at the March 31, 2026 Board meeting to change the rules for investment practices in the Board Policy. The policy will go into effect April 1, 2026.

#### POLICY 26-10

WHEREAS, Candlewick's investment goal is to always remain as fully

invested as possible, considering the restraints of upcoming expenditures, to obtain maximum income from our available cash, and

WHEREAS, safety of principal is the top priority, with maximum available return. Investments are to be in mainly treasuries, CDs, and S&P rated AA or better rated corporate bonds, but money market accounts may be used as necessary to hold liquid cash for upcoming expenditures and

WHEREAS, Candlewick Lake's investment broker was consulted and recommends changing the guidelines for investments, with the Finance Commission also recommending the changes as follows, and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Section 5.9 of the Board Policy be changed as follows:

#### 5.9 - Investment practices

Funds not required for current operations will be invested according to an investment plan approved and revised annually by the Board.

Principal investments must be government-secured and guaranteed. Investments may be made at the discretion of the General Manager within the plan adopted by the Board, with the exception of any investments in securities with maturity of more than one year, which must have the prior approval of the Board. Interest investments may be made at slightly higher risk.

The General Manager will present reports to the Board at least quarterly which show the status of all investments, including the rate of return and current market value.

#### Operating

The association will keep liquid cash on hand to cover three months of operations. Any excess operating funds will be invested at a \$300,000.00 per month ladder approach allowing for \$300,000.00 to mature every month and being reinvested into the end of the ladder system unless there would be a need for coverage for the upcoming three months of operations or any foreseen expenditure with needs to require more cash on hand available. The length of the total available for investment is determined upon the amount available for investments with each successive month having \$300,000.00 maturing rolling out as many months as necessary to maintain this ladder approach.

#### Reserves

Laddering of maturity dates for investments should be maintained, with a target of four years to facilitate a dependable income stream. Funding of each tier must be based upon upcoming expenditures from reserves. Investments with a maturity in excess of four years should be avoided, as should CDs with steps or call features. Investment decisions should be at the discretion of the Accounting Manager with input from the G.M. and Finance Commission in extraordinary situations or if input is needed on necessary liquidity. The investment broker, currently RBC, will follow this policy. However, staff will be monitoring the investment selections to confirm compliance and keep RBC cognizant of what funding is available for reinvestment.

## New Business Proposed Rule Change for Pool Rules

Following is Policy 26-07, which is a proposal to change the rules for the Candlewick Lake pool. The policy was read at the March 31, 2026 Board meeting and will be voted on at the May 19, 2026 Board meeting.

#### POLICY 26-07

WHEREAS, Candlewick Lake has pool rules, pool hours, and pool entry, some of which are in the Rules & Regulations and some posted at the pool, and

WHEREAS, the Director of Parks & Recreation revised the pool rules, and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that current Section 8, Paragraph 8-1 (A-D), Paragraph 8-2 (A-G) and Section 8-3 (A-D) be removed from the Candlewick Lake Rules & Regulations and revised Section 8, Paragraph 8-1 (A-J) be added and Section 8-4 - Lake & Beach Area be changed to Section 8-2, Section 8-5 - Water Skiing/Tubing/Wake Surfing be changed to Section 8-3, Section 8-6 - Scuba Diving be changed to Section 8-4 and Section 8-7 - Buoys be changed to Section 8-5 as follows:

#### FROM:

#### SECTION 8: POOL / BEACH

#### 8-1 Pool Hours

A. The pool is open daily as posted/published in the Candlewick Lake newspaper.

B. The pool will be closed if: 1) air temperature is below 70 degrees, 2) conditions in the pool area are unfavorable to the health, safety and welfare of patrons, or any other reason deemed hazardous to patrons, 3) there is a threat of violent weather or lightning is sighted.

C. In case of severe storms the pool and decks are cleared immediately. Adults are responsible for the safety of children under their supervision.

D. Use of the swimming pool after hours is forbidden and subject to severe fine and/or arrest.

#### 8-2 Pool Entry

A. Entry to the pool will be by a Membership Card, non-designated Guest Amenity Pass or daily entry fee.

B. Children 10 years of age and older are permitted entry into the pool without a chaperone. Children 9 years of age and younger must be accompanied by a chaperone 16 years of age and older.

C. All patrons are required to wear a regulation swimsuit: no sun suits, shorts, cutoffs, diapers, or underwear will be permitted. Infant swim diapers are required for small children.

D. All persons are required to take a shower before entering the pool area.

E. No shoes are allowed in the pool or on the deck area.

F. A person under the influence of alcohol or exhibiting erratic behavior shall not be permitted in the pool area or may be removed from the pool area.

G. Anyone with a contagious disease or infectious condition should not enter the pool area.

#### 8-3 Pool Rules

Patrons are expected to abide by the rules posted at the pool:

A. Lifeguards are present for safety. Their directions must be followed and they should not be distracted from their job by engaging in unnecessary conversation.

B. No food, drink, or glass objects will be permitted. (If baby bottles must be used, they should be plastic and have water only.)

C. Patrons should use the ladders when getting out of the pool; do not hang on the buoys or ropes. No diving in restricted areas.

D. The following will not be permitted: Use of foul or profane language; running, boisterous or rough play; pushing, shoving, or dunking; sitting, standing or climbing on the fence; spitting in the pool or on

the deck, or activities that might endanger the health and safety of individuals:

TO:

SECTION 8: POOL/BEACH

8-1 Pool Rules

A. Authority & Responsibility

1. All patrons must always follow the direction of lifeguards and facility staff.
2. Use of the pool is subject to the good-standing requirement for all CWL amenities; pool staff hold the authority to not allow residents entry in accordance with this requirement.
3. Residents who are not in good standing may not gain access to the pool as another resident's guest.
4. Lifeguards and staff are responsible for rule enforcement and emergency response, not individual supervision.
5. Failure to comply with pool rules or staff direction may result in removal from the facility or suspension of pool privileges.
6. The Association is not responsible for lost, stolen, or damaged personal property.
7. Use of the pool after hours is forbidden and subject to severe fines and/or arrest for trespassing.

B. Supervision & Age Requirements

1. Children 12 years of age and under must be actively supervised at all times by a parent, legal guardian, or responsible person 16 years of age or older. Active supervision is defined as having attention solely focused on the swimmer, free of any distractions (i.e. cell phone, magazine, book, etc.).
  - a. Supervision for age 6 and under = in the pool within arm's reach.
  - b. Supervision for age 7-12 = in the water or on the deck supervising.
2. Children 13 years of age and older may attend the pool independently, provided they follow all pool rules, demonstrate appropriate behavior, and have demonstrated the ability to swim (not only in deep end).
3. Teen Expectations – Ages 13-17
  - a. Teens attending the pool without adult supervision must follow all pool rules and staff direction.
  - b. Rough play, bullying, disruptive behavior, or disrespect toward staff or guests is prohibited.
  - c. Independent pool access is a privilege and may be revoked if expectations are not met.
4. Independent pool access is a privilege and may be revoked due to unsafe behavior or repeated rule violations.
5. Guardians remain responsible for the conduct of minors while on pool premises.

C. Health & Safety

1. Individuals with contagious diseases, infectious conditions, open cuts, or abrasions are not permitted in the pool.
2. Approved medical or life-sustaining devices are permitted.
3. All patrons are encouraged to shower before entering the water.
4. Staff may require showers when necessary.

D. Swim Ability & Water Entry

1. A swim test is required to access the deep end and slide.
2. Swimmers must demonstrate the ability to swim freestyle across the deep end and back without stopping.
3. Dog paddling does not qualify as a passing swim stroke.
4. Head-first entry is permitted only in the 10-foot-deep end.
5. Head-first entry is not permitted in any other area of the pool.
6. Swimmers who successfully complete the swim test will be issued a seasonal wristband, which must be worn for deep-end and slide access.

E. Swim Attire, Footwear & Personal Items

1. Proper swim attire with appropriate lining is required.
2. Cutoffs or shorts without lining are not permitted.
3. T-shirts are permitted, especially for sun protection.
4. Swim attire displaying offensive language, imagery, or symbols is not permitted.
5. Children who are not toilet trained must wear swim diapers or tight-fitting reusable swim pants.
6. Only clean footwear is permitted on the pool deck; street shoes are prohibited.
7. Only clean swim shoes or aqua socks are allowed in the water.
8. Strollers and wheelchairs must be clean prior to entering the pool deck or bathhouse.

F. Pool Conduct & Behavior

1. Walking only on the pool deck; running is prohibited.
2. No rough play, dunking, horseplay, chicken fights, shoulder rides, or aggressive behavior.
3. No diving, flips, cartwheels, handstands, or backward entries except where permitted.
4. No standing, walking, or jumping from pool gutters.
5. Ladders and stairs are for entering and exiting only; hanging on ropes or fixtures is prohibited.
6. Pool furniture may not be moved, stacked, or placed in the water.
7. Cutting in line or disruptive behavior while waiting for pool features is prohibited.
8. Unsafe or disruptive behavior will be addressed at staff discretion.
9. Extended breath-holding activities are prohibited, including underwater challenges, distance swimming without surfacing, competitive breath-holding, or any activity that restricts normal breathing. Lifeguards will intervene at their discretion.

G. Water Toys & Equipment

1. All personal flotation devices must be U.S. Coast Guard approved.
2. Flotation devices are permitted in shallow water only and are not permitted in the deep end or on the slide.
3. Children using flotation devices must be supervised by an adult.
4. Only soft beach balls and squish balls are permitted.
5. Squirt toys and snorkels are not permitted.
6. Masks and goggles are permitted; diving while wearing them is prohibited.
7. All toys and inflatables are subject to staff approval.

H. Slide Rules

1. Slide hours are 30 minutes past the hour to 45 minutes past the hour.
2. A swim test is required.
3. One rider at a time.
4. Riders must enter feet first.
5. Exit promptly and swim to the ladder after use.
6. Catching riders at the bottom is not permitted.
7. Flotation devices and toys are not permitted on the slide (except for including life vests as swimmers must be capable of swimming without life vests to use the slide or access the deep end).
8. Goggles are discouraged while using the slide.

I. Wading Pool Rules

1. An adult must accompany the child at all times.
2. Children must be under 5 years of age and 42 inches or shorter.
3. Children who are not toilet trained must wear swim diapers or reusable swim pants.

J. Facility Rules

1. Alcohol is not permitted.
2. Intoxicated individuals will be denied entry or removed.
3. Food, drinks, and gum are not permitted inside the pool area.
4. Water is allowed; glass containers are prohibited.
5. Smoking and vaping are prohibited within the pool area, including the pool deck, bathhouse, and all fenced or gated pool spaces.

6. Guests must exit the pool area entirely and use designated smoking areas located at least 15 feet from facility entrances.

K. Pool Closures

1. The pool will close immediately if thunder is heard or lightning is observed.
2. The pool will remain closed for 30 minutes after the last thunder or lightning occurrence.
3. All swimmers must exit the pool following a fecal or vomiting incident until water treatment and testing are completed.
4. The pool may close when air temperatures fall below 70° F or due to unsafe conditions as determined by staff.

8-4 8-2 Lake & Beach Area

8-5 8-3 Water Skiing / Tubing / Wake Surfing

8-6 8-4 Scuba Diving

8-7 8-5 Buoys

## Proposed Rule Change for the Rules & Regulations Amendments

Following is Policy 26-08, which is a proposal to change the rules for rules & regulations amendments. The policy was read at the March 31, 2026 Board meeting and will be voted on at the May 19, 2026 Board meeting.

### POLICY 26-08

WHEREAS, Policy Resolution 08-07 was adopted in 2008 to establish a procedure for changing or modifying the Association's Rules and Regulations, and

WHEREAS, Policy Resolution 22-08 was adopted in 2022 to modify portions of Section 17 "Rules and Regulations Amendments" regarding the process for readings, publication, and member comment, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors is desirous of amending Section 17 to update the policy and remove the "readings" requirements and the requirement that all rule changes be recorded with the Boone County Clerk, and

WHEREAS, the Board has been advised by the Association's legal counsel that the requirement of conducting two readings and recording each Rules and Regulations amendment is not statutory and it is not common for a Common Interest Community Association to require advance readings and require rules and regulations to be recorded, and therefore imposes an unnecessary and cumbersome administrative and financial burden on the Association to record each rule change, and

WHEREAS, the Board finds that the Association's Rules and Regulations have been duly adopted by the Board pursuant to the authority granted under the Association's governing documents and applicable law, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors of Candlewick Lake Association, Inc. hereby amends Section 17 – Rules and Regulations Amendments as follows:

#### SECTION 17: RULES AND REGULATIONS AMENDMENTS

A. Rules and Regulations are defined as those rules and regulations referred to in 765 ILCS 160/1-5, 30(g), 30(i)(1)(i), and 35(d)(1), as well as and the policies to which that the general Membership is required expected to adhere to pursuant to Article IX Section A of the Declaration and Section 2.03 of the Bylaws. Amendments to the Rules and Regulations must adhere to the following procedure:

B. A Committee, Commission, Director, General Manager or a group of Members may present a request for a Regulation change to the Rules and Regulations to the Board for consideration. The requested change needs to be presented in proper policy proposal format, available in the Association Office. A proposed amendment originating from other than one or more Directors shall be The requested Regulation change must be submitted to the office, for submittal to the Board.

C. Individuals wishing to propose a Regulation an amendment to the Rules and Regulations shall either formally present a written suggestion to go through a Committee, Commission, Director, or General Manager, Board Member or have submit a petition signed by at least twenty-five (25) Members in good standing (a "Duly-Submitted Petition for Amendment").

D. Upon presentation of an amendment proposed by a Committee, Commission, Director, General Manager, or by the submission of a Duly-Submitted Petition for Amendment, the Board shall read and consider the proposed policy amendment at an open Board of Directors Meeting. The Board may discuss the proposal and make modifications to the proposed policy prior to a vote, and the Board may also decide to not bring the matter for a vote, at the first reading, prior to publication.

E. After the first reading the policy to be published. During the second reading Members of the Association are given the opportunity to comment on such proposed policy. Depending on the issue, a special meeting may be called to accommodate sufficient comment on the topic. After the amendment has been considered, discussed, and/or modified, in the event a proper motion is made for approval, a majority vote of the Board in favor of bringing the amendment to a vote will cause Administration to create a formal policy resolution for approval at the following Board of Directors Meeting. At such meeting, Property Owners will have the opportunity to comment on the proposed amendment prior to a final vote of the Board. The opportunity to comment will be conducted in the same manner as a regular Open Forum, although the Board retains discretion to permit comment thereon in other fashions in its reasonable discretion.

F. At the second reading, the policy may be reworded or adjusted and, as long as it is not fundamentally changed, will not need to go through the process again. If the policy resolution is approved, the full Rules & Regulations document will be updated to reflect the change and will be reposted to the Association website. The change will be considered effective immediately unless the Board specifies an "effective date".

G. All rule changes need to be recorded in the office of the Boone County Clerk.

H. Administration shall use reasonable efforts to publish the approved amendment. The approved policy will be published in the very next upcoming edition of the Candlewick Lake newsletter-newspaper, along with the effective date which will be the date the change is recorded at the County. In the event this happens after the 15th of any given month, it will be published in the month following so as to adhere to established deadlines.

I. The Candlewick Lake website will be updated within seven (7) days of the recording of such change, as well as electronic notification to the Membership, provided the Member's e-mail address is on file in the office:

J. An insert for the Rules and Regulations Book will be created within seven (7) days:

K. All amendments must be dated:

A running list of amendments and date of approval will be maintained in the preface of the Rules & Regulations document.

## Proposed Rule Change for Savannah Oaks Rules

Following is Policy 26-09, which is a proposal to change the rules for Savannah Oaks. The policy was read at the March 31, 2026 Board meeting and will be voted on at the May 19, 2026 Board meeting.

### POLICY 26-09

WHEREAS, there are rules for the Savannah Oaks Golf Course and Clubhouse in the current Rules & Regulations, and

WHEREAS, the Golf Course and Clubhouse Managers wish to update the rules, and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Section 20-1 and 20-2 of the Candlewick Lake Rules & Regulations be changed as follows:

#### SECTION 20:

##### SAVANNAH OAKS GOLF COURSE

##### 20-1 Course and Clubhouse Admittance

A. Course use is limited to Members/Associate Members/Tenants and their Guests.

##### B. Course Age Limitations

1. Minimum 12 years old unless accompanied by an adult age 18 or older.
2. No more than two (2) children under the age of 18 may play at one time in a group unless accompanied by an adult age 21 or older.

C. All Members/Associate Members/Tenants must check in and show valid Membership Card prior to golfing.

D. Tee times are required for golf and are assigned by Savannah Oaks Staff Members.

E. Savannah Oaks Staff have the right to temporarily restrict the use of the golf course and/or Clubhouse from residents and their Guests.

F. Animals, with the exception of service animals (trained working animals – not pets), are not allowed on Savannah Oaks property at any time except in specified areas for access to the bicycle path only. At no time are pets allowed on the course or in the Clubhouse – emotional support animals, comfort animals, or pets are not considered service animals under the ADA.

G. Use of the Savannah Oaks facilities is not permitted at any time without prior approval. No unauthorized persons will be allowed to access restricted areas.

H. Winter Play Policy - The absence of flagsticks in the cups indicates that the course is closed for play. This policy is in effect from December through March to protect the turf from damage caused by deep frost or saturated ground conditions.

##### 20-2 Course and Clubhouse Rules

A. All patrons of the course and clubhouse must conduct themselves in a civil manner or will be requested to leave the premises immediately. Conduct: All Clubhouse patrons must conduct themselves in a civil manner or will be requested to leave the premises immediately.

B. Use of the Savannah Oaks facilities is not permitted at any time without prior approval: Alcohol: No outside alcoholic beverages are allowed on the premises at any time. Unauthorized use of alcoholic beverages is forbidden and subject to confiscation, severe fines and/or arrest.

C. Pets are not allowed on Savannah Oaks property at any time except in specified areas for access to the bicycle path only. At no time are pets allowed on the course or in the Clubhouse:  
General Course Rules  

1. Respect for Others: All players shall show courtesy and respect to fellow golfers, staff, and the golf course property.
2. Safety First: Players must remain aware of their surroundings and always ensure the safety of others.
3. Course Care: Repair divots, ball marks, and rake bunkers to maintain course conditions for all players.

D. No outside alcoholic beverages are allowed on the premises at any time. Unauthorized use of alcoholic beverages is forbidden and subject to confiscation, severe fines and/or arrest:

Tee Time and Arrival  

1. Tee Time Scheduling: If you would like to play another nine holes, you shall reserve your tee time online at least 2 hours before you wish to start your second round. After completing your first nine holes, check in with the clubhouse if you haven't already secured your next tee time online.
2. Arrival Requirement: All players must arrive at the pro shop 20 minutes prior to their scheduled tee time. This allows adequate time for check-in, payment processing, equipment rental if available, and course preparation.
3. Late Arrival: Players arriving less than 20 minutes before their tee time may forfeit their reservation, and tee time may be given to next group or player.

E. Course etiquette will apply at all time at Savannah Oaks:

Equipment  

1. Golf Club Requirement: Each cart must have at least one set of golf clubs. This ensures proper pace of play and prevents delays during rounds.

F. No unauthorized persons will be allowed to access restricted areas:  
Dress Code  

1. Shirt Requirements - Men: All male players must always wear appropriate golf attire on the course. Sleeveless shirts are strictly prohibited. Your shirt must always be on. Acceptable shirt options include:
  - a. Collared golf shirts (polo shirts)
  - b. T-shirts with sleeves
2. Shirt Requirements - Women: All female players must always wear appropriate golf attire on the course. Acceptable shirt options include:
  - a. Collared golf shirts (polo shirts)
  - b. T-shirts with sleeves
  - c. Sleeveless collared shirts or sleeveless golf tops are permitted
3. Additional Dress Code: All players shall dress in a manner that reflects the traditional standards of golf. This includes:
  - a. Proper golf shoes or athletic shoes (no sandals or flip-flops)
  - b. Appropriate length shorts, skorts, pants, or capris
  - c. Shorts and skorts should be of modest length (no shorter than

mid-thigh)

4. Enforcement: Players not meeting dress code requirements will be asked to change into appropriate attire before being permitted on the course.

G. Pace of Play

1. Target Pace: To ensure an enjoyable experience for all players, groups shall maintain a 2-hour pace of play or better for 9 holes. This allows for proper course flow and prevents excessive delays.
2. Monitoring: Course marshals or Savannah Oaks staff will monitor pace of play throughout the day and may approach groups that are falling behind. Players are encouraged to be ready to hit when it's their turn and to move efficiently between shots.
3. Slow Play Protocol: Groups consistently playing behind pace may be asked to allow faster groups to play through. In extreme cases, slow groups may be asked to skip holes to catch up with proper positioning.
4. Ready Golf: We encourage "ready golf" principles where players hit when ready (while maintaining safety) rather than strictly adhering to honor system when it would speed up play.

H. Rule Enforcement: Failure to comply with these rules may result in suspension of play and removal from the course. Repeat offenders may face restrictions on future bookings.

I. A person causing damage to the course will be held responsible for the cost of repair when determined.

J. Cross country skiing, recreational vehicles or non-golf sporting equipment are not allowed on the course at any time.

## Proposed Rules for Vehicle Towing & Removal

Following is Policy 26-11, which is a proposal to change the rules for vehicle towing and removal. The policy was read at the March 31, 2026 Board meeting and will be voted on at the May 19, 2026 Board meeting.

### POLICY 26-11

WHEREAS, the Candlewick Lake Rules & Regulations have established restrictions on parking, roadway safety, and vehicle placement, and

WHEREAS, enforcement of these rules requires that Public Safety have clear authority and procedure for the removal of vehicles that pose safety hazards, obstruct snow removal, or otherwise violate regulations, and

WHEREAS, the Public Safety Commission recommends the adoption of a uniform towing and vehicle-removal procedure, and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Candlewick Lake Board of Directors hereby amend the Rules & Regulations to add Section 4-10, Paragraph M as follows:

#### SECTION 4: VEHICLE AND TRAFFIC REGULATIONS

- 4-10 Parking  
M. Vehicle Towing & Removal

- A. Violations of this Section or any vehicle creating a roadway obstruction, safety hazard, or impeding snow or ice control operations may be removed at the owner's expense in accordance with this policy. Towing may occur with or without prior notice when immediate removal is necessary for public safety, snow removal, or emergency access.
  1. Immediate Tow - No Notice Required:
    - a. Roadway obstruction or safety hazard
    - b. Vehicle parked in roadway
    - c. Snowfall greater than 2 inches or ice storm
    - d. Blocking fire lanes or emergency access
    - e. Impeding plow routes
  2. Notice Provided Prior to Tow:
    - a. Unregistered/inoperable vehicles
    - b. Parking in prohibited areas
    - c. Time-restricted parking
    - d. Shoulder parking beyond 2:00 a.m. without permission
  3. Appeals:
    - a. Property Owners and Residents may appeal citations.
    - b. Towing/storage fees must be paid to the towing provider and are not appealable.

## Proposed Rule Change for ACH Administrative Fee

Following is Policy 26-12, which is a proposal to change the rules for ACH Administrative fee. The policy was read at the March 31, 2026 Board meeting and will be voted on at the May 19, 2026 Board meeting.

### POLICY 26-12

WHEREAS, in 2002, Resolution 02-R-06 was approved to offer a multi-payment option for annual assessments, and

WHEREAS, Resolution 02-R-06 included that an administrative fee would be applied to the ACH program, and

WHEREAS, starting with fiscal year 2003-2004, the monthly ACH program began and the monthly withdrawal included the annual assessment amount and a 7% administrative fee, and

WHEREAS, the Administrative Staff has been going through previously approved resolutions to be sure they are included in the Rules & Regulations where applicable, and

WHEREAS, Policy 25-07 was approved on 5/20/25 which added the collection policy, which had previously only been printed in the Candlewick Lake Newspaper, into the Rules & Regulations, Section 1-1-D, and

WHEREAS, the payment options are listed, which includes the ACH option, but doesn't state the administrative fee that was approved in 2002 on Resolution 02-R-06, and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the administrative fee for the ACH option be added to Section 1-1, Paragraph D, 2a as follows:

#### SECTION 1: GENERAL PROVISIONS

1. Association Assessments, Capital Reserves, Charges, Fines, and Fees ("Association Charges")
- D. Candlewick Lake Association Collection Policy
  2. Payment Options
    - a. Monthly Electronic Fund Transfer (ACH). A predetermined monthly amount is automatically withdrawn from an Owner's bank account which includes the annual assessment amount and a 7% administrative fee. The ACH withdrawal will begin on May 1st and continues through March of each fiscal year.

# 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 decided to launch Board Meeting Highlights. This will be a new featured section in the monthly Candlewick Lake Newspaper detailing the most recent Board of Directors Meeting. 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.

### March 31, 2026 Board of Directors Meeting

Full meeting minutes will be posted to our website after approval at the April 21, 2026 meeting.

#### Open Forum Discusson:

- Boil Order and Aqua Illinois Water Discussion took place - Board Member and resident David Wiltse addressed the audience and spoke about his informal complaint to the ICC in regards to Aqua, to the boil order (which took place March 26th-30th), the high cost of water in the community, and water quality. He urged other residents to also file an informal complaint with ICC about Aqua. Other residents spoke of their concerns regarding Aqua, the high water cost, and quality of water in the association. Board members urged the audience to join together and make actionable items for the community to do as a whole.

#### The following actions were taken or reported by the Board of Directors at the March 31, 2026 meeting:

- A motion was made to nominate Gary Kurpeski as President. A motion was made to nominate Dave Wiltse as Vice-President. A motion was made to nominate Derek Mathews as Secretary. A motion was made to nominate Rogelio Guzman as Treasurer but Guzman declined the nomination. A motion was made to nominate Michelle Huber as Treasurer. All nominees were declared closed and each officer elected by acclamation.
- The Board unanimously approved a multi-child discount for summer camp as requested by Parks & Recreation.
- The Board unanimously approved Lake Management's recommendation to raise the fine for guest boats on the lake to \$500.00.
- The Board approved 6-1 the Newspaper Commission's request to remove house numbers from the ECC approved building section.
- The Board unanimously approved Newspaper Commission's request to have highlights/recap of action items from the Board meeting with the vote count in the newspaper and the full minutes on the website.
- The Board unanimously approved the Savannah Oaks Commission's recommendation that the Board approve installing Gold Junior Tee Plates on the fairways, with FOSO funding the tee plates (approximately \$50.00 per plate).
- The Board unanimously approved the Savannah Oaks Events Commission's recommendation that the Board approve the name change to Savannah Oaks Commission.
- The Board unanimously approved the Savannah Oaks Commission's recommendation to appoint Lynn Pehanich as the Commission Chair and appoint Steve Lambright as Vice Chair.
- The Board unanimously approved the Savannah Oaks Commission's recommendation list of events for the remainder of the year.
- The Board unanimously approved Policy 26-03 to change the rules in Section 2-4 - Rental Restrictions.
- The Board unanimously approved Resolution 26-R-06 for the replacement of the water heaters at the Rec Center.
- The Board unanimously approved Resolution 26-R-07 for the resurfacing of the pool.
- The Board unanimously approved writing off county-owned lots bad debt in the amount of \$58,385.72.

## Thank you, Ro!

Submitted by the Candlewick Lake Newspaper Commission

The Candlewick Lake Association and Candlewick Lake Board of Directors would like to thank Rogelio (Ro) Guzman for his involvement as a Board Member and Chair of the Finance Commission for the last 3 years. Ro's extensive knowledge, business acumen, and pride in the community have been a great asset for the Board of Directors.

Ro began attending board meetings after moving with his family to Candlewick Lake 4 years ago. He told himself that if he were to ever move into a community with an HOA, that he would volunteer his time and get involved. Ro was appointed to fill a board vacancy in 2022 and ran for the Board of Directors, winning a seat in 2023. Since then, Ro has volunteered countless hours of his time. From Board Meetings and Finance Commission Meetings, to creating and developing easily legible financial graphics, and most recently at Budget Meetings aiding in the development of the 2026-2027 Candlewick Lake Association Budget. Ro's help and assistance has been a bright spot as Candlewick Lake continues to move in the right direction.



Thank you for all you have done, Rogelio!

With the exit of Rogelio Guzman, the Candlewick Lake Board of Directors may appoint a new member to the Board of Directors to fill the remainder of the year until the next election in 2027. Any questions, please email bod@candlewicklake.org.

# Creative & Editorial

## Remember Mom on Mother's Day by Ken Dillenburg

I thought I planted daffodil bulbs, but not much was happening. I had chosen the correct soil type, planted them point up about five inches deep, fertilized, and watered. Not much more I could do but wait. A warm spell came, and the second week of April the shoots popped up. It looked like the timing would work out after all.

Sure enough, during the third week of April the beautiful yellow flowers appeared atop the dark green stems. Mom always liked daffodils, considering them the first real sign winter had lost its grip.

When visiting her in the nursing home I would wheel her down to the large windows in the common area with a good view of the grounds. We watched the squirrels scampering around and would talk mainly about the "old days". She had remarked the trees looked so sad in the winter when the leaves were gone. The bare limbs were depressing. Spring was her time. Renewal! She would brighten then and once again her happy disposition would return along with the warm sun and greenery.

A patch of the bright yellow daffodils now stood in our oval flower garden. Standing at the edge of the garden I picked several of the best, placing them in a heavy glass vase with some water. I then drove several miles with the vase and walked into a wooded area, kneeling for a prayer. A beam of warm May sunlight pierced the green canopy of leaves and illuminated the face of a polished upright stone. As I knelt I placed the vase next to the stone. There you go Mom. Spring is here, and so is Mother's Day. We miss you Mom. The trees are happy now.

## Quote of the Month

Submitted by Chuck Corso

"The happiness of your life depends upon the quality of your thoughts."

*-Marcus Aurelius*

## 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 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](http://CandlewickLake.org) for updates on each month's book



## Newspaper Commission Meeting:

Wednesday, May 13th, 2026, 6PM  
Thursday, June 11th, 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](mailto:newspaper@candlewicklake.org) using the monthly writing prompt.

### JUNE WRITING PROMPT:

*"While taking the train to Chicago..."*

due **May 10<sup>th</sup>** for publishing in the June Newspaper

## The Board Beat

In this new, recurring piece we will explain various aspects of the Board and its functions. This month we will give an overview Open Forum during Board of Director Meeting and why it's so important for our community.

### What is Open Forum?

Open Forum is a dedicated session within the monthly Board of Directors meeting where residents are invited to voice opinions, ask questions, and discuss topics, often without needing to be on the agenda. This promotes transparency, community engagement, and direct communication between residents, the Board of Directors, and Candlewick Lake Administration and staff.

At the beginning of each Board of Directors meeting, Candlewick Lake holds an open forum for property owners to address the board with questions or concerns. Because items presented in open forum are not known to the Board of Directors (or general public) prior to the meeting, open forum is meant only for information and not voting or bringing action items.

In order to address the Board during open forum, you must sign-up before the meeting is called to order. Please arrive early to do so. When open forum begins and your turn is called, you have 5 minutes to address the board. Board of Directors meetings allow up to 30 minutes of open forum. The board enjoys hearing from the residents and are often grateful for the items that residents bring to our attention.

Although the board is typically not able to respond on the spot, we try to find the answer and get back to all residents. Please consider joining us at a future board meeting even if you don't have something to share. Resident attendance and participation only strengthens the community as a whole.

## 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](mailto:newspaper@candlewicklake.org)

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

# Parks & Recreation

**2026 POOL & BEACH SEASON**

**Pool Hours\* May 23 - August 16**  
**12pm - 8pm Daily**  
*(Lap Swim Only 6pm - 8pm on Mondays and Wednesdays)*

**Beach will remain open through Labor Day.**

Tabata & Aquasize will begin **June 8**, weather permitting.  
 Aquasize: 10:15am - 11:15 am Monday, Wednesday, Friday - by Pat Bartels  
 Tabata: 6:15pm - 7:15pm Monday & Wednesday (during lap swim) - by Debra Kahne

**IMPORTANT! The beach is always swim-at-your-own-risk** as there are no beach lifeguards. The beach is only open if lake test results allow and can only be open when the Pool or Rec Center is open. Notice of beach closures will be announced via e-blast. Please be sure you are subscribed to community emails.

**\*The pool cannot open if air temperature is below 70 degrees or if there is inclement weather occurring or forecasted.**

## CANDLEWICK LAKE GYM AND FITNESS CENTER RULES

- CWL Member ID must be presented to the front desk to use the gym or fitness center.
- No one under the age of 14 is allowed in the Gym at anytime without someone 14 years or older to supervise them.
- \$4 Guest Day Passes are available for non-residents and may only be sold to someone who is with a CWL resident with proper ID.
- Liability waivers must be signed by anyone entering the gym or fitness center. Minor waivers may only be signed by parent/legal guardian.
- Kids Gym (Family Gym) is designed for the enjoyment of Candlewick Lake families. No unaccompanied children.
- Shoes must be changed before entering the gym.
- No street shoes, no dark soled tennis shoes, no stocking feet.
- No drinks (except water), food, or gum is allowed in the gym.
- No full court basketball unless scheduled.

**FITNESS CENTER ORIENTATION CLASSES**  
**\$10 FEE, BY APPOINTMENT ONLY**

*Sign Up at the Rec Center Front Desk. Class is required for residents age 16-17 to use Fitness Center without legal guardian.*

## 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**

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



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!

**BUNCO** **6:30pm - 8:30pm First Friday every Month**

Anyone 18+ is welcome to join us at the Rec Center on the 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!

# WEEKLY GYM SCHEDULE MAY 2026

TIME	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
09:00 AM	GYM OPENS AT 12:00PM	MORNING WALKING 9:15AM-10:15AM	MORNING WALKING 9:15AM-10:15AM	MORNING WALKING 9:15AM-10:15AM	MORNING WALKING 9:15AM-10:15AM	MORNING WALKING 9:15AM-10:15AM	OPEN GYM 9:00AM - 1:00PM
10:00 AM		OPEN GYM 10:30AM - 6:00PM	KIDS GYM 10:30AM - 12:00PM	OPEN GYM 10:30AM - 6:00PM	OPEN GYM 10:30AM - 6:00PM	OPEN GYM 10:30AM - 6:00PM	
11:00 AM							
12:00 PM	OPEN GYM 12:00PM - 4:00PM		OPEN GYM 12:00PM - 6:00PM				
01:00 PM							
02:00 PM	OPEN GYM 10:30AM - 8:00PM						
03:00 PM							
04:00 PM	GYM CLOSING AT 4:00PM	FULL COURT BASKETBALL 16 YEARS+ 6:00PM - 8:00PM	FULL COURT BASKETBALL 14 YEARS+ 6:00PM - 8:00PM	PICKLEBALL 18 YEARS+ 6:00PM - 8:00PM	PICKLEBALL 14 YEARS+ 6:00PM - 8:00PM	GYM CLOSING AT 5:00PM	
05:00 PM							
06:00 PM							
07:00 PM							
08:00 PM							
GYM CLOSING AT 8:00PM							

Save the Date...

# BI-ANNUAL COMMUNITY GARAGE SALE

## DEADLINE TO SIGN UP - MAY 8, 2026

CONTACT THE REC CENTER TO SIGN UP  
RECCENTER@CANDLEWICKLAKE.ORG | 815-339-0500 X 300

**FRIDAY, MAY 15**  
9AM - 6PM  
RESIDENTS AND THEIR GUESTS

**SATURDAY, MAY 16**  
9AM - 4PM  
OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

**SUNDAY, MAY 17**  
NOON - 4PM  
OPEN TO THE PUBLIC



OWNERS MUST BE IN GOOD STANDING TO BE INCLUDED ON CWL GARAGE SALE LISTING

CANDLEWICK LAKE ASSOCIATION'S

# 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 9<sup>th</sup> 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 9<sup>th</sup> of each month before 5PM

### Candlewick Lake Community Garden Sign Up Form

*Please read and complete the form below*

- I will pay a fee of \$15 to help cover garden expenses and donate a portion of my crop to Boone County/Belvidere Food Pantry.
- I will have something planted in the garden by June 1 and keep it planted all summer long.
- If I must abandon my plot for any reason, I will notify the garden leadership.
- I will keep weeds at a minimum and maintain the areas immediately surrounding my plot if any.
- If my plot becomes unkempt, I understand I will be given 1 week notice to clean it up. At that time, it will be reassigned or tilled in.
- I will keep trash and litter out of the plot, as well as from adjacent pathways and fences.
- I will participate in the fall cleanup of the garden. I will plant tall crops where they will not shade neighboring plots.
- I will pick only my own crops unless given permission by another plot user.
- I will not use fertilizers, insecticides or weed repellents that will in any way affect other plots.
- I will not bring pets to the garden.
- I understand that neither the garden group nor owners of the land are responsible for my actions.

*I THEREFORE AGREE TO HOLD HARMLESS THE CANDLEWICK LAKE GARDEN GROUP AND OWNERS OF THE LAND FOR ANY LIABILITY, DAMAGE, LOSS OR CLAIM THAT OCCURS IN CONNECTION WITH USE OF THE GARDEN BY ME OR ANY OF MY GUESTS.*

**Please provide us with the following information. Print clearly:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature Date

*Please return to the office or call Sandy Morse 815-765-2377 for information*

# Savannah Oaks

## Pub Trivia Hosts Las Vegas Night

Our first theme night, a Las Vegas theme, was well attended and people liked the concept. This bodes well for future theme nights. Our participants were enthusiastic and provided several good ideas that we look forward to implementing.

To give you an idea of the theme concept, this was the final question: Which famous prize fighter's ear did Mike Tyson bite in Las Vegas resulting in Tyson's disqualification? Answer: EVANDER HOLYFIELD

Hope to see you at our next Pub Trivia to join in on the fun. Pub Trivia is played monthly at Savannah Oaks on the third Saturday of the month at 7:00 pm.



## Savannah Oaks 2026 Inaugural Golf Outing

Saturday, May 9th at 10:00 am  
18-hole, 2-person scramble, Price \$35

Includes lunch: Pulled Pork Sandwiches,  
Baked Beans, Cole Slaw, Potato Salad

SIGN-UP IN THE CLUBHOUSE  
LIMIT OF 48 PARTICIPANTS



## First Savannah Oaks Golf Outing Saturday, May 9th

Help us kick off the 2026 Golf Events by playing in our first outing. The format is a 2-person, 18-hole scramble with additional individual competition including Longest Drive, Closest to the Pin and Longest Putt. Prizes will be awarded to the winners. Also, there will be a 50/50 Raffle to support Friends of Savannah Oaks which donates funds to make future improvements to both the golf course and clubhouse.

The \$35 entry fee includes lunch afterward of pulled pork sandwiches, baked beans, potato salad and dessert. Tee-off time is 10:00 am. Please arrive by 9:30 am to check-in. SIGN-UP SHEET in Clubhouse - Maximum of 48 participants.

## Golf Course Etiquette

The Savannah Oaks golf course staff members are focused on providing a quality golf experience. Considerable time and money are invested on course maintenance, and our fairways and greens are in excellent condition.

Savannah Oaks Management has proposed an update to the Course and Clubhouse Policies for Board Approval. The purpose of these rules is to maintain the excellent condition of the course, ensure the safety of golfers, and ensure we treat fellow golfers and patrons with respect.

One notable change is the winter play policy which is in effect from December thru March. If the flagsticks are not on the greens, the course is not open to play even for walkers. This is to protect the turf from permanent damage caused by deep frost or saturated ground conditions.

Once the course is open for golf season, residents will receive e-blasts if the course is closed due to frost delays, or if because of inclement weather no carts will be allowed for the day(s).

Also, there is a dress code for both men and women. Please check out the rules that will be published in the newspaper so you can adhere to the dress code. The rules will be enforced.

### Follow these basic guidelines to maintain good course management:

- Make a tee-time - especially on the weekends. You can use the Candlewick Mobile App or call the clubhouse.
- Be on time! If you are not on the first tee-box at your tee-time, you will lose your position and have to wait for the next open tee-time to play. Please arrive at least 20 minutes before your tee-time to check in and get you cart and refreshments.
- Replace your divots in the fairway
- Repair your ball marks on the green
- Do not drive the cart within 30 yards of the green. Anyone caught driving on the green will lose their golf privileges.
- KEEP PACE and play ready golf. You should keep up with the group in front of you. A good pace of play for 9 holes is 2 hours and 2:15 when the course is full.
- If you are a foursome in front of a twosome, please allow the twosome to play through to keep the course moving.

FAMILY GOLF is encouraged. We do recommend if you have beginner golfers and want to play on the weekend, the best time to play would be 3:00 pm or later.

Have fun and treat each other and your golf course with respect.

Wine Wednesday  
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Karaoke Night  
@ Savannah Oaks Clubhouse

Upcoming Dates: May 23rd & June 27th



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# Upcoming Events

## May

- 5/4 - Events Commission Meeting @ Rec Center, 6:30PM
- 5/5 - Cinco De Mayo Party @ Savannah Oaks, 4PM
- 5/6 - Savannah Oaks Commission Meeting @ Rec Center, 6PM
- 5/6 - ECC Meeting @ Admin Office, 6:30PM
- 5/7 - Mens Golf League Start Date, 4PM
- 5/9 - Garden Club Meeting @ Rec Center, 10AM  
"Hummingbirds" by Cindy Mikota,  
"Beneficial Insects" by Bobbi Burke
- 5/9 - 2026 Savannah Oaks Golf Outing, 10AM
- 5/9 - Citation Review @ Rec Center, Lakeview Room @ 9AM
- 5/12 - Lake Management Meeting @ Rec Center, 6:30PM
- 5/13 - Newspaper Commission Meeting @ Admin Office, 6PM
- 5/13 - Public Safety Meeting @ Rec Center, 6:30PM
- 5/15 - Couples Night Golf Outing, 6PM
- 5/16 - Pub Trivia @ Savannah Oaks, 7PM
- 5/18 - Finance Commission Meeting @ Admin Office, 5:30PM
- 5/19 - Board of Directors Meeting @ Rec Center, 6:30PM
- 5/20 - ECC Meeting @ Admin Office, 6:30PM
- 5/23 - Karaoke @ Savannah Oaks, 7PM
- 5/27 - Book Club Meeting @ Rec Center, 5:30PM

## June

- 6/1 - Events Commission Meeting @ Rec Center, 6:30PM
- 6/3 - Savannah Oaks Commission @ Rec Center, 6PM
- 6/3 - ECC Meeting @ Admin Office, 6:30PM
- 6/9 - Lake Management Meeting @ Rec Center, 6:30PM
- 6/10 - Public Safety @ Rec Center, 6:30PM
- 6/11 - Youth Golf League Begins @ Savannah Oaks,  
9:30AM-11:30AM
- 6/11 - Newspaper Commission Meeting @ Admin Office, 6PM
- 6/13 - Savannah Oaks Golf Outing #2 @ Savannah Oaks, 9AM
- 6/13 - Garden Club Meeting @ Rec Center, 10AM
- 6/15 - Finance Commission Meeting @ Admin Office, 5:30PM
- 6/16 - Board of Directors Meeting @ Rec Center, 6:30PM
- 6/17 - ECC Meeting @ Admin Office, 6:30PM
- 6/18 - Youth League @ Savannah Oaks, 9:30AM-11:30AM
- 6/20 - Pub Trivia @ Savannah Oaks, 7PM
- 6/24 - Book Club Meeting @ Rec Center, 5:30PM
- 6/25 - Youth League @ Savannah Oaks, 9:30AM-11:30AM
- 6/27 - Karaoke @ Savannah Oaks, 7PM

*\*For the Full Calendar of Events - See the Calendar on Page 22 or visit [candlewicklake.org](http://candlewicklake.org)*

**Every Monday Night at the Rec Center\***

# FOOD TRUCKS ARE BACK

**Opening Date April 27**

\*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.

A WARM WELCOME TO NEW OWNERS	
Anna Juchimowicz & Zofia Kulach	Candlewick Dr SW
Christopher Bastier	Constitution Dr SW
Luz de la Torre & Miguel Gomez	Liverpool Drive SE
Brent Barlow	Rochester Road NE
Eduardo Quintana	Rochester Road NE

## Events Commission Meeting:

Monday, May 4th, 2026, 6:30PM  
Monday, June 1st, 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*

*Candlewick Garden Club*  
Invites the community to presentations on  
**HUMMINGBIRDS and BENEFICIAL INSECTS**

Presented by  
**Cindy Mikota and Bobbi Burke**

**Saturday, May 9 10 am**

Rec Center,  
Water's Edge Room

*Plants ordered previously from Harlem High School will be delivered to the Rec Center. Please bring cash or check.*

Questions: [candlewickgardeners@gmail.com](mailto:candlewickgardeners@gmail.com)

CANDLEWICK LAKE

# KIDS FISHING TOURNAMENT

**June 21st 2026**

REGISTRATION @ 8:45  
BEGINS 9AM TO 10:30  
MEET AT REC CENTER

ADMISSION IS FREE AND SPONSORED BY THE FRIENDS OF CWL / LAKE MANAGEMENT

AGE GROUPS  
3-6 YEARS  
7-9 YEARS  
10-13 YEARS  
14-16 YEARS

For any additional information please contact Chuck Hart @ 815-520-1796

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Kayak rentals are available at the Rec Center for Candlewick Lake residents. The kayaks are located behind the Rec Center, and rentals are handled through the Rec Center front desk.

**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.*

## WELCOME TO THROWBACK CANDLEWICK



Friendship Park, formerly known as Second Beach



The Pool - does it look different?

*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 Admin Office 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.

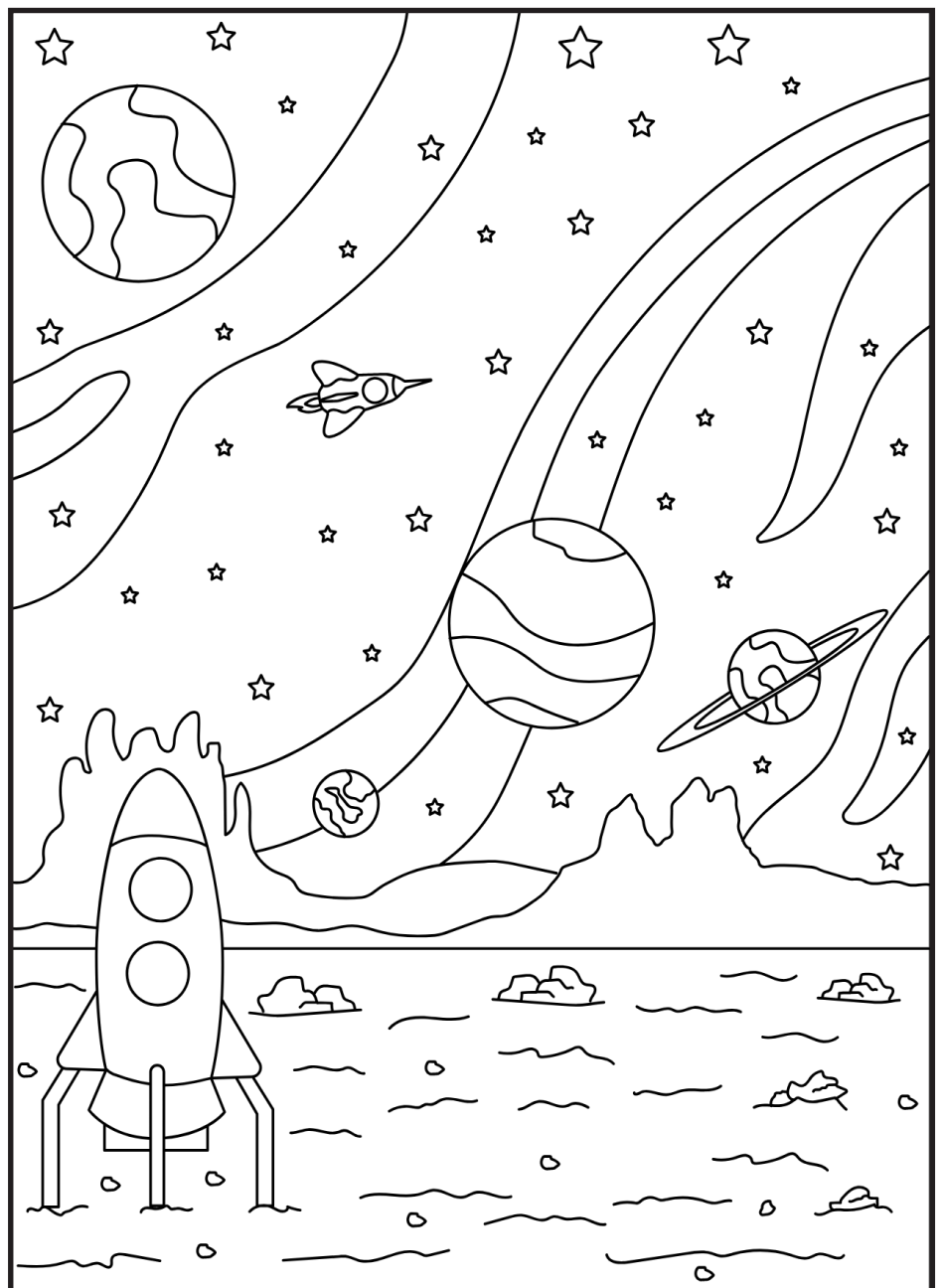
*Each Month the CWL Newspaper Commission will choose their favorite submission and share it in the following month's newspaper.*

**Thank you Colton, age 6, for this month's submission:**



NAME:

AGE:



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# Lake Management

## Lake Management Commission Meeting:

Tuesday, May 12th, 2026, 6:30PM  
 Tuesday, June 9th, 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*

### Boat Registration & Inspection

**PLEASE REMEMBER TO UPDATE YOUR BOAT STICKER FOR EACH NEW BOATING SEASON AND BE SURE TO REGISTER IF YOU HAVE A NEW BOAT**

*Stickers expire at the end of April each year.*

If you had your boat registered for the previous season, to get your new sticker, make sure we have a current copy of your state registration and a current copy of your Marine Public Liability and property damage insurance (\$100,000 minimum) if the watercraft is equipped with a motor exceeding ten (10) horsepower.

If your boat was not registered last season, you will need to bring in a current copy of your state registration, and a current copy of your Marine Public Liability and property damage insurance (\$100,000 minimum) if the watercraft is equipped with a motor exceeding ten (10) horsepower.

Your boat will have to be inspected or re-inspected by Public Safety before a sticker is issued. Please plan ahead and contact Public Safety to schedule an inspection.

If you have a vessel that does not have a motor, an inspection will not be required. Your unit/lot number is required on both sides of the vessel.

Boats may not exceed 20 feet in length (inches will be excluded in length). A maximum horsepower of 90hp is allowed to travel at wake speed. Any motor over 90hp will require a special use permit and is allowed at no-wake speed - idle speed only.

### 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.

## REMINDER

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

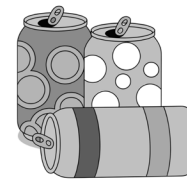
\*\*Your Member ID is your CWL fishing permit and must be carried with you while fishing. Guest permits can be purchased at the Recreation Center or Admin Office.

## 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

## ACTIVITIES ON THE DAM

Only walking on top of the dam, between sunrise and sunset is allowed

### The following is not allowed:

- Bikes
- Fishing
- Unauthorized motor vehicles
- Sledding

**FISHING RULES AND LIMITS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE.**

**READ THE FULL CWL RULES & REGULATIONS AT CANDLEWICKLAKE.ORG**

### 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

### Rock River Enterprises & Barge, Inc.

Hewitt Roll A Docks	<b>Steve Lucas, Owner</b>
Hewitt Boat Lifts	6212 Park Ridge Rd.
Sales	Loves Park, IL 61111
Install & Removal Service	
Our 19th Year on the Lake	Phone: 815-654-8742
Service On All Brands	Mobile: 815-243-8742
	Fax: 815-654-8772

## 2025 BOAT STICKERS EXPIRED AT THE END OF APRIL 2026

**Remember to update your boat sticker for the new boating season**

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

**Spaces \$1,000 - Burials \$1,000  
 Columbarium is \$2,700**

Pre-Burial Arrangements • Cremation Burials  
 Marker and Memorial Sales • No Pressure Sales

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**BELVIDERE CEMETERY ASSOCIATION**  
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# Public Safety



## Public Safety Commission Meeting:

Wednesday, May 13th, 2026, 6:30PM  
 Wednesday, June 10th, 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 Chief of Public Safety, Matthew Studt

May the 4th be with you! That's right, Star Wars fans—it's May, which means it's time to celebrate Star Wars Day. Welcome to the May edition of Chief Chat, my fellow Jedi.

Hopefully, the saying "April showers bring May flowers" holds true—we've certainly had our share of rain. May is also one of the most exciting times of the year here in Candlewick, with garage sale weekend right around the corner. We'll get into that shortly, along with an important reminder for Motorcycle Awareness Month.

#### Holidays to Celebrate-

- Star Wars Day - May 4th
  - May the 4th be with you—and remember, Revenge of the 5th is for the Sith
- Cinco de Mayo - Tuesday, May 5th
- Mother's Day - Sunday, May 10th (Happy Mother's Day to all!)
- Memorial Day - Monday, May 25th
  - A time to honor and remember those who gave their lives in military service

#### Garage Sale Weekend-

Garage sale weekend in Candlewick Lake will take place:

- Friday, May 15th (9 AM - 6 PM) - Residents and their guests only
- Saturday, May 16th (9 AM - 4 PM) - Open to the public
- Sunday, May 17th (12 PM - 4 PM) - Open to the public

With increased traffic throughout the community, please take your time whether you're shopping or traveling. Expect more vehicles and pedestrians than usual.

#### Speed limits to remember:

- 25 mph on main roads
- 20 mph in cul-de-sacs
- 10 mph near the Rec Center, Outpost, and parks

And as always, stop signs mean a complete stop. Let's all do our part to keep everyone safe.

Good luck to everyone selling—and happy hunting to those searching for great finds!

#### Motorcycle Awareness

As the weather warms up, more motorcycles will be on the road. Please remember:

- Motorcycles are smaller and can be harder to see
- They can easily be hidden in blind spots
- Their speed and distance can be difficult to judge

Take an extra moment when turning or changing lanes, and always double-check your surroundings. Let's all share the road safely.

That wraps up this month's Chief Chat.

Happy Mother's Day, and May the 4th be with you all. Please continue to drive safely, watch for motorcycles, and follow the rules of the road.

And always remember to...  
 Keep moving forward.

### Candlewick Lake Public Safety Commission

#### 2026 ROAD SAFETY IN CWL-

*Spring weather means we will see more bicycles and walkers*

- Cars, trucks, and other vehicles drive on the RIGHT side of the road.
- Bicycle riders are also required to use the RIGHT side of the road.

#### WALKERS

- Walkers need to WALK AGAINST TRAFFIC -- on the Left side of the road.
- If out walking or riding after dark - please - remember to wear light-colored clothing - always wear white and or reflective clothing - bikes need a front light.
- When walking on our roads, remember that they are to be shared.
- Walking with your back to vehicles, especially if you are wearing earbuds is just "an accident just waiting to happen".
- ADULTS and KIDS of ALL AGES -- Always walk facing the oncoming traffic. \*
- Please remember that the rules and laws for being on streets and roads are for your safety.
- Be RESPECTFUL and Be SAFE and DON'T Be Distracted by phone texting, etc.

**\*DRIVERS**—it is your responsibility to know and obey the Rules of the Road for the State of Illinois and of CWL.

To all Candlewick residents and your guests \* remember to respect the SPEED LIMITS posted. STOP SIGNS mean come to a complete STOP.

#### REVIEW AND BE AWARE OF THE RULES OF THE ROAD:

- Warmer weather means that more people are out walking and more kids of all ages using their bikes.'
- Riding your bicycle on Illinois roadways, you must obey the same traffic laws, signs, and signals that apply to motorists.
- BIKE riders must ride in the same direction as other traffic. Riding in the opposite direction of traffic is both dangerous and against the law.
- Motorists are required by law to allow at least 3 feet of space between them and a bicyclist when passing.
- Be SAFE \* NOT SORRY

#### SPRING WEATHER SAFETY MESSAGE

*A reminder that in the early months of spring severe weather is more likely to occur:*

- Thunderstorms can turn into tornadoes; they can cause flooding and create deadly lightning.
- \*Prepare \* Plan \* Stay Informed\*
- \*TURN-AROUND \* DON'T DROWN\*
- \*Don't wait - Communicate\* - - does your family know how to stay in touch?
- OUTDOOR WARNING SIRENS are sounded if a tornado has been spotted in our area. This is just what it is called, an OUTDOOR WARNING - If you are inside a building you may not be able to hear the siren.
- A WEATHER RADIO should be a must-have to alert your family of the oncoming storm.
- For more SAFETY TIPS, go to [Weather.gov/](http://Weather.gov/) safety.

Enjoy our Spring weather \* BE SAFE \* Remember our CWL roads are to be shared- \*\*drivers, bikers, skateboarders, walkers - Adults and Kids of all ages\*\*

Your CWL Public Safety Commission wishes you a safe and enjoyable spring & summer

### March 2026 Public Safety Stats

TYPE OF CALL	2025	2026
Accident	0	0
Activated Alarm	8	13
Administration Detail	6	1
Animal Related	15	11
Assist	0	2
Attempt to Locate	4	2
Attempted Break-in	0	0
ATV Complaint	1	1
Bike Patrol	0	0
Boating Related	0	0
Building Check	518	467
Burglary to vehicle	0	1
Careless Driving	1	3
CITATIONS ISSUED		
Traffic	30	13
Ordinance	27	38
Inoperable	13	6
Unregistered	2	2
WARNINGS ISSUED		
Ordinance	61	66
Parking	12	8
Inoperable	18	7
Unregistered	10	6
Community Policing	195	239
Community Relations	42	45
Complaint	0	4
Damage to Property	2	7
Damage to Vehicle	1	0
Department Assist	10	5
Disorderly Conduct	0	0
Domestic Disturbance	1	0
Employee Relief	205	195
Escort	1	10
Fire Call	3	1
Fireworks	0	0
Fishing Related	1	3
Follow Up	11	7
Foot Patrol	84	122
Harassment	0	0
IT Issue	0	2
Information	32	29
Inspection	0	0
Intoxicated Subject	0	0
Juvenile Problem	2	3
Maintenance Issue	15	19
Medical Assist	5	10
Meet with Complainant	1	0
Missing Person	1	2
Motorist Assist	0	0
Neighbor Dispute	0	0
Noise Complaint	3	1
On Scanner	24	39
On View	2	0
Overnight Parking Permission	34	32
Paper Service	1	0
Parking Problem	11	12
Recovered Property	0	0
Report Ticket	14	1
Roadway Hazard	6	1
Suspicious Activity	2	1
Suspicious Person	3	6
Suspicious Vehicle	9	3
Theft	0	2
Traffic Control	0	3
Traffic Complaint	1	0
Traffic Enforcement	71	37
Trespassing	3	1
Unauthorized Entry	4	3
Vandalism	0	0
Vehicle in Ditch	0	2
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1526</b>	<b>1494</b>

# UPDATE

**PUBLIC SAFETY AND  
 BUILDING DEPARTMENT  
 CITATIONS NOW  
 AVAILABLE ONLINE**

**2026-2027 FEE SCHEDULE**

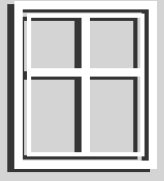
<b>ASSESSMENTS &amp; RESIDENCY FEES</b>	
Operating Assessment - Single Lot (Annual Fee)	\$1,303
Reserve Assessment - Single Lot (Annual Fee)	\$422
Associate Member/Tenant Fee (Annual Fee)	\$500
Tenant Registration Fee	\$100
<b>MISCELLANEOUS FEES &amp; SERVICES</b>	
C-Pass - Owner of Record/Resident (Each)	\$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
<b>POOL</b>	
Guest Pool Pass - Daily	\$8
Guest Pool Pass - Seasonal (Limited to Four Passes)	\$45
<b>PARKS &amp; RECREATION</b>	
Dog Park Tag (Annual, Per Dog) \$25 Key Deposit Required	\$10
Lakeview Room (per hour) (2 hour minimum, \$400 cap) \$200 Deposit Required	\$55
Lakeview Room - After-Hours Rental Fee (additional fee per hour)	\$30
Friendship Park Pavilion (per day) \$25 Deposit Required	\$30
Outpost Rental - Half Day (5 hours or less) \$200 Deposit Required	\$175
Outpost Rental - Full Day (6 hours or more) \$200 Deposit Required	\$300
After School Care (per day)	\$15
Schools Out Care (per day)	\$35
Summer Camp (per day)	\$35
Child Care Program Early Drop Off (per day)	\$20
Guest Gym Pass (per day)	\$5
Guest Fitness Center Pass (per day)	\$5
Resident Extended Hours Fitness Center Pass (per month)	\$0
Replacement Extended Hours Fitness Card	\$15
Rec Programs	varies
<b>FISHING &amp; DOCS</b>	
Guest Fishing Permit - Daily (Limited to Five Per Day)	\$15
Guest Fishing Permit - Three (Consecutive) Days	\$20
Guest Fishing permit - Seasonal (Limited to Four Permits)	\$35
Dock Rental - Marina Docks (Annual Fee) \$25 Deposit Required	\$500
Dock Rental - Stationary Docks (Annual Fee)	\$325
Boat Rentals - Kayaks (per hour) (\$20 cash deposit or license held)	\$5
Life Jacket Rental for Kayaks (Required for Children)	\$2
<b>SAVANNAH OAKS</b>	
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
<b>BUILDING DEPARTMENT - HOME CONSTRUCTION</b>	
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
<b>BUILDING DEPARTMENT - GARAGES, ADDITIONS, IN-GROUND POOLS</b>	
Refundable Clean-Up Deposit	\$750
Building Permit	\$35
Inspection Fee	\$40
Renewal Fee	\$35
<b>MISCELLANEOUS CONSTRUCTION</b>	
Building Permit	\$20
Inspection Fee	\$25

**CANDLEWICK LAKE ASSOCIATION'S  
2026 SPRING CLEANING &  
PROPERTY MAINTENANCE  
CHECKLIST**

Please use this checklist to help keep your property well-maintained and looking its best as we move into the spring season. Residents are also encouraged to review the Candlewick Lake Association Rules and Regulations to ensure their property remains in compliance.

**EXTERIOR CLEANING**

- Power wash your house to remove moss, algae, dirt, and grime.
- Clean all exterior windows.
- Clean, wash, or repair gutters and downspouts and remove debris.



**PAINT & EXTERIOR CONDITION**

- Repaint or touch up any chipping trim around doors, garage doors, pillars, and railings.
- Repair or repaint front and garage doors if they are fading, chipping, or peeling.
- Check siding for missing or damaged pieces.
- If wood siding is peeling, cracking, or deteriorating, repaint as needed.

**YARD & LANDSCAPING**

- Remove weeds in yards, driveways, and walkways.
- Prepare lawn equipment and yard for mowing season.
- Keep grass maintained and under 6 inches.
- Clean garden beds and landscaping areas.
- Remove sticks, leaves, and other debris left over from winter.
- Trim dead, damaged, or overgrown branches.



**EQUIPMENT &  
SEASONAL STORAGE**

- Perform end-of-season maintenance on snow blowers and other winter equipment, then clean and store them properly.

**LIGHTING & FIXTURES**

- Clean exterior light fixtures.
- Replace any burned-out bulbs.



**VEHICLE COMPLIANCE**

- Ensure all vehicles are current and registered with the state of Illinois, with Candlewick Lake Association, and have a C-pass.
- Vehicles must remain operational and be moved every 30 days.
- Vehicle tires must remain properly inflated.

**GARBAGE & RECEPTACLES**

- Make sure property is free of all trash and debris.
- Garbage cans may not be visible from the roadway.

**ADDRESS**

- Make sure the house numbers are clear and visible from the roadway, with a minimum of 4 inches tall.
- Homes on the lake must have house numbers displayed on the lake, so they are visible lakeside as well.



*Reminder: Regular exterior maintenance helps preserve property values and keeps our community looking great. Thank you for doing your part!*

# ECC/Building Department

## 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](http://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 Work

Many property owners would like to do work in the ditch and/or install block, stone or wood retaining walls around the ends of the culvert (the metal pipe under the driveway) in front of their property. Please remember that anything you do in the ditch must be approved. The area from the edge of the road in toward your house approximately 20' is defined as the ditch area and is owned by Candlewick Lake. Per the CC&R's, the ditch area is to be maintained by the property owner.

Application forms along with rule sheets are available in the office or you can find the rules under the Building Department (ECC/Building Department Rules and Regulations) on our web site at [www.candlewicklake.org](http://www.candlewicklake.org). Section 510 is applicable to ditches.

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

## 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.

## 2026 Mowing Dates - Vacant Lots

The mowing dates for vacant lots are as follows: May 15th, June 15th, July 15th and September 1st. 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.

## Environmental Control Committee 2026 Meeting Dates and 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
May 6, 2026	April 27, 2026	May 1, 2026
May 20, 2026	May 11, 2026	May 15, 2026
June 3, 2026	May 22, 2026	May 29, 2026
June 17, 2026	June 8, 2026	June 12, 2026
July 1, 2026	June 22, 2026	June 26, 2026
July 15, 2026	July 6, 2026	July 10, 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
<b>TOTAL PERMIT</b>	<b>\$2,585</b>
Application Fee	\$30
GARAGE, ADDITIONS, & REMODELING	
Refundable Clean-up Deposit (cash/check only)	\$750
Building Permit	\$35
Inspection Fee	\$40
<b>TOTAL PERMIT</b>	<b>\$825</b>
MISCELLANEOUS CONSTRUCTION	
Building Permit	\$20
Inspection Fee	\$25
<b>TOTAL PERMIT</b>	<b>\$45</b>

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.

### 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

With summer soon to be here, 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.

### Returning "Snowbirds"

If you are a 'snowbird' returning to Candlewick Lake, please be sure to let the office know you are back so that we may change your address back to your Candlewick address. This will assure that you are receiving all Candlewick Lake communications. It also saves the Association a lot of money in postage. When bulk mail is returned, we must pay the original cost to send it, 2.47 times the first-class rate to get the mail back (about \$5.00 for each piece) and then the cost to resend it.

### 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

### New Houses/Misc. Construction

Homes Complete	1828
Under Construction	6
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1834</b>

#### NEW HOUSES APPROVED

None

#### MISCELLANEOUS CONSTRUCTION APPROVED

ADDRESS	TYPE
Brandywine SE	Tree Removal
Brandywine SE	Pool
Brandywine SE	Shed & Variance Request
King Henry SE	Color Change
Candlewick Dr. SE	Tree Removal
New Foundland NE	Driveway Extension
Pembroke SW	Color & Door Style Change
Benedict SW	Solar Panels
Candlewick Dr. NE	Solar Panels
Liverpool SE	Tree Removal
Lamplighter Loop SE	Color Change
Cornwall Cr. SE	Tree Removal
Candlewick Dr. SE	Tree Removal
Candlewick Dr. SE	Revised In-ground Pool Location
Talladega SW	Deck
Talladega SW	Color Change
Hastings Way SW	Color Change
Candlewick Dr. NE	Deck & Variance Request
Candlewick Dr. SW	Boat Lift
Winesap SW	Tree Removal
Picadilly SE	Driveway
Galahad SE	Color Change
Galahad SE	Door Change
Galahad SE	Addition of Stone to House
Lamplighter Loop SE	Shed



### LOOKING FOR MORE INFORMATION?

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# Finance

## Finance Commission Meeting:

Monday, May 18th, 2026, 5:30PM  
 Monday, June 15th, 2026, 5:30PM

All Finance Commission Meetings held at the Admin Office.  
 \*Meeting dates and times are subject to change. Subscribe to CWL E-blasts for updates

### Candlewick Lake Association- Unaudited Schedule of Operating Expenses For the year to date ending March 31, 2026

EXPENSES	Administration		Public Safety		Maintenance		Pool		Recreation		Lake		Golf Course		Totals	
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
Employee expenses	\$ 528,426	\$ 497,019	\$ 540,178	\$ 562,798	\$ 388,124	\$ 489,905	\$ 49,054	\$ 42,822	\$ 174,629	\$ 165,845	\$ -	\$ 50	\$ 250,479	\$ 177,223	\$ 1,930,890	\$ 1,935,663
Consulting	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	13,266	16,793	0	0	13,266	16,793
Legal	21,077	23,521	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	21,077	23,521	
Outside services	84,998	80,318	1,065	979	21,855	78,119	700	6,396	9,418	10,986	23,758	21,528	14,633	11,346	156,427	209,673
Grant work	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	-
Communication	40,065	43,075	1,047	620	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	41,112	43,695
Utilities	16,264	16,561	13,480	12,649	10,765	7,849	9,887	10,034	56,680	59,678	512	817	24,585	22,540	132,172	130,128
Supplies	4,223	5,785	1,270	2,300	16,636	18,657	4,084	4,475	6,416	11,984	0	0	13,312	21,339	45,941	64,540
Liability insurance	153,295	130,927	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	153,295	130,927
Fuels	0	150	13,084	16,797	19,835	23,973	0	0	0	0	0	0	4,627	4,760	37,547	45,679
Equipment & repairs	24,294	24,156	7,904	11,075	10,152	47,188	6,736	6,125	3,389	5,284	1,823	3,621	18,138	15,320	72,437	112,769
Road & ground maint	145	0	36	0	94,499	55,595	0	0	6,913	6,500	27,236	22,954	6,887	10,900	135,716	95,950
Equipment rentals	0	0	0	0	1,857	6,655	0	0	0	0	0	0	20,505	27,834	22,361	34,488
Chemicals	0	0	0	0	0	0	17,873	17,860	0	0	9,300	20,007	5,104	1,364	32,277	39,231
Activity expense	0	0	0	0	0	0	212	500	18,042	22,930	0	0	5,300	12,505	23,554	35,935
Food	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	25,486	36,866	25,486	36,866
Liquor	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	23,051	25,325	23,051	25,325
Beer	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	20,279	32,258	20,279	32,258
Pro shop	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,885	3,779	1,885	3,779
Bad debt	165,000	165,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	165,000	165,000
Contingency	0	0	327	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	327	-
Other expenses	15,164	25,668	604	456	3,281	3,492	0	0	0	0	318	158	0	0	19,367	29,774
<b>Total expenses</b>	<b>\$ 1,052,951</b>	<b>\$ 1,012,181</b>	<b>\$ 578,995</b>	<b>\$ 607,674</b>	<b>\$ 567,004</b>	<b>\$ 731,432</b>	<b>\$ 88,545</b>	<b>\$ 88,212</b>	<b>\$ 275,487</b>	<b>\$ 283,207</b>	<b>\$ 76,213</b>	<b>\$ 85,928</b>	<b>\$ 434,271</b>	<b>\$ 403,360</b>	<b>\$ 3,073,466</b>	<b>\$ 3,211,994</b>

### Candlewick Lake Association - Unaudited Balance Sheet As of the Month ended March 31, 2026

Description	Operating	Reserves	Totals
CASH & EQUIVALENTS			
TOTAL OPERATING CASH	227,820		227,820
TOTAL INVESTMENTS	1,377,680	5,079,643	6,457,323
TOTAL CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	1,605,500	5,079,643	6,685,143
Total A/R-Owners	898,665	52,146	950,810
A/R - Reserve Doubtful accounts	(177,045)	-	(177,045)
NET A/R OWNERS	721,620	52,146	773,766
TOTAL OTHER ASSETS	75,992	3,047	79,039
Total Property & equipment	23,051,077	-	23,051,077
Accum Depr Property and Equip	(14,965,453)	-	(14,965,453)
TOTAL NET PROPERTY/EQUIP	8,085,624	-	8,085,624
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>10,488,735</b>	<b>5,134,835</b>	<b>15,623,571</b>
TOTAL ACCOUNTS PAYABLE	38,511	-	38,511
TOTAL PAYROLL LIABILITIES	117,538	-	117,538
TOTAL ACCRUED LIABILITIES	340,138	-	340,138
TOTAL DEFFERRED REVENUE	354,690	-	354,690
TOTAL REFUNDABLE DEPOSITS	48,330	-	48,330
TOTAL REPLACM,ENT FUND	6,989,241	5,363,680	12,352,921
TOTAL MEMBERS EQUITY	2,600,287	(228,845)	2,371,442
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	<b>10,488,735</b>	<b>5,134,835</b>	<b>15,623,571</b>

### Candlewick Lake Association - Unaudited Statement of Revenue, Expenditures, Comprehensive Income, and Changes in Fund Balances For the year to date ending March 31, 2026

	Operating Fund	Replacement Fund	Total	Year-to-Date Budget	Annual Budget
<b>REVENUE</b>					
Assessments	\$ 2,557,061	\$ 802,633	\$ 3,359,694	\$ 3,359,695	\$ 3,665,121
Interest	134,949	177,059	312,008	263,210	281,237
Unreal Gain (Loss) on sale of investments	0	591	591	9,166	10,000
Other	381,235	-	381,235	327,710	352,024
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>3,073,245</b>	<b>980,284</b>	<b>4,053,528</b>	<b>3,959,781</b>	<b>4,308,382</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>					
Administration	1,052,951	7,707	1,060,658	1,025,181	1,165,952
Public Safety	578,995	539	579,534	607,674	761,787
Maintenance	605,241	686,600	1,291,841	1,192,602	1,290,314
Pool	88,545	46,578	135,123	88,212	197,017
Recreation	275,487	115,903	391,390	303,643	746,688
Lake	78,913	281,826	360,739	126,917	154,129
Contingency	-	-	-	-	-
Capital Expenditures	-	-	-	-	-
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>2,680,133</b>	<b>1,139,154</b>	<b>3,819,287</b>	<b>3,344,229</b>	<b>4,315,886</b>
<b>GOLF</b>					
Revenue	299,002	-	299,002	258,090	275,904
Expenses	447,739	69,975	517,714	496,942	586,865
<b>GOLF REVENUE OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>(148,738)</b>	<b>(69,975)</b>	<b>(218,712)</b>	<b>(238,852)</b>	<b>(310,961)</b>
<b>REVENUE OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>244,374</b>	<b>(228,845)</b>	<b>15,530</b>	<b>376,700</b>	<b>(318,465)</b>
<b>CHANGES IN NET UNREALIZED HOLDING</b>					
GAIN (LOSS) ON INVESTMENTS AVAILABLE	-	-	-	-	-
<b>DEPRECIATION</b>	<b>2,859,747</b>		<b>2,859,747</b>		
<b>CAPITAL EXPENDITURES CLEARING</b>	<b>2,854,404</b>		<b>2,854,404</b>		
<b>COMPREHENSIVE INCOME (LOSS)</b>	<b>239,031</b>	<b>(228,845)</b>	<b>10,186</b>		
<b>FUND BALANCES AT BEGINNING OF YEAR</b>	<b>7,663,217</b>	<b>4,065,728</b>	<b>11,728,945</b>		
<b>REVENUE OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>244,374</b>	<b>(228,845)</b>	<b>15,530</b>		
<b>FUND BALANCES ATH END OF YEAR</b>	<b>\$ 7,907,591</b>	<b>\$ 3,836,883</b>	<b>\$ 11,744,475</b>		

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 JUNE 13/14 • JULY 25/26 • AUGUST 15/16

# CWL Information

<p><b>Mailing Address:</b> 13400 IL Route 76, Poplar Grove, IL 61065  <b>Main Phone Number:</b> (815) 339-0500  <b>Administration Fax Number:</b> (815) 339-0501  <b>General Inquiries Email:</b> CWL@candlewicklake.org  <b>Report an Incident:</b> (815) 339-0503 <b>Visitor Call-In:</b> (815) 339-0311  <i>General Manager - Heidi Sroga, CMCA, AMS</i></p>		
<b>Resident Services -</b> Debbie Rydelski	ext. 200	drydelski@candlewicklake.org
<b>Public Safety -</b> Matthew Studdt	ext. 212	mstuddt@candlewicklake.org
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<b>Accounts Receivable, PAL Requests, Office Manager -</b> Kathi Smith	ext. 205	ksmith@candlewicklake.org
<b>Accounting Assistant -</b> Rebecca Anderson	ext. 214	randerson@candlewicklake.org
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<b>Pool Reception Desk</b>	ext. 302	kswanson@candlewicklake.org
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<b>Savannah Oaks Golf Course Maintenance -</b> Shawn Chisamore	ext. 401	schisamore@candlewicklake.org
<b>IT &amp; Communications -</b> Randy Alberts	ext. 210	ralberts@candlewicklake.org
<b>Assistant General Manager &amp; HR -</b> 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.*

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<b>Aqua Illinois (Water)</b>	877-987-2782	<b>J.U.L.I.E.</b>	800-892-0123
<b>Frontier</b>	800-921-8101	<b>Boone County Building Department</b>	815-544-6176
<b>MediaCom</b>	800-827-6047	<b>Boone County Clerk</b>	815-544-3103
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<p><b>Administration Office</b></p> <p>Monday - Friday: 8:30AM - 4:30PM                      Saturday: 9:00AM - 12:00PM                      Sunday: Closed</p>	<p><b>West Gate Hours (Staffed)</b></p> <p>Monday - Friday: 2:00PM - 8:00PM                      Saturday: 8:00AM - 8:00PM                      Sunday: 12:00PM - 8:00PM</p>
<p><b>East Gate Hours (Staffed)</b></p> <p>24 Hours, 7 Days a Week</p>	<p><b>South Gate Hours</b></p> <p>This gate is not staffed/C-Pass Entry Only</p>
Recreation Center	
<p><b>May - October</b></p> <p>Monday - Friday: 9:00AM - 8:30PM                      Saturday: 9:00AM - 5:00PM                      Sunday: 12:00PM - 5:00PM</p>	<p><b>November - April</b></p> <p>Monday - Friday: 9:00AM - 8:00PM                      Saturday: 9:00AM - 5:00PM                      Sunday: 12:00PM - 4:00PM</p>
<p>Extended Fitness Pass Hours - 4:00AM - 10:00PM</p>	
Park & Wake Hours	
<p>Parks are open from dawn to dusk. Dawn is 30 minutes before sunrise. Dusk is 30 minutes after sunset.</p>	<p>Speeds exceeding "no wake" are only permitted 10:00AM - 7:30PM or until sunset, whichever occurs first.</p>
Savannah Oaks Clubhouse	
<p><b>Golf Season - May - November</b></p> <p>Open 7 Days a Week                      7:30AM - 10:00PM</p>	<p><b>Winter Hours - November - April</b></p> <p>Tuesday - Thursday: 5:00PM - 9:00PM                      Friday - Saturday: 4:00PM - 10:00PM                      Sunday: 11:30AM - 9:00PM</p>
<p><i>Clubhouse hours are subject to change due to weather, extended events, etc.</i></p>	

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## Candlewick Lake Official Publication

The Candlewick Lake Newspaper is the official source of information and communication to all its members. The Newspaper is sent via bulk mail to individual homes in the community. Property owners who reside offsite also receive the Newspaper by presorte postal standard rate. Additional copies of the Newspaper are available at the East and West Gates, Rec Center, and at the Association Office. The Newspaper is also available on the Candlewick Lake website, candlewicklake.org.

**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.

**Mission Statement:** Our Mission is to enhance the quality of life in the Candlewick Lake Community and to oversee matters of mutual interest to property owners of Candlewick Lake through effective management of our resources and our community owned property, reliable and consistent enforcement of our rules and covenants, and providing education, recreation, and entertainment that promotes a strong sense of community; accomplishing this through ethical and fiscally responsible solutions that optimize current assets, mindful of the resident's financial contribution, while planning for future growth within the community.

# MAY 2026

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> 8:00AM AA Meeting - Outpost ALL DAY Candlewick Lake Clean-up
<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> 6:30PM Events Commission - Rec Center	<b>5</b> 3:00PM - CLOSE Cinco De Mayo Party @ Savannah Oaks	<b>6</b> 1:00PM - 4:00PM Pony Canasta - Rec Center 6:00PM S.O. Commission - Rec Center 6:30PM ECC Meeting - Admin Office 7:00PM AA Meeting - Outpost	<b>7</b> 4:00PM Mens Golf League Starts @ Savannah Oaks	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> 8:00AM AA Meeting - Outpost 9:00AM Citation Review - Rec Center, Lakeview 10:00AM - 12:00PM Garden Club Meeting - Rec Center 10:00AM Sav. Oaks Golf Outing
<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> 1:00PM - 4:00PM Candlewick Crafters - Rec Center	<b>12</b> 6:30PM Lake Mgmt Meeting - Rec Center	<b>13</b> 1:00PM - 4:00PM Pony Canasta - Rec Center 6:00PM Newspaper Commission - Admin Office 6:30PM Public Safety - Rec Center 7:00PM AA Meeting - Outpost	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> 6:00PM Couples Golf Outing @ Savannah Oaks  <i>VACANT LOT MOWING</i>  <i>SPRING GARAGE SALES FRIDAY - SUNDAY</i>	<b>16</b> 8:00AM AA Meeting - Outpost 7:00PM Pub Trivia @ Sav Oaks
<b>17</b>  <i>SPRING GARAGE SALES</i>	<b>18</b> 5:30PM Finance Meeting - Admin Office	<b>19</b> 6:30PM Board Meeting - Rec Center	<b>20</b> 1:00PM - 4:00PM Pony Canasta - Rec Center 6:30PM ECC Meeting- Admin Office 7:00PM AA Meeting - Outpost	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> 8:00AM AA Meeting - Outpost 7:00PM Karaoke @ Sav Oaks
<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> 1:00PM - 4:00PM Candlewick Crafters - Rec Center	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> 1:00PM - 4:00PM Pony Canasta - Rec Center 5:30PM - 8:00PM Book Club - Rec Center 7:00PM AA Meeting - Outpost	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>
<b>31</b>						

# JUNE 2026

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	<b>1</b> 6:30PM Events Commission - Rec Center	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> 1:00PM - 4:00PM Pony Canasta - Rec Center 6:00PM S.O. Commission - Rec Center 6:30PM ECC Meeting - Admin Office 7:00PM AA Meeting - Outpost	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> 8:00AM AA Meeting - Outpost  6:15AM - 1:00PM Catch & Release Bass Tournament
<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> 1:00PM - 4:00PM Candlewick Crafters - Rec Center	<b>9</b> 6:30PM Lake Mgmt Meeting - Rec Center	<b>10</b> 1:00PM - 4:00PM Pony Canasta - Rec Center 6:30PM Public Safety - Rec Center 7:00PM AA Meeting - Outpost	<b>11</b> 9:30AM - 11:30AM Youth League Begins @ Savannah Oaks 6:00PM Newspaper Commission - Admin Office	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> 8:00AM AA Meeting - Outpost 9:00AM Golf Outing #2 @ Savannah Oaks 10:00AM - 12:00PM Garden Club Meeting - Rec Center
<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> 5:30PM Finance Meeting - Admin Office  <i>VACANT LOT MOWING</i>	<b>16</b> 6:30PM Board Meeting - Rec Center	<b>17</b> 1:00PM - 4:00PM Pony Canasta - Rec Center 6:30PM ECC Meeting - Admin Office 7:00PM AA Meeting - Outpost	<b>18</b> 9:30AM - 11:30AM Youth League @ Savannah Oaks	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> 8:00AM AA Meeting - Outpost 7:00PM Pub Trivia @ Sav Oaks
<b>21</b> 8:45AM - 10:30AM Kid's Fishing Tournament	<b>22</b> 1:00PM - 4:00PM Candlewick Crafters - Rec Center	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> 1:00PM - 4:00PM Pony Canasta - Rec Center 5:30PM Book Club Meeting - Rec Center 7:00PM AA Meeting - Outpost	<b>25</b> 9:30AM - 11:30AM Youth League @ Savannah Oaks	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> 8:00AM AA Meeting - Outpost 7:00PM Karaoke @ Sav Oaks
<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>				

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