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Another Great Season of Ice Fishing on Candlewick Lake

Photos and Article by Gary Petersen

My neighbor Chuck Hart and I got out on the ice this last season with some friends and had a great time. We encountered decent ice early then the lake opened up, and finally Mother Nature gave us the cold needed to bring safe ice from early January through mid-February. Panfish, bass, pike, and even catfish were the ticket for most of the season with Chuck pulling out some quality catfish as a bonus this season. I caught my personal best through the ice on Candlewick being a nice pike (33") on a tip up with bluegill as bait. Also, many quality crappie, bluegills, and bass. My friend Martin Mendez had a banner day bluegill/crappie fishing on a submerged tree with well over 100 fish caught between the both of us in 5 hours. Bluegill size really improved from the last few years with some fish almost reaching 10 inches in length. Chuck's friend, Bob Breyer, picked up a nice bass along with Joe Alphe catching a beautiful Northern pike. Overall lots of laughs and great fishing on The Wick. Sad to see the season end, but we are blessed to have such a great fishery and with the help of Chuck and I'm sure others on the Lake Management Commission, we hope to have continued success. Tight lines everyone. See you on the water.



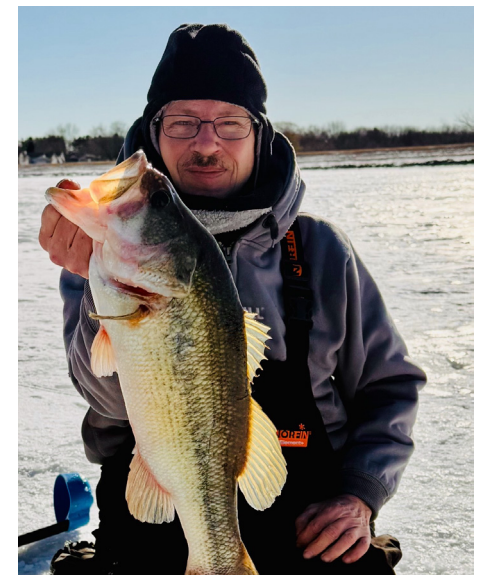
Gary Petersen



Gary Petersen with his personal best, a 33" Pike



Martin Mendez



Chuck Hart with a nice Bass



Joe Alphe with a Northern Pike



A good size Bass from Candlewick Lake

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Community News & Events

Annual Meeting Recap & Election Results

This year's Annual Meeting of the Membership took place on Sunday, March 15, 2026 at 1:00pm (12:30pm check-in & in-person voting). We'd like to extend a thank you to all those who attended, and provide a recap for those who did not.

There were two open seats (one 3-year term and one 2-year term), and there was one candidate running for election on the ballot (Benjamin Wilken). Early voting took place February 13 through March 9, with in-person voting available at the Annual Meeting. Electronic voting was used this year (via ElectionBuddy). In-person voting took place from 12:30pm to 1:00pm. Voting was closed at 1:01pm and the results were downloaded for certification.

Following are the election results-

- Candidate on the ballot: (total number of votes)**
- Benjamin Wilken - 320
- Write-in candidates: (total number of votes)**
- Michelle Huber - 24
 - Thomas Massion - 6
 - Shari-Nape-Replogle - 4
 - Jeff Moyer - 3
 - Jon Gonder - 2
 - Gerard Wechet - 1
 - Nayeli Macedo - 1
 - Al Sharpton - 1
 - Donald Trump - 1
 - "No one" - 1
 - "Who else? (one 1?)" - 1
 - Patrick Ryan - 1
 - Kurt Ritner - 1
 - Grant Weller - 1
 - Ian Jinks - 1
 - Stacie Jinks - 1
 - Matt Van Fossen - 1
 - Kevin Lock - 1
 - Tom Araya - 1

Accordingly, Benjamin Wilken was seated with a three-year term, and Michelle Huber was seated with a two-year term.

There were 29 property owners in attendance at the meeting. **A quorum had been met with 553 present by person, proxy, or executed ballot.** A quorum of 410 either by person, duly authorized and executed ballot, or proxy was required to conduct the meeting. Going into the meeting we had 549 proxies/votes. The signatures were counted and the signatures, executed ballots, and proxies totaled 553. Some property owners that had either assigned their proxy to the Board President and/or voted attended the meeting and signed in for themselves. The final count was 24 properties present by person and 529 properties present by proxy or ballot.

We'd like to express appreciation to all those that responded to the several e-blasts that were sent asking for property owners to return their proxies, which allowed us to be able to conduct the meeting. A thank you also goes out to the volunteers who worked at the Annual Meeting to sign in the property owners.



Residents, Staff listen as the Board addresses a resident's question



Annual Meeting Attendees, Board Members, and Staff



Board Election winners Michelle Huber and Ben Wilken being sworn in by Board Member Dave Wiltse

Meet and greet the not-so-beastly Bryozoans

by Mike Pehanich

Fall boat dock removal is a low-key Candlewick Lake ritual signifying the waning weeks, sometimes days, of the boating season. For some lakefront owners this past year, docks left the water with peculiar life forms clinging to their structure -- strange pod-like creatures with mossy beards.

They are known as bryozoans.

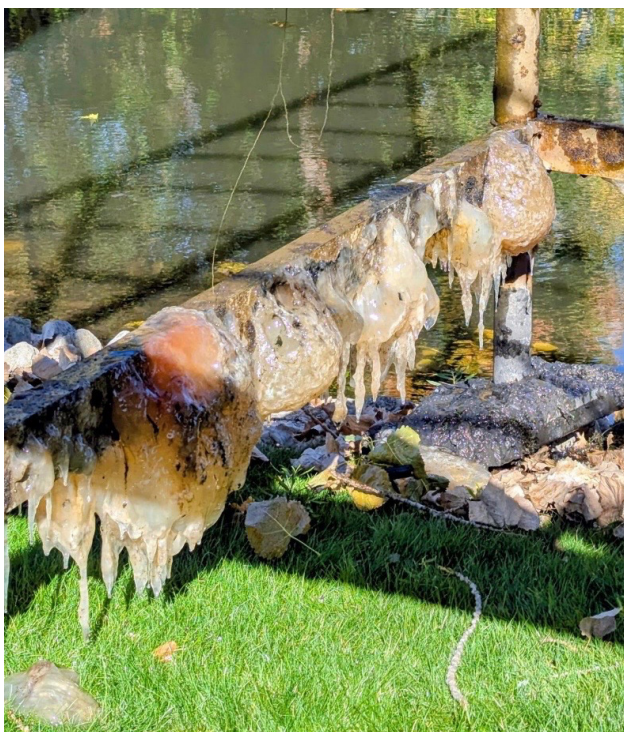
The term "bryozoa" derives from a Greek term meaning "moss animals." It represents a phylum of diverse aquatic invertebrate creatures roughly a half-millimeter in length. They have a unique feeding tool called a lophophore, a head of tentacles that they use for filter feeding. They live in tight formless colonies.

The colonies have their origin in individual zooids that roam the water randomly as larvae before attaching themselves to a solid surface. They then multiply as buds, remaining in tight proximity as they increase in number. The bryozoa (there are more than 50 freshwater varieties) secrete substances to support the colony - some a gelatinous substance to form soft bulbous-type colonies, others a harder (chitinous) material to form more rigid structures.

Bryozoans were initially snubbed as unseemly intruders when a series of colonies ranging from fist-sized to volleyball dimension were discovered on the struts of Candlewick docks this past fall. Word spread quickly, generating community jitters. What were these alien blobs? What mayhem were they stirring? Might they mean the death of our beloved lake?

Fortunately, enlightenment cast its beam on the strange critters before idle speculation could rise to panic.

"People tend to see bryozoan colonies as some form of alien spawn and that there is something terribly wrong with the water because they are present," notes Joe Rush of JadEco, Candlewick Lake biologist. "But they are actually indicative of high quality water and a quality aquatic environment."



Rush himself had first noted bryozoan colonies in the Dip area (west arm) of the lake about seven years ago. He had seen occasional evidence of their continued presence in subsequent years... Fast forward to the 2025 season. More bryozoans than ever seem to have found Candlewick prime water for colonization.

"This past year we found them not only in the Dip area but in decent numbers beyond," says Rush. "For the first time, we found them in seven to eight sections on the western side of Fisherman's Cove. Bryozoans like clean water. Their presence is a good sign."

Yes, rather than harbingers of doom, they are indicators of a hale and hearty lake. Like Candlewick's exceptional fishery, they were byproducts of a healthy ecosystem.

An AI search on bryozoans buttresses Rush's assessment. "The presence of bryozoans in a body of water indicates that the water has a good ecology. They are not hazardous to human health and do not indicate a pollution problem."

As filter feeders, these tiny creatures eat microorganisms inhabiting their aquatic environment - bacteria, algae, protozoa, rotifers and the like. Phytoplankton, algae and zooplankton are what they feed on, what they filter out.

Rush compares the colonial behavior of bryozoans to that of coral colonies.

"But they don't live in a calcified structure like coral," he clarifies. "Our bryozoa live in a gelatinous mass, hanging on to hard surfaces like tree limbs and dock posts."

True, our bryozoan colonies are unlikely to win beauty contests or sit in a glass case alongside a seashell collection. But look at these splendid microorganisms under a microscope and they become fascinating, even elegant creatures. More importantly, they are doing Nature's clean-up work as unassuming caretakers of Candlewick Lake.

"We are seeing more bryozoan colonies than we've ever seen before," says Rush. "That to me is a sign that life in Candlewick Lake is getting even better."

Bury the Bad Review - Why Community Reputation Matters to Property Values

Article Submitted by the Candlewick Lake Newspaper Commission

In any homeowners association, people will sometimes disagree with board decisions, rules, budgets, maintenance priorities, or enforcement actions. Healthy disagreement is part of community life. But when criticism turns into constant public disparagement of the association, the board, or the community as a whole, it can create a larger problem that affects everyone.

When an HOA has a lot of homeowners speaking negatively about the association or Board of Directors, this has an obvious impact on the property value of homes in that association. So while disgruntled residents may think posting on social media and leaving bad reviews is sending a message to the board and administration, they are in fact hurting themselves and their neighbors by hurting their property values.

The issue is not that residents should never raise concerns. Owners absolutely have the right to ask questions, voice concerns, and hold leadership accountable. **The real concern is what happens when repeated public attacks create an outside perception that the community is unstable, poorly managed, financially troubled, or locked in constant conflict.**

That perception matters in real estate – most people’s largest investment they will ever make, and Candlewick Lake Association takes that seriously.

According to real estate industry guidance, **buyers do not evaluate only the home itself.** They also consider the condition of the neighborhood, the quality of the common areas, and how the association operates. In the article “Navigating HOA Rules: Considerations for Real Estate Agents, Buyers and Sellers,” the guidance explains that well-maintained properties and common areas often support higher property values because the neighborhood remains attractive to prospective buyers. The same logic works in reverse: **if a community develops a public image of dysfunction, that can weaken buyer confidence.**

Related guidance also addresses the broader concept of stigma in real estate. In its guidance on “Stigmatized Properties,” it explains that negative public perception can affect a property’s marketability and value. While that discussion is not specific to only HOAs, the principle is relevant: **when a neighborhood becomes publicly associated with conflict, hostility, or instability, that reputation can make buyers pause.**

“**Constructive participation at board meetings, formal owner feedback, commission and committee work, respectful communication, and fact-based discussion are all more productive than public disparagement, uninformed speculation, and misinformation on social media that paint the entire community in a negative light.**”

Financial condition is another major factor. In a consumer cautionary notice from the California Department of Real Estate, “Underfunded Homeowners Associations,” warns that **inadequate HOA funding can harm property conditions, lead to deferred maintenance, trigger special assessments, and negatively affect owner property values.** Although this warning comes from California, the underlying market principle is broadly applicable across the nation: when buyers believe an association is not financially healthy, the homes in that community may become less attractive.

Financing also plays a role. Fannie Mae, in its Selling Guide, states that the quality of mortgages secured by units in condo, co-op, and planned unit development projects can be influenced by characteristics of the project as a whole. Fannie Mae also identifies some projects with HOA-related pending litigation as ineligible.

That matters because anything that shrinks the pool of qualified buyers or complicates financing can put downward pressure on prices.

Taken together, these sources support an important point: **persistent public infighting and disparagement can damage the reputation of a community, reduce buyer confidence, complicate financing, and place downward pressure on home values across the association.** The effect is usually not caused by one complaint or one frustrated post. It happens when the overall public message about a neighborhood suggests deeper problems.

This does not mean owners should stay silent. It means concerns should be addressed in ways that help solve problems rather than amplify stigma. Constructive participation at board meetings, formal owner feedback, commission and committee work, respectful communication, and fact-based discussion are all more productive than public disparagement, uninformed speculation, and misinformation on social media that paint the entire community in a negative light. A community known for addressing challenges responsibly and respectfully through the proper venue/channels is more likely to maintain confidence, stability, and long-term value.

Every homeowner has a stake in the community’s reputation. When residents and leadership work through disagreements responsibly, they protect more than civility. They help protect the long-term desirability and value of every home in the neighborhood – which in turn protects their own investment.

Sources referenced in this article:

“Navigating HOA Rules: Considerations for Real Estate Agents, Buyers and Sellers” and “Stigmatized Properties” from the National Association of Realtors; “Underfunded Homeowners Associations” from the California Department of Real Estate; and the Fannie Mae Selling Guide on project standards and ineligible projects.

BURY THE BAD REVIEW

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Note from Chairman of the Savannah Oaks Commission

The Savannah Oaks Commission, formerly the Golf Commission, has expanded its reach to include support for all the activities and events at Savannah Oaks. In my opinion, Savannah Oaks is a diamond in the rough with so much untapped potential. Look at the growth just over the past 5 years:

- Expanded menu choices suitable for the whole family
- Expanded seating
- Outdoor Patio
- Live Bands and DJ’s

Savannah Oaks also hosts a wide variety of events and holiday celebrations including:

- Pub Trivia
- Karaoke
- Bingo
- Bags Leagues
- Daytona 500
- St. Patrick’s Day
- Cinco De Mayo
- Halloween
- New Year’s Eve

The Savannah Oaks Commission is there to support the Clubhouse Manager and make recommendations to the Board to generate additional revenue by investigating such things as adding equipment for expanded food choices, hosting more activities and events, and possibly

expansion of the building.

The commission is still committed to be the voice of the residents to ensure a high-quality golf experience. We support the maintenance staff to keep our course in pristine condition, as well as plan ahead for future improvements and enhancements. For example, we are currently investigating the viability of paving the cart paths.

Savannah Oaks is a Community Pub and Grill. It is there for all residents to enjoy. The food and drink prices are very reasonable. The commission is reaching out to the community for new ideas for events, as well as help with the existing events.

We know there are many of you who have opinions and want to be heard. Therefore, we invite you to consider joining the commission or attending a meeting. Getting involved will be more impactful than posting on Next Door.

We want your input! Please contact me by email if you have a topic that you would like addressed or are interested in becoming a member of the commission.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,
Lynn Pehanich
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Employee Milestone



Chief of Public Safety, Matt Studt, with Gate Officer Stella

Congratulations to Stella on celebrating her 10th anniversary as a full-time Gate Officer at Candlewick Lake. Her dependability and excellent customer service have made her a favorite among residents, guests, and fellow employees. In addition to her daily work at the gate, Stella also helps train new officers, sharing the knowledge and experience she has gained over the years. Congratulations, Stella, and thank you for your dedication. Here’s to the next 10 years!

2025 Annual Report

The following report provides an overview of Association operations during the 2025 calendar year.

General Board and Association Overview

2025 Board Election

Board Member Election results were certified at the 2025 Annual Membership Meeting. Ballots were counted on March 8, 2025, with 309 properly received Secretary Envelopes containing ballots as follows:

- Josh Monge (3-year term): 245 votes
- Brandy Semonich (3-year term): 198 votes
- Derek Mathews (3-year term): 234 votes
- Donald Trump write-in: 1 vote
- Walter Stanula Jr. write-in: 1 vote

2025 Election of Officers

The Election of Officers was conducted at the March 18, 2025 Board meeting, with results as follows:

- President – Michelle Romano-Huber
- Vice President – Gary Kurpeski
- Treasurer – Rogelio Guzman
- Secretary – Dave Wiltse

Board Meetings

In 2025, the Board held a total of 35 meetings:

- 11 Regular Board Meetings
- 7 Workshops
- 16 Special Meetings
- 1 Annual Meeting

Association Metrics

As of December 31, 2025...

- 140 New Owners
- 7.21% Registered Rentals (we have remained under the 15% cap for several years)
- 8,147 Total Residents

2025 Committees & Commissions

- Environmental Control Committee (ECC)
- Finance Commission
- Newspaper Commission
- Public Safety Commission
- Citation Review Commission
- Lake Management Commission
- Landscaping Commission
- Events Commission
- Golf Commission

Committees & Commissions are governed by CWL Bylaws Article X and Board Policy Chapters 1, 3, 4, 8, and 10.

2025 Policy Resolutions that Amended the Rules & Regulations

Lighting

- Policy 24-06: Added standards for permanent programmable/ambient lighting; holiday lighting rules moved to the general Rules & Regulations (rather than the Building/ECC rulebook)

Vehicles & Parking

- Policy 25-01: Clarified unregistered/inoperable vehicle rules; added non-motorized RVs
- Policy 25-16: Updated vehicle parking rules at parks when closed, including after-hours fishing access
- Policy 25-19: Updated watercraft parking rules on vacant lots (with/without trailers)

Political Activity

- Policy 25-05: Added procedure for political campaigning
- Collections
- Policy 25-07: Clarified and updated Collection Policy; added it into the R&R

Enforcement Process

- Policy 25-22: Citation Review updated—if issuing staff isn't present, a department representative may attend

Structures

- Policy 25-09: Shed size rules updated to align with county requirements

Shoreline / ECC Process

- Policy 25-11: Shoreline applications no longer required to go to the Lake Management Commission before ECC

Waste Containers

- Policy 25-14: Allowed waste containers on the road shoulder within 8 feet of the driveway

Common Ground Tree Responsibility

- Policy 25-17: Clarified and aligned with standard homeowner insurance guidance that if a tree falls from common ground onto a private lot, the property owner is responsible for removing what's on their property

Quiet Hours

- Policy 25-20: Added a day-by-day quiet hours chart to reduce confusion

Amenity Privilege Restrictions

- Policy 25-21: Added rule prohibiting suspended/not-in-good-standing owners/members/tenants from paying daily fees, renting facilities, using amenities, or making facility purchases

Residency Definition

- Policy 25-23: Updated resident definition to allow permanent address in or outside Candlewick (including vacant lot owners); added exception for certain resident children under 26 with custody considerations

Park Rules

- Policy 25-24: Updated rules for non-lakefront and lakefront parks; added a new lakefront park section with angler-specific rules

Policy Resolutions that Refined Board Policy

Board & Governance

- Policy 25-03: Updated Board Orientation requirements and timing
- Policy 25-04: Added process for removal of committee/commission members
- Policy 25-10: Clarified all committees and commissions operate under the Board of Directors

Reporting & Finance

- Policy 25-06: Revised Management Report reporting requirements
- Policy 25-08: Updated financial/bidding section to comply with new bid requirements
- Policy 25-15: Added the expectation that the annual audit is to be completed within 90 days after fiscal year-end

Operations

- Policy 25-13: General Manager operates facilities/amenities within Board-approved hours with the exception of temporary changes

Building Department & Environmental Control Committee (ECC)

New Homes & Construction

- Four new homes approved:
 - 1 started and completed
 - 3 remain under construction
- 311 miscellaneous construction applications approved:
 - 86 required a permit
 - 225 did not require a permit
 - 79 miscellaneous construction permits were issued
- 11 variance requests were granted
- There are 1,828 homes completed to date and six homes under construction

Rulebook Changes

- Section 522 – Removed the rules for holiday lighting from the ECC Rulebook; they will only be in the CWL Rulebook. Added rules for ambient lighting and intelligent, programable permanent lighting.
- Section 572 – Changed the rules for the size of sheds to comply with County requirements.
- Section 578 – Changed the rules to no longer require shoreline applications must go to the Lake Management Commission before going to the ECC.
- Section 608 – Changed the rules to say that a tree that falls from the common ground onto an individual property will be the responsibility of the property owner to remove what is on their property, consistent with standard homeowners insurance practice.

ECC Member Changes

- A new member was recommended by the ECC and approved by the Board in May 2025 to serve as an alternate on the Committee.

Accounting Department

Department Structure

The Accounting Department consists of Accounting Manager Bruce Carr, Accounts Receivable Assistant/Office Manager Kathi Smith, and Accounts Payable Assistant Debbie Rydelski who serves a dual role for the Admin Front Desk/Resident Services.

Core Work & Milestones

After earning her bachelor's in accounting, the training of Kathi Smith for the Accounting Manager position commenced in late 2025. Bruce Carr spends three afternoons each week training Kathi for the position as Bruce winds down his tenure towards retirement on July 31, 2026.

FY 2024-2025 Audit

Since the previous year's audit took longer than expected, this delayed the start of the last year's audit. The auditors' schedule was not lined up with the delay and therefore the auditors are squeezing in last year's audit into their schedule. While we expected the audit to be completed sooner, we expect to receive the final draft for the FY 2024-2025 audit within the month.

Northstar

We continue to fine-tune the usage of Northstar (software/operating system) for our accounting process, finding the best usage of the software for our specific needs. Project management in NS has been initiated for financial purposes, and a new report has been provided to the Finance Commission and Board of Directors monthly, showing the financial impact on reserve expenditures by project, while comparing the expenses to the budget. Bank drafts have been used in the AP system to post invoices paid directly from the Association's operating bank account instead of manual journal entries that have been used in the past. Importation of journal entries are being made instead of manual entries. This helps to reduce the possibility of human error.

Collections Progress and Funds Recovered

The Accounting Department has been using the Association's collection attorney more aggressively and have sent out more "pay or lien" letters directly from the attorney. After recovering to over \$90K in the prior year, the recovery of the current year is around \$30K. A lesser amount was achieved this year due to the prior year's success.

Finance Commission

In 2025, the Finance Commission consisted of 5 members, chaired by Board Treasurer, Rogelio Guzman, with Accounting Manager Bruce Carr serving as Staff Liaison. The purpose of the Finance Commission is to monitor the financial health of the Candlewick Lake Association. Rogelio has brought more reporting tools to the commission that provides a clearer picture of the finances in a summarized monitoring report shared with the commission and Board of Directors. This commission meets monthly to review month-end financial statements as well as offer opinions and guidance on investments (CDs, Money Market, etc.). The Finance Commission was once again invited to join the 2025 Board of Directors Budget Workshops in drafting the FY 2026-2027 Budget, as was done in 2024. At the end of 2025, the Commission began preparing an investment policy for the Board to review, with the assistance/input of our Investment Broker - Nicole Bailey of RBC.

Administration Office Management

- In 2025, we hired a part-time Office Assistant to support the massive project of file digitization. 1/3 of our legal files have now been scanned. In the future this will eliminate the need for the large number of paper files we have, freeing up storage space, and making it easier to search for and produce documents more quickly when needed.
- Office Manager Kathi Smith also trained the Office Assistant in resident services to help reduce resident wait times and lessen the need for management to be taken off other tasks.
- Began implementing updated forms for the residents and prospective residents – still a work in progress.
- Began reducing the heavy amount of paperwork given out to property owners.
- Streamlined some of our processes for efficiency and began developing SOPs (Standard Operating Procedures) for office operations.
- Made deliberate efforts to improve resident/staff interactions, such as reinstating the employee Positivity Program to help improve employee morale, providing positive reinforcement which in turn creates better experiences for our residents. At the end of the year, a mandatory customer service training session was planned for January 2026.
- General office-flow improvements were made, including relocating the recycling bin from the lobby (eyesore) and adding a storage cabinet for easy access of janitorial supplies, leading to a more efficient use of employee time.

IT & Communications Department

Support Scope & Responsiveness

- This department consists of one employee, Randy Alberts,

who manages and coordinates the escalation of urgent and complicated support issues and provides first-call support for user or site issues, including Gate Systems, Applications, Desktop, Wide Area Network, Local Area Network, Computers, Servers, VoIP Phone systems.

- IT response times are handled on a priority basis and typically range from 15 minutes to 1 hour for high-priority incidents and up to 24 hours for non-critical issues. This employee is not required to be on-call but takes high-priority incident calls and resolves them on the weekends, and even while on vacation, to maintain uptimes of 99.9% (even when not being paid to do so).
- Randy is a stickler for system uptime, prioritizing the continuous operation and availability of servers, networks, and services, ensuring they remain online with minimal disruption. It is critical and Randy adheres by industry standards typically targeting 99.9% ("three nines") or higher. For mission-critical applications, the target is often 99.999% ("five nines"), which allows for less than six minutes of downtime per year. Over the year, we've had very few internet outages with Comcast Fiber. We experience a lot more outages with Mediacom. As we go forward, we will continue replacing the Mediacom systems with Comcast.

Infrastructure Upgrades

IT infrastructure upgrades were performed and maintained during the year which involved modernizing hardware, software, and networking systems to improve performance, security, and scalability. Key areas include migrating to cloud services, updating servers and network equipment (firewalls, switches), and adopting advanced cybersecurity measures to reduce downtime.

CCTV / ADT / Gate Access System

- A large amount of CCTV camera maintenance was done this year, including new cameras and cabling for the West Gate remodel. New cameras were added at the Rec Center and Admin Office to correct blind spots. Maintenance was performed for all 12 DVRs with software upgrades and some hardware upgrades, checking cable connections for corrosion, and updating firmware to ensure optimal security and video quality. This coming year, all DVRs will be replaced with new hybrid DVRs that support both analog (coax) and IP (network) cameras on a single unit, allowing for gradual, cost-effective system upgrades, increasing our data storage capacity and video quality.
- ADT security system maintenance involved regular, self-performed checks to ensure optimal performance, including monthly system tests, replacing backup batteries, and addressing low-battery alerts. We now have better remote access for our facilities because of the upgrades that have been made.
- Gate access is a yearly challenge, with its aging infrastructure and outdated technology. This requires ongoing maintenance every day. Backup batteries were replaced in all gate controllers. Network improvements were made to improve uptime connectivity. Next year we will be looking into retrofitting, which involves installing modern, cloud-based access control technology on existing older gates.

Member-Facing Improvements

Many improvements were made to our Northstar software system backend and the CWL Mobile App this year, allowing residents to use their mobile devices to interact directly with staff at the Admin Office through email, direct access to the CWL website to see what events are happening, look up documents, make tee times, and read the monthly newspaper. The Northstar Communications module allowed us to send out over 550 Eblasts in 2025, engaging and enhancing communications for our residents. Digital advertising TVs at Admin Office and the Rec Center continue to highlight events and information on what's happening in CWL. In the next year, Randy would like to see more gathering of feedback to improve communication methods with our members.

Website Redevelopment

In 2025, website redevelopment was started - a comprehensive, structural overhaul to enhance performance, security, and functionality. This was just a start; there is more work to do with updating pages and backend coding to improve performance.

Equipment / Software Upgrades

- Randy maintains around 30 computers every month. This year, some were upgraded with new hardware components (such as CPUs, hard drives, memory) for performance and updated software. Randy regularly updates software for better performance, security, and compliance. In the next fiscal year, we will be replacing 22 outdated computers with new up-to-date computers. The 22 old computers have been in service for nearly 8 years, which is 4 years over their life expectancy. These new computers will improve hybrid work flexibility and boost performance with faster processors. The latest Dell models, particularly "Copilot+ PCs," are designed to automate tasks, improve collaboration, and increase productivity.
- Dual monitors were installed at some key locations to improve productivity.
- The copier at the Admin Office was replaced with a new Sharp Multi-Function copier. This replacement was past due as the old copier was worn out and continually experienced issues, and the cost of the annual service fee for the old copier was increasing due to the age of the equipment. We were able to decrease the service fee cost (Operating Budget) with the replacement of the copier (Reserve Budget).
- Savannah Oaks in-house Karaoke equipment and software was maintained, and Randy provided user training. Bingo software was also tested and rolled out. The new ventless fryer was set up, programed, and tested. Audio/video equipment was maintained and replaced.
- We are fortunate to have an IT manager that has multiple skills levels that include software and hardware administration for all Microsoft products, Gate Access, CCTV, Northstar Admin, Data Backups and Manage User Access. Typically, companies have to outsource these services with outside contracts, which increases downtime dramatically and can be extremely expensive.

Newspaper Commission

In 2025, the former Communications Commission transformed into the Newspaper Commission. With all new members of this commission came a lot of new ideas. The commission consisted of 4 members, initially chaired by Tara Romano, with Michelle Romano-Huber as Board Liaison, and Randy Alberts serving as Staff Liaison. In December of 2025, the Association hired graphic designer Tara Romano to revamp and modernize the Candlewick Lake Newspaper. For many years, the newspaper layout and design had remained stagnant, lacked organization, and did not provide a good first-impression/representation of the Candlewick Lake Community. Tara, a 15+ year resident, brings the necessary experience and community mindset needed for something as community-driven as the Candlewick Lake Newspaper. Upon Tara's transition to serving as a vendor (no longer eligible to serve as a commission member), Michelle became Chair.

Public Safety Department

Department Overview

This department functions around the clock - 24 hours a day 7 days a week. In 2025, the team consisted of our Chief of Public Safety, Matt Studt, 6 full-time and 10-12 part-time employees, and 7-8 seasonal employees. This includes Patrol Officers, Gate Officers, and Lake/Ice Patrol Officers. We welcomed 6 new employees to the department in 2025 - one Patrol Officer (cross-trained in patrol and gate), one new Gate Officer, and four Lake Patrol Officers.

Training & Planning

- In-house training for the Public Safety Department included CPR/AED, O/C spray, handcuffing, radar, and expandable baton training for new Officers. Boat Safety was provided for all new Lake Officers with State of Illinois Boat Safety training completed online.
- The CWL Public Safety Disaster Action Plan was updated in 2025.

Equipment Purchases in 2025

- 3 new solar-powered cameras for three of the parks
- A new patch design for uniforms and new squad graphics.
- A refurbished laptop for the squad and a handheld radio.
- A chair for the gatehouse
- Various first aid supplies
- 4' x 6' American flags
- Patrol equipment such as O/C spray, handcuffs, flashlights, and batons.
- A trolling motor, depth finder, new starter, water pump, and fuel pump for lake patrol boats.

National Night Out

Hosted by Chief Matt Studt and the Public Safety Department on August 5th, 2025, with ice cream donated by Deans, this event is part of a nation-wide annual community-building campaign that promotes police-community partnership and neighborhood camaraderie. A very well-attended event.

2025 Public Safety Stats

- The Department performed 18,804 calls for service (19,048 in 2024)
- There was a total of 292,533 manual entries for the East and West Gates.
 - East Gate - 239,251 (233,515 in 2024)
 - West Gate - 53,282 (51,654 in 2024)
- There was a total of 2,246,047 C-pass lane entries for the East, West, and South Gates.
 - East Gate - 955,809 (815,079 in 2024)
 - West Gate - 844,068 (678,338 in 2024)
 - South Gate - 446,170 (362,962 in 2024)
- There were 262 traffic violations issued this year.
 - 178 stop sign (107 in 2024)
 - 84 speeding (113 in 2024)
 - 64 parking (39 in 2024)
- Ordinance violations:
 - 1,283 warnings (1,480 in 2024)
 - 539 citations issued (480 in 2024)
 - There were 8 citations issued this year for fireworks.
- Lake Patrol officers checked:
 - 529 boats (712 in 2024)
 - 715 licenses (779 in 2024)

Public Safety Commission

In 2025, this Commission consisted of 6 members and 1 alternate, chaired by Pam Cangelosi, with Matt Studt serving as Staff Liaison, and Josh Monge serving a dual role as commission member and Board Liaison. The purpose of the Public Safety Commission is to make recommendations to the Board of Directors and General Manager on all matters related to the public safety of Candlewick Lake residents. These matters include, but are not limited to, daytime and nighttime safety services; public safety policies; civil defense matters; disaster preparedness; emergency evacuation; and the enforcement of existing rules and regulations in accordance with the Association's governing documents. The commission also provides feedback and recommendations for newly proposed rules as needed.

2025 Commission Recommendations & Actions

- After reviewing several variations of new designs, the commission approved updated squad graphics and a new patch design.
- The commission discussed changes to nighttime park closures and recommended that lakefront parks remain accessible to anglers at all times.
- Several policy and rule updates were recommended, including changes related to inoperable vehicles, waste disposal, parking regulations, and the addition of a quiet-hours chart to the rules.
- To address ongoing speeding concerns throughout the community, the commission explored multiple solutions and recommended the purchase of a digital radar speed sign during budget hearings. However, the item was ultimately removed from the proposed budget for the upcoming fiscal year due to cost.
- In 2025, one member resigned from the commission.

The Public Safety Commission looks forward to another year of collaboration and thoughtful decision-making as it continues working to improve safety and quality of life within the community. Residents interested in serving on a commission are encouraged to attend a meeting to see if it may be a good fit for them.

Citation Review Commission

In 2025, this commission consisted of 5 Members and 1 alternate, chaired by Tonya Flynn, with Valerie Alt serving as Staff Liaison and a Public Safety Officer in attendance if needed to present a citation case. The purpose of this commission is to review citation cases appealed by community members. The commission is presented with the facts of an alleged violation and is required to determine the merit of the citation based upon the evidence before them, making a recommendation to the Board of Directors on whether or not to uphold the citation. This Commission also makes policy and/or rule recommendations as they apply to rules enforcement when ambiguity is present.

There were six Citation Review Hearings held in 2025:

- 29 citations were scheduled to be heard:
 - 23 were found valid
 - 2 were dismissed
 - 4 additional citations were found valid due to property owners not showing up

Maintenance & Lake Department

Department Overview

2025 started with 3 full-time laborers, 1 full-time laborer/mechanic, 1 full-time lead laborer, 3 part-time janitorial employees, 3 seasonal employees, and a department manager. The year ended with 3 full-time laborers, 1 full-time laborer/mechanic, 1 full-time lead laborer, and 1 part-time janitorial employee. Fulfillment of the manager position is being revisited in 2026, and we will re-hire for 2 seasonal positions.

1,493 Work Orders were completed during the year.

Gate Maintenance

Preventive maintenance was performed every week on the gates, and gate

arms were repaired when needed. 4 new cameras were installed at West Gate.

Boat Docks

All the roll-in docks were installed in the spring and removed in the fall by our Maintenance team. Rock River Enterprises installed the marinas.

Mowing / Landscaping / Grounds

The Maintenance team handled the seasonal mowing of member lots, park paths, common grounds, and RV storage. Contracted Turf Maintenance was performed by Area Services. The Maintenance team also performed regular beach cleaning/combing, tree trimming and removal as needed, and trash pickup throughout all common areas.

Annual Inspections

The annual dam inspection and a special CCTV inspection for the dam structure were performed by IMEG in 2025. The Fire alarm system was updated at the Rec Center, and we switched vendors from Midwest Alarm to Audio Engineering.

Pool Maintenance

The Maintenance team opened and closed the pool, saving us money on outside contracted services. They performed ongoing maintenance and repairs throughout the pool season, coordinating with outside service when needed.

Mailboxes

The maintenance team repaired around 25 mailboxes throughout the year.

Equipment Purchases

Purchases in 2025 included a new power auger for mailbox posts, a new-to-us 2015 F250 work truck needed for improved efficiency in division of labor, and a new-to-us 2018 F250 to replace a long overdue work truck that could no longer be repaired.

Equipment Maintenance

All equipment preventative maintenance is done in Spring and Fall. The Backhoe, Bobcat, Mini Track Hoe were all greased when hours call for it or when in heavy use. Public Safety boats were winterized and stored inside.

Road Maintenance

The 2025 road project was completed by Bel Rock. Our Maintenance team did all of the road shouldering, as well as the cutting down of high shoulders to let water drain off properly. Maintenance was able to get 4 miles of road shouldering done in late December into early January 2026; this is an ongoing project throughout the year.

Lake Maintenance

All buoys were installed in Spring and Fall. Lake harvesting was performed very early in 2025 due to the massive bloom of Curly Leaf Pond weed. Maintenance hauled out over 130 loads of weeds. Later in the year they also harvested Coon Tail weed. Blue Green Algae was monitored by Public Safety and our lake biologist Joe Rush of JadEco Lake and Natural Resources. Filamentous Algae was cleaned with the harvester throughout different areas of the lake.

Lake Dredging

The dredging project was successfully completed this summer in Fisherman's Cove, Whiting Park Bay, and the Dip Bay; performed by Frenress Lake Marine Dredging, with engineering, project management, and permitting requisitions performed by Fehr Graham. Post-dredging survey results were also reviewed by Joe Rush of JadEco.

Natural Areas Management

Our contracted vendor, Deep Roots Restoration, completed multiple scheduled workdays to maintain Candlewick Lake's natural areas, bioswales, and prairie plantings. Work included treating invasive weeds along with other nuisance plants that can crowd out native growth. They also managed brush and young trees (including willows in select shoreline areas, in collaboration with work performed by our Maintenance team prior to vendor treatment) to prevent overgrowth and keep these areas functioning and looking better. Ongoing maintenance was performed in the prairie planting north of West Gate, including follow-up treatments to keep invasives from taking hold while native plants establish. This is routine, seasonal work that helps prevent invasive plants from reseeding and spreading across the community.

Summary of Completed Projects

The team changed out a rotten corner post at the Friendship Park pavilion, excavated and leveled a 60' x 65' area at Highland Valley Green for new playground equipment, installed 2 new light standards at the West Gate, completed all the brush cutting around the lake for the 4th of July, replaced and reset several buoys around the lake that were moved from dredging, cleaned up trees that came down in storms at Inlet Cove and other locations throughout the year, pool locker rooms and showers were completely cleaned and detailed by the Maintenance team along with acid washing and resealing the floors. Snow plowing was a very big undertaking with many hours early in the season - just in December there was around 300 miles put onto each truck used for plowing.

Lake Management Commission

In 2025, this commission consisted of 7 members and 2 alternates, chaired by Chuck Hart, with Assistant GM Chuck Corso serving as staffing liaison, and Derek Mathews as Board Liaison. The purpose of this commission is to provide advice and recommendations to the Board of Directors and General Manager on matters regarding the lake, shoreline, dam, watershed, water safety, boating and other lake-related recreational activities, and to work on approved special projects, such as egg addling and the living filter islands, and to make recommendations regarding fee and budgetary considerations.

This was a good year for the lake compared to past years. Algae blooms were minimal and what we did have was towards the end of the season. Dam spillway concerns turned out to be better than we thought. Fishing was excellent and the population remains healthy. Dredging was a challenge but, in the end, Chuck Hart states he is satisfied with results.

2025 Achievements:

- Added hard wood (fish habitat) structure to the lake with no issues.
- Provided educational lake-related articles for the CWL newspaper.
- Successful completion of Egg Addling program.
- Oversaw the shock of the lake for fish survey.
- Begin VLMP lake testing.
- Monitored lake conditions and existing grant projects.
- Held the Adult Bass Fishing Tournament and Kids Fishing Tournament.
- Monitored lake dredging.
- Monitored invasive weeds - Hybrid Milfoil has been found.
- Annual evaluation of rules.
- Evaluated dam and spillway. Inspections performed.
- Facilitated stocking of the lake with information gathered from shock data.

Landscaping Commission

In May of 2025, the Board of Directors officially sanctioned the Landscaping Commission, which had previously been an unofficial commission with volunteer work primarily done by Josh Monge and Michelle Bates. The commission held its first meeting on August 21, 2025. This commission consists of 6 members chaired by Josh Monge, with Kayla Hill serving as Staff Liaison. The purpose of the Landscaping Commission is to provide

advice and recommendations to the Board of Directors and General Manager regarding landscaping and beautification of Candlewick Lake's common areas. The commission's role is to research and make recommendations for the enhancement of entrances, parks, grounds, and shared spaces, and promote a well-maintained and attractive community environment.

Parks & Recreation Department

Department Overview

Recreation Center staffing consists of Director of Parks & Rec Kayla Hill, Childcare Program Coordinator Rachel Wallace, Full-Time/Lead Desk Attendant Gigi Burke, 3 part-time desk attendants, 5 seasonal part-time summer camp counselors, and 2 part-time afterschool counselors.

Programs & Participation

Throughout the year, the Rec Center offered fitness and wellness classes, recreational sports, adult social programs, youth programming, and informal community recreation. Participation remained strong across all program areas.

Community Engagement

Since implementing consistent social media tracking in early 2025, monthly views increased from approximately 4,100 early in the year to over 7,000-8,000 views in peak months, with corresponding growth in reach, content interactions, and page visits.

Facility & Amenity Improvements

- Ping pong and foosball amenities saw increased usage: 65+ residents in May, 70+ residents June - July, 80+ August - September.
- Required facility inspections were completed. Updated SOPs were implemented to improve safety and consistency.
- The gymnasium HVAC system replacement was completed and fully operational by September.
- A fire system control panel failure was addressed through hourly fire watch procedures and a temporary suspension and crediting of extended fitness memberships. The fire system was replaced, and we switched to a different fire alarm monitoring company for better service.

Parks

All three outdoor Basketball courts were replaced. The Highland Valley Green Playground Replacement began in late 2025, which included project planning and budgeting, ordering and delivery coordination of playground equipment, and the installation was pushed out to early 2026 due to December weather conditions and contractor timelines. Weekly park inspections were conducted using updated safety checklists in accordance with insurance requirements.

Operational Enhancements

A centralized janitorial supply ordering and distribution system across all facilities was implemented with weekly janitorial usage tracking and monthly inventory summaries. Coordination with the Boone County Health Department took place to maintain compliance while reducing licensing costs as much as possible.

Child Care Programs

- The Recreation Center provides structured, supervised recreational programming for elementary-aged children in the community through After-School Programming and Summer Camp. Grades served include Kindergarten through 5th grade (up to approximately 10-11 years old)
- The After-School Program takes place August-May, operating from school dismissal until 6:00pm with early release Wednesdays (monthly) beginning at 1:30pm.
 - The Summer Camp Program takes place June-August, operating from 8:00am to 6:00pm, with early drop-off available beginning at 6:30am.
 - Programs are staffed by trained counselors under management oversight. Five seasonal staff members supported Summer Camp, with two staff members carrying over into the After-School Program. Staffing included a lead counselor and assistant counselors, supported by our Programs Coordinator, Rachel Wallace. In 2025, After-School staff averaged 8-25 hours per week and Summer Camp staff averaged 20-30 hours per week.
 - Activities & Programming include:
 - Daily free play and physical activity
 - Organized games and group activities
 - Arts, crafts, and STEM-based activities
 - Use of indoor and outdoor spaces, including the gym, playground, Water's Edge Room, pool, and nearby park areas
 - Scheduled quiet time and homework support during the After-School Program
 - Participation Highlights:
 - Enrollment: 18 children in both After-School and Summer Camp programs, with 25 being capacity
 - Average daily attendance:
 - After-School - 12 children
 - Summer Camp - 13 children
 - Peak attendance occurred midweek, with steady participation throughout the season.
 - Program improvements were made this year, including the reorganization of the classroom layout to improve supervision and activity flow, the addition of new equipment and materials to support creative play, STEM learning, and outdoor recreation, and a Creation Station was introduced to encourage creativity and collaborative projects.

Pool

- The 2025 pool season operated from May 31 through August 21, recording a total of 8,104 resident visits during the season, reflecting continued use of the facility as a key summer amenity. Seasonal staffing consisted of 16 part-time lifeguards and 3 part-time check-in attendants.
- Aquacise and water aerobics classes were offered throughout the season by volunteer instructors, with each class averaging eight or more participants, providing structured fitness opportunities in addition to open swim.
- Swim lessons were offered during the 2025 season; however, this will not be continued in the 2026 season following evaluation to allow staff and resources to remain focused on core pool operations, safety, and maintenance priorities.
- During the final weeks of the season with a change in management, the Director of Parks & Recreation leadership provided additional operational oversight to ensure continuity of services, adherence to safety protocols, and the smoothest possible conclusion to the pool season. As with many seasonal operations, staffing and scheduling challenges arose during the summer; these were addressed through increased leadership oversight and operational adjustments to maintain safety and service continuity.
- Season-end cleaning and winterization were completed following pool closure.
- In 2025, leadership for the Parks & Recreation department completed Certified Pool Operator (CPO) coursework, Lifeguard Certification, CPR & AED Certification, and all required Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) permits were maintained throughout the season to ensure regulatory compliance.
- Maintenance and improvement for the pool included:

- Completion of end-of-season cleaning and winterization procedures
- Restoration of the wading pool to operational status after identifying the simple need for replacing filter sand
- Replacement of acid feeder and chemical pump for both pools to maintain proper water chemistry and reliable operation
- Replacement of one pool motor and rebuild of a second motor, extending equipment life and reducing replacement costs
- Beginning stages of evaluation for Diamond Brite resurfacing to extend the life of the pool basin - to take place before pool opening 2026
- Review of pool pit components and valve mechanisms to guide future repair and replacement planning

Looking Forward...

...in **Parks & Rec** - Upcoming projects include completing the playground installation at Highland Valley Green in the Spring, continuation of park and amenity evaluations, strengthening of participation and usage tracking, maintaining focus on safety, compliance, and facility upkeep, and completion of a park inspection certification course in March 2026 which will allow the Director of Parks & Recreation to conduct in-house inspections for all five parks, reducing reliance on outside inspectors, saving an estimated \$1,000-\$2,000 annually.

...in **Pool Operations** - Replacement of filter sand and gravel is planned prior to the 2026 pool opening to support optimal filtration and water quality, and additional organizational improvements will be made within the pump house to enhance safety, accessibility, and operational efficiency. New addition of water softeners for the locker rooms will reduce the impact of hard water on facility fixtures. Planning for the 2026 season will focus on staffing stability, continued safety training, proactive maintenance, and cost-effective facility management.

...in **Child Care Programs** - Our goal is to increase enrollment toward the current program capacity of 25 children through enhanced communication and outreach, expand in-house speakers and field trip opportunities, explore offering programming on select single-day school closures, evaluate future expansion to longer school breaks, and explore auto-billing or app-based payment options to improve administrative efficiency.

Events Commission

In 2025, the Events Commission consisted of 7 members and 4 alternates, chaired by Kathi Smith, with Kayla Hill serving as Staff Liaison, and Gary Kurpeski as Board Liaison. The purpose of this commission is to develop, plan, organize, and implement yearly scheduled and special events for the residents of Candlewick Lake.

Events in 2025 included the following:

- Winterfest - Hot chocolate, smores, crafts, various games and an indoor "snowball" fight with pom-pom snowballs. Approximately 50 people attended.
- Valentine Bingo - A popular event held in the Rec Center gymnasium. Unfortunately, the heat was not working in the gym that day. 102 residents braved the cold gym to play bingo.
- "Dues" Raffle - 4 winners each received \$543.75 off their FY 2025-2026 Assessment.
- Lunch with the Easter Bunny - 100 adults and 67 children came to see the Easter Bunny. The commission implemented a new seating chart as done for the Breakfast with Santa event, which worked well and will continue to be done in the future.
- Wine Tasting - 40 people were in attendance. Tickets were sold in advance with 4 participants purchasing tickets at the door. The commission volunteers personally made the refreshments for the event to keep costs down.
- Spring Garage Sales - Great feedback for those that had sales, as well as from the shoppers.
- Summer Solstice Celebration - This new event saw a had a great turnout. A live band played, bags games were played, but the bonfire portion was canceled due to heavy winds.
- Independence Day Celebration - The annual parade was great, and the first band performed without a hitch. However, once the second band was about to play, a huge storm rolled in and the band packed up. The fireworks company stated they would still proceed with the fireworks. The radar looked like the storm would be intense at the time they usually did our fireworks show, so they saw a small window to light the fireworks off and took advantage of this, much to the dismay of several residents. Going forward the Events Commissions notes that the flyers for this event will state that fireworks will be rain or shine with a possibility that they may be set off early depending on weather conditions.
- Concert in the Park / Free boat rides - With great weather for the day, 175 people participated in the free boat rides, with four amazing residents using their boats to offer this to the residents and their guests. The Concert in the Park, which is sponsored by the Boone County Arts Council, brought in a great crowd, as well as the food trucks.
- Fall Vendor Fair - Instead of providing and selling hot dogs this year, the commission had food trucks available for the event. 20 vendors participated with a good turnout of shoppers.
- Fall Garage Sales - Good turnout and weather
- Glo Go Run - 65 people paid to participate in this event.
- Fall Festival & Chili Cookoff - Five people participated in the chili cookoff and there was great attendance at the Fall Festival.
- Turkey Bingo - 174 people came to the event. The commission was a bit short-handed on volunteers for this event.
- The Giving Tree Program - 13 families requested assistance for Christmas help. Toys For Tots, and Anna who was the contact person, assisted in getting so much help for the program.
- Breakfast with Santa - 178 tickets were sold for this family event, of which 68 were children. This year's food was from the McDonald's on Perryville and E. State and they did a great job of having the food ready for us. The Belvidere High School Choir performed for the breakfast.
- Holiday Lights Contest - The commission selected 3 winners out of all the homes decorated for the holidays.
- Monday Night Food Trucks - The commission hosts various food truck vendors for the community at the Rec Center with door prizes.

Savannah Oaks Golf Course & Clubhouse

In 2025, the Savannah Oaks department consisted of 2 full-time employees - Clubhouse Manager Benjamin Wilken, Golf Course Superintendent Shawn Chisamore - plus seasonal & non-seasonal part-time employees including 11 bartenders, 7 kitchen staff, 3 cart attendants, 1 assistant clubhouse manager/ bartender.

Clubhouse

Savannah Oaks Clubhouse (bar/restaurant/pro shop) continued to serve as a key dining, event, and community gathering space throughout the 2025 season. Operations focused on improving customer experience, increasing organic business, and maintaining service consistency during peak golf-season demand.

- **Staffing & Management**
 - Clubhouse operations were managed under Clubhouse Manager Ben Wilken, supported by fluctuating part-time

and seasonal staffing adjusted for business volume and event schedules.

- Staff maintained strong facility standards throughout the year, including stepping up during a janitorial staffing shortage.
- Operational improvements included implementation of preloading tee times for leagues and events, improving check-in efficiency and flow. Coolers were also pre-filled for quick sale.
- Kitchen demand increased significantly during extended golf-season hours, identifying future capacity needs for long-term planning.
- **Revenue & Community Events**
 - Total Savannah Oaks revenue for calendar year 2025 was \$339,499.54 (compared to \$301,574.91 in 2024), reflecting continued strong participation and clubhouse activity.
 - The Clubhouse hosted a variety of community events throughout the year, including Pub Trivia, Karaoke, Bingo, Paint & Sip, golf outings, and holiday/seasonal gatherings.
 - Events were continually evaluated to ensure they aligned with participation levels, operational capacity, and long-term sustainability.
- **Purchases & Vendor Trends** - Vendor purchasing and supply needs were monitored through the Northstar reporting system, with continued emphasis on food and alcohol cost control.
- **Facility & Operational Improvements**
 - Marketing and presentation improvements were implemented, including updated flyers, optimized layouts, and expanded takeout menu distribution throughout the community.
 - Planning began for infrastructure repairs including sidewalk replacement and curb improvements in coordination with Association leadership.
- **Board Considerations & 2026 Planning**
 - Policy clarification was recommended regarding cart rental, tee time usage, and guest compliance to ensure appropriate fee collection. A recommendation was also made to revisit the addition of golf carts to prevent shortages during fully booked days and support pace-of-play enforcement.
- **Looking Forward - 2026 Goals**
 - Continue strengthening resident engagement through fiscally responsible actions.
 - Maintain cost controls through vendor monitoring and operational efficiency.
 - Address identified facility infrastructure priorities.
 - Evaluate long-term service capacity needs as Clubhouse demand continues to grow.

Golf Course Maintenance

The Golf Course was maintained by Superintendent Shawn Chisamore, along with one seasonal maintenance employee. The 2025 season at Savannah Oaks Golf Course was marked by significant improvements to course infrastructure and consistent maintenance despite exceptionally challenging weather conditions. The team completed several important projects that will benefit golfers for years to come.

- In June, the practice bunker was filled on the new pitching area with fresh sand making it much easier for golfers to practice their bunker shots. The department's bunker rake machine with a scarifier attachment was used to cultivate and improve the cart paths, which made them safer and prevented rutting during wet conditions.
- Throughout the season, Shawn maintained turf management programs, including targeted weed control applications to eliminate clover from the collars and pitching green areas, ensuring smooth and consistent playing surfaces.
- July and August presented the most difficult weather-related challenges the team has faced in recent years.
 - July brought record rainfall of 5.89 inches—2.18 inches above normal and the 3rd wettest July on record for Northern Illinois. This extreme moisture, combined with temperatures consistently in the 70s and 80s and heavy overnight dew lasting 10-12 hours, created perfect conditions for dollar spot disease to spread rapidly across the course.
 - The fungus thrived because every condition it needs happened at once: optimal temperatures, high humidity above 85%, and grass staying wet for extended periods.
 - Staff had to apply fungicide treatments every 7-14 days

instead of the normal 21-28 day schedule because major storms kept washing treatments away. This aggressive disease management was expensive but absolutely necessary to keep the course playable.

- Then in August, the course faced severe crabgrass pressure from temperatures over 85 degrees, heavy early-month rainfall followed by drought, and high traffic that damaged turf.
- These summer weather challenges required intensive management and additional resources, but our team kept the course in playable condition throughout both difficult months.
- As we moved into fall, cooler September weather helped reduce weed pressure and allowed staff to focus on regular maintenance schedules, but October brought an unexpected wildlife challenge.
 - Raccoons and skunks caused extensive damage to the rough by tearing up turf to feed on grubs in the soil. These animals were particularly aggressive in October because the grubs had grown fat over the summer and the animals needed to store energy before winter. The damage required significant repair work including filling holes, smoothing disturbed areas, reseeding, and daily watering to establish new growth.
- The entire maintenance team - golf course and general maintenance staff - worked together throughout 2025 to deliver quality playing conditions while managing both planned improvements and unexpected challenges like summer diseases and fall animal damage.
- Looking ahead to 2026:
 - Continue monitoring our bunkers for additional sand needs
 - Maintain our cart path cultivation program
 - Implement early-season prevention strategies to reduce crabgrass pressure
 - Apply grub control treatments in late spring to prevent future animal damage.

Golf Commission

This commission consisted of 7 members and 3 alternates, chaired by Lori Hintt, with Ben Wilken serving as Staff Liaison. The purpose of this commission is to make recommendations to the Board of Directors and General Manager on matters such as the promotion of the golf course, clubhouse, special golf functions, revenue generation, improvement or enhancement of game play and recommendations on the future fiscal budgets. 2025 Highlights include:

- **Course Enhancements**
 - New chipping/pitching area donated by Friends of Savannah Oaks, along with a dedication landscaping display
 - Pursuit of improvements to cart paths with a test area of asphalt millings approved by the Board in lieu of more expensive paving
- **Junior Golf Improvements** - Developed plan for junior tee plates
- **Budget & Resource Advocacy** - Supported more proactive budgeting for chemicals/treatments/equipment and overall course upkeep
- **Promotion of Course & Clubhouse** - Provided articles and information for the monthly newspaper, proposed a new Savannah Oaks logo approved by the Board of Directors
- **Events & Activities** - The commission planned and ran multiple golf outings and popular Clubhouse events including Pub Trivia, Karaoke, Euchre, Bingo, etc.
 - Pub Trivia Improvements - Changes made to this recurring event were well-received, drawing in more business to the Clubhouse
 - Bingo and Karaoke Improvements - New equipment/programs implemented, and dates of these recurring events along with Pub Trivia were moved to a standardized schedule for better predictability and attendance
 - Multiple Golf Outings - Red, White & Blue, First Responders, Couples, Neon Night Golf, Pink Party, Sunday Scramble, etc.
 - Golf Leagues - Organized and ran Men's, Lady's, and Youth Golf Leagues

Thank you to all our volunteers, leadership, and staff for another great year at Candlewick Lake Association. As made evident here in the 2025 Annual Report, there are many moving parts involved in the operation and success of the community, and it could not be done without proper planning, staffing, and supportive volunteers.

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Creative & Editorial

The Beautiful Red Money Pit

by Ken Dillenburg

On a rainy afternoon in April, Mike sat bored in his recliner, wishing the weather was nicer so the drag strips could open. Last year's opening day was great. Sunny weather and around sixty degrees. His mind wandered back to a year ago.

"Don't you spend any more money on that car!" Mike's wife yelled to him as the screen door slammed behind him. He loved that car almost as much as he did his wife. The beast stood in the garage luring him in like the sirens in Greek mythology lured ships to their doom on the rocks in the Mediterranean. That gold metal flake red paint was beautiful, as was the black lettering extending down the fenders and onto the front doors. NITROHOLIC. The blower (supercharger) rising through the modified hood was a show of brute power. He understood his wife's irritation at his favorite hobby. Nitromethane runs close to \$100.00 per gallon, and a motor built like this can use as much as a gallon per second. Sounds impossible, but true. Time to head to the Byron Dragway.

He could feel the vibrating effect the full race cam had on the built 327 Chevy! Chugita-chugita-chugita. It sounded rough, but when the nitro hit the 13 1/2 to 1 pistons and the blower kicked in it was as smooth as silk, and so loud ear protection was needed. He was in the B/gas class and hoped to dominate.

Strapped in with the helmet on, sitting on the line, he watched the starting lights as he revved and eased the gas pedal then holding at 3,000 RPM. The starting lights turned red...yellow...green, and he released the clutch and floored it. The engine screamed as fire shot out of the exhaust headers. He could feel the front of the '57 Chevy leave the ground as the rear slicks dug into the asphalt of the track. The acceleration pushed the skin back on his cheeks. With this much horsepower you point the car, not steer. Just stay in your lane.

The tach went to 6,000, then 7,000. If the gear ratio was right it would top out just at the quarter mile mark. The Chevy roared past the finish line and the chute deployed, bringing the machine to a gradual stop. What a rush. Mike had taken the race by a car length. 9.8 seconds and 138 m.p.h for the quarter mile. A personal best!

Nothing left to do but collect the trophy and cash, load the car on the trailer and head home to an angry wife. I love you Dear. Not sure if I mean the wife or Chevy!

(This one is for the guys)

Newspaper Commission Meeting:

Monday, April 13th, 2026, 6PM
Wednesday, May 13th, 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!**

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MAY WRITING PROMPT:

"I thought I planted daffodil bulbs but..."

due April 10th for publishing in the May 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 of a Reserve Study and why it's so important for our community.

What is a Reserve Study?

A Reserve Study provides a breakdown of the financial requirement to address the ongoing deterioration of our Association's components and common elements. It provides a financial and physical analysis of the Association's assets and reserves. It helps the Association plan for future replacements and large-scale repairs by determining how much money must be set aside for those costs in direct correlation to when each component is expected to be due for replacement or major repair. Having a properly funded Reserve provides much-needed insulation against unexpected costs and special assessments as they relate to existing components.

The Reserve Study serves as a very important tool in the management of every Common Interest Community Association. While there is currently no statutory requirement in the state of Illinois to conduct a Reserve Study (Community Associations are governed by state law, which can vary widely from state to state), the Illinois Common Interest Community Association Act (CICAA) does require the Board to provide each Owner with a copy of the proposed Annual Budget which "shall provide for reasonable reserves for capital expenditures and deferred maintenance for repair or replacement of the common elements" (765 ILCS 605/9(b) (2)). Reserve Studies help to ensure that each Owner pays their fair share of the property's deterioration, in direct proportion to the amount of time they are owners.

A Reserve Study is updated every three years to ensure an equitable funding plan is in place since a Reserve Study serves as a snapshot in time. Many different variables can alter the study after it is completed which may result in underfunding or overfunding of the reserve account. Examples of variables that can change the recommended funding are timing of proposed projects, maintenance practices of reserve components, changes in interest rates on invested reserves, and changes in inflationary cost of labor, equipment and materials. This makes it extremely important to take steps to ensure that a Reserve Study is as accurate as possible. When a Reserve Study update is performed, an in-depth analysis is conducted by the Reserve Specialist which includes making sure any changes that have taken place or will take place (replacements, new components, etc.) are reflected in the updated Reserve Study, to provide for an accurate funding plan which informs the amount of the annual Capital Reserve Assessment for our Association's budget. A Reserve Specialist works with the Association's Board of Directors and Staff to account for all reserve components, the financial status of the Reserve Fund, and any plans or changes made regarding each component since the last Reserve Study was completed. This process takes into account the actual age of each component, the estimated current cost of the component, the remaining useful life of the component, and the status of any plans for replacement or repair. The Reserve Specialist then provides us with the first draft of the Reserve Study. The Association's staff reviews it to ensure everything is accounted for and accurate to the best of their knowledge. The Board of Directors may also take this opportunity to review and provide feedback. If changes are needed, it is communicated to the Reserve Specialist. Typically, a contract with a Reserve Study company allows for up to two revisions of the Study. Once we receive the first revision, it is reviewed again - ideally before the annual budgeting process begins - so that if any changes are needed, we can communicate them in a timely manner to the Reserve Specialist, who then provides us with the final revision of the Reserve Study which informs the annual recommended contribution amount, identifying the Annual Assessment for Capital Reserves. The Reserve Study also serves a road map for which components we can expect will need replacement or repair year to year, so that we can plan and take action accordingly, setting up the Association for success.

The reserve recommendations provided in the Reserve Study help to ensure that the reserve balance is positive, healthy, and above a minimum threshold in each of the next 30 years based on projected inflationary costs of labor, equipment, and materials. We encourage all Candlewick Lake Owners to become familiar with our Reserve Study, as this is a public document available for all Owners and provides a breakdown of the Reserve funding plan and expected expenses over the next 30 years. When the next Reserve Study is conducted three years from now, an updated version will replace the 2024 version which can be found on the CWL website.

March 1st - April 21st


ENTER FOR A CHANCE TO HAVE \$500 TAKEN OFF YOUR 2026-2027 ASSESSMENT!

RULES:

1. Ticket sales begin on March 1st and will continue through April 20, 2026. The cost of the raffle will be \$5.00 per ticket (cash only). There is no limit to the amount of tickets which can be purchased.
2. Tickets can be purchased at the Administration Office or the Rec Center during normal business hours. Tickets will not be sold by individuals. Tickets will not be sold door-to-door.
3. Drawing for winners will take place at the Board of Directors Meeting on April 21, 2026.
4. Selected recipients (winners) will have the amount deducted from their assessment amount as a credit; no cash or checks will be distributed. This will apply only to the FY 2026-2027 assessment. Should a property owner be in arrears, the amount will be deducted from the delinquent amount owed to the Association.
5. Raffle applies to Operating/Reserve assessment and Associate Member fees.
6. Raffle will be advertised in the CWL newspaper, on the Sunshine Boards, emails, website, posters and/or flyers and a notice will be included in the FY 2026-2027 assessment mailing.
7. A random drawing will be held at the Recreation Center Lakeview Room and is open to all residents during the April 21, 2026 Board of Directors meeting which begins at 6:30pm. You do not need to be present to win.
8. So as to allow for the most number of recipients, an individual can only win once no matter how many lots are owned.
9. So as to allow for the most number of recipients, funds will be distributed as follows: For every \$500 in raffle tickets sold, a recipient will be selected (i.e., if \$1,500 in tickets are sold then 3 recipients will be selected each receiving a \$500 assessment reduction; if \$1,800 in tickets are sold then 3 selected recipients will each receive a \$600 assessment reduction. If \$2,000 in tickets is sold, then a fourth recipient will be selected, and so forth).

Parks & Recreation

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.

FITNESS CENTER ORIENTATION CLASSES



We offer orientation classes for how to properly use the fitness center equipment.

\$10 FEE, BY APPOINTMENT ONLY
Sign up at the Rec Center front desk.

Fee is forfeited if you do not show up for your appointment. If you call the instructor to cancel, you will have a \$10 credit available for rescheduling.

This class is required for residents age 16-17 to use the Fitness Center without a legal guardian present.
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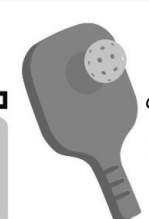


VOLLEYBALL

1pm - 3pm
2nd & 4th Saturdays
ages 14+
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6pm - 8pm **Mondays: ages 18+** **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!



LENDING LIBRARY

Stop by the Rec Center for a book!
We have a great selection of books to choose from in the Water's Edge room.
Take a book, leave a book!

REC CENTER GYM SCHEDULE

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	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
	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 - 8:00pm	Volleyball (2nd & 4th Saturdays)
Open Gym 12:00pm - 4:00pm	Full Court B-Ball 6:00pm - 8:00pm	Open Gym 12:00Pm - 6:00pm	Pickleball 6:00pm - 8:00pm	Pickleball 6:00pm - 8:00pm		1:00pm - 3:00pm 14 years +
GYM CLOSED 4:00pm	18 years +	14 years +	18 years +	14 years +		GYM CLOSED 5:00pm
GYM CLOSED 8:00pm						

GYM RULES:

- CWL Member ID must be presented to front desk staff to use the Gym.
- No one under the age of 14 is allowed in the Gym at any time 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 gym or fitness center. Minor waivers may only be signed by parent/legal guardian.
- Family Gym ("Kids Gym") is designed for the enjoyment of Candlewick 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 playing kickball
- No full court basketball unless scheduled

Save the Date....

BI-ANNUAL COMMUNITY GARAGE SALE

DEADLINE TO SIGN UP - MAY 8, 2026

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FRIDAY, MAY 15

9AM - 6PM

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Wine Tasting

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at the CWL Recreation Center

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Attendees must be 21+



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YARD OF THE MONTH CONTEST

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

- Nominations are due the 9th of each month. Yard of the Month Club Members will then go out to view all the yards that were nominated.
- 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 when the next winner is designated. (The October winner will be permitted to have the sign in their yard until November 10th.)
- Nomination forms are available at the Rec Center, or you may print, 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 Rec Center by the 9th of each month before 5pm

Savannah Oaks

OPENING DAY FOR GOLF IS APRIL 3rd!!

Spring is in the air at Savannah Oaks. Beginning Friday, April 3rd carts will be available (weather permitting). The clubhouse will go back to regular hours - open 7 days a week. Be sure to stop in the clubhouse after golf for your favorite beverage and to try out the expanded food menu.

And keep in mind that Savannah Oaks is the perfect place to watch the greatest professional golf tournament - The Masters!

TEE-TIMES:

Use the Candlewick Lake Mobile App or call the clubhouse to secure tee-times. Reserving a tee-time holds your time slot and assures cart availability. Please arrive at least 20 minutes before your tee-time to check in.

GOLF LEAGUES:

Time to sign up for your 2026 golf league

LADIES' LEAGUE- "Chicks with Sticks" -

Organizational Meeting Monday, March 30th at 5:30 pm at Savannah Oaks Clubhouse.

League play begins April 28th through September 8th, every other Tuesday night. \$85 Entry fee required before league play begins. If you cannot make the meeting and would like to join, please contact Beth Thacker at mbeth.thacker@gmail.com

MENS' LEAGUE -

Organizational Meeting Saturday, April 4th at 10:00 am at the Savannah Oaks Clubhouse.

League begins May 7th and plays every Thursday night through the end of August. For more information, contact Steve Lambright at 734-740-2318 or cwlgolflleague@gmail.com.

YOUTH LEAGUE/LESSONS -

Begin Thursday, June 11th 9:30 - 11:30 am.

Meets every Thursday morning with a season ending tournament on Saturday, August 1st. Each session is \$10 and includes lessons, food and drink. Kids 8-17 are welcome! Watch for sign-up sheet in the clubhouse. There is a limit of 35 participants.

COUPLES GOLF -

3rd Friday on the Month at 6:00 pm. First event is May 15th. Sign-up in the clubhouse.

SUNDAY SCRAMBLE -

Every Sunday at 10:00 am starting on Sunday April 5th. No sign-up needed but get there early so we can put the groups together.

SENIOR GOLF -

Join a fun group of senior golfers who meet every Monday and Wednesday at 10:00 am starting on Monday, April 6th. No sign up needed - just come and play when you can. And they like to do a bit of socializing too!

Wine Wednesday 

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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



New Clubhouse Manager is Ready to Roll!

Please join us in welcoming Henry Buckie as the new Clubhouse Manager. Henry brings great energy, a positive attitude, and enthusiasm for the role. He loves golf, enjoys connecting with people, and is eager to get to work. We are excited to have Henry leading the clubhouse and look forward to all he will bring to the position



New Savannah Oaks Clubhouse Manager, Henry Buckie

GFS Food Expo

Candlewick Lake Association team members attended the GFS Food Expo on February 25, 2026 to explore new ideas and resources for our amenities. Our new Savannah Oaks Clubhouse Manager attended with a focus on the Clubhouse bar and restaurant, while our Director of Parks & Recreation attended to support the Pool Snack Bar and Child Care program needs. The group spent the day meeting potential vendors, sampling and sourcing new food options, and attending food safety classes.



Henry Buckie and Parks and Recreation Director, Kayla Hill

Karaoke is Back in 2026!

Our best crooners were in full voice on a Saturday night as residents gathered to share their talents and enjoy the music.

Hosted by Mike Pehanich, who loves warming up the crowd with his repertoire of songs. The crowd gathered liquid courage before bursting into melody. The fun played on until closing time.



Hope you'll join us - Karaoke will be at Savannah Oaks every month on the 4th Saturday starting at 7:00 pm.

Enthusiastic Fans Fill Savannah Oaks for Daytona 500

Candlewick Lake residents brought the thrill of race day indoors on February 15th as Savannah Oaks clubhouse transformed into a high-energy Daytona celebration filled with laughter, friendly competition, and community spirit.

The afternoon was inspired by the legendary Daytona 500 and featured festive décor complete with checkered flags, racing colors, and plenty of Daytona flair. From the moment guests arrived, the atmosphere was lively and welcoming – a true testament to the strong sense of community that defines Candlewick Lake.

One of the highlights of the event was the much-anticipated meat raffle, which added an extra layer of excitement to the festivities. Guests eagerly gathered as numbers were drawn and winners celebrated their prizes, creating moments of cheer and playful suspense throughout the afternoon.

With approximately 68 residents in attendance, the event offered not only entertainment but an opportunity for neighbors to connect, share stories, and enjoy time together. Whether guests came for the racing theme, the raffle, or simply the camaraderie, everyone left with smiles and great memories.

Events like these remind us that Candlewick Lake is more than just a neighborhood – it's a community. A special thank you goes out to all who helped plan, organize, decorate, and support this wonderful gathering. Your time and dedication made the day a tremendous success. We look forward to many more celebrations that bring our community together in the months ahead!



Eddie with his winning board



Board Member Gary Kurpeski and Evan



Meat raffle winner



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Upcoming Events

April

- 4/1 - Savannah Oaks Commission Meeting @ Rec Center, 6PM
- 4/3 - Golf Course Opening Day!
- 4/6 - Events Commission Meeting @ Rec Center, 6:30PM
- 4/8 - Public Safety Meeting @ Rec Center, 6:30PM
- 4/11 - Craft & Vendor Fair @ Rec Center, 10AM - 3PM
- 4/11 - Garden Club Meeting @ Rec Center, 10AM
"Garden Planning & Companion Planting"
- 4/11 - Bingo @ Savannah Oaks, 7PM
- 4/13 - Newspaper Commission Meeting @ Admin Office, 6PM
- 4/14 - Lake Management Meeting @ Rec Center, 6:30PM
- 4/15 - ECC Meeting @ Admin Office, 6:30PM
- 4/18 - Pub Trivia @ Savannah Oaks, 7PM
- 4/20 - Finance Commission Meeting @ Admin Office, 5:30PM
- 4/21 - Board of Directors Meeting @ Rec Center, 6:30PM
- 4/25 - Wine Tasting @ Rec Center, 4PM-6PM
- 4/25 - Karaoke @ Savannah Oaks, 7PM
- 4/28 - Ladies Golf League Start Date, 5:30PM
- 4/29 - Book Club Meeting @ Rec Center, 5:30PM

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
- 5/7 - 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
- 5/12 - 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

Dates are tentative and subject to change. Please sign up to receive community emails (e-blasts) to receive up-to-date information

Events Commission Meeting:

Monday, April 6th, 2026, 6:30PM
Monday, May 4th, 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*

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Brent Barlow	Rochester Road NE
Eduardo Quintana	Rochester Road NE



Candlewick Lake Recreation Center
1812 Candlewick Dr SW, Poplar Grove, IL

April 11, 2026
10am - 3pm

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC!

If you have a business and would like to participate, please submit the form below to the Rec Center by April 9, 2026.

If you have any questions, please reach out to the Events Commission Chair, Kathi Smith, at:
ksmith@candlewicklake.org or 815-339-0500 ext. 205

The vendor registration fee is \$15 for a 10'x10' space. Vendors must provide their own table, setup, etc. Space is limited and registration may close before April 9 if capacity is reached.

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SPRING CRAFT & VENDOR FAIR - REGISTRATION FORM

NAME _____

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Natalie Bader, Presenter
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 Rec Center, Water’s Edge Room




Order forms for
Harlem High School Plant Sale
 will be available
 Questions?? candlewickgardeners@gmail.com

**WELCOME TO
 THROWBACK CANDLEWICK**



The former Teen Center, now known as the Outpost



The former Campground

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.

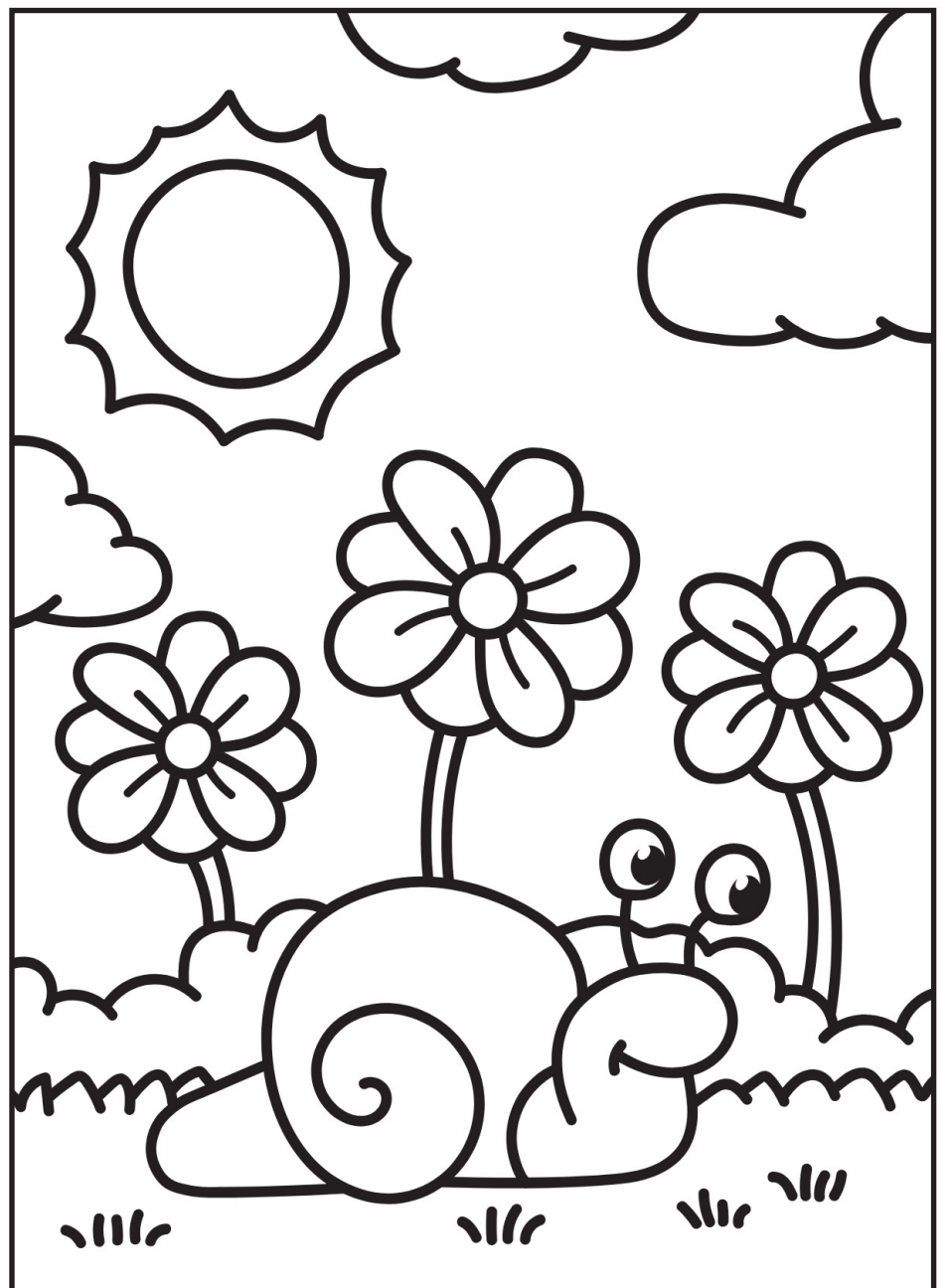
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Thank you Madeline, age 8, for this month's submission:



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AGE:



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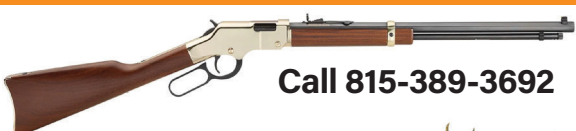
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Public Safety



Public Safety Commission Meeting:

Wednesday, April 8th, 2026, 6:30PM

Wednesday, May 13th, 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

Welcome to the April Chief Chat. Here's hoping that the April showers will indeed bring May flowers. And let's hope March indeed goes out like a lamb, as the severe storm season will begin soon. More on that in a bit, how about some fun holidays that occur in April:

- April 1st is April Fools' Day (and a perfect day to celebrate my 20th wedding anniversary. Happy Anniversary to my wonderful wife!)
- Easter is early this year and falls on April 5th.
- April 7th is National Beer Day
- April 11th is National Pet Day. If you are looking for a fur-ever friend, this is the day to do it.
- Everyone's favorite day is April 15th, Tax Day.
- April 29th is International Dance Day. Feel free to dance it out.
- April 22nd, 1998, Disney's Animal Kingdom had its grand opening.

The month of April is National Autism Acceptance Month. This month is used to increase understanding, promote inclusion, and celebrate the diversity of the autism community. April 2nd is specifically designated as World Autism Awareness Day.

As we head into the severe weather months ahead, a few reminders about Tornado Safety from weather.gov:

In Illinois, nearly 80 percent of all tornadoes occur from April 1st through June 30th, during the late afternoon and early evening hours. In a typical year, Illinois averages 50 tornadoes. When a tornado threatens, you may only have seconds to save yourself and your family. Have a preparedness plan in place for your home, and always have a plan for wherever else you are. The best shelters are:

- In a substantial building
- Away from windows and doors
- In a basement
- No basement? Get to the lowest floor in a small, interior room, such as a closet, hallway, or bathroom without windows.

Before a tornado:

- Make sure all family members know the tornado safe location in your home
- Store an emergency kit in your safe location
- Make a family communications plan

During a tornado:

- Go to a safe location away from windows on the lowest level of a sturdy building
- If you are caught outside, get in a car, buckle up, and try to drive to the closest sturdy shelter. NEVER seek shelter under a bridge and only lie flat in a ditch as a last resort.
- Go to a secure storm shelter if you are in a mobile home

Preparing your pets:

- Get your pets ready at the first sign of an approaching storm
- Put your dog on a leash and your cat in a carrier. You can also put your cat on a leash as well if they are used to being on a leash
- Move all pets to the shelter well ahead of the storm
- Include pet food and medicine in your emergency kit

After a tornado:

- Beware of downed power lines, broken gas lines, and sharp/dangerous debris
- Avoid damaged areas
- Stay off the roads to allow rescue workers a clear passage
- Follow instructions from local officials

We always hope a tornado doesn't hit near us, but living in Candlewick, we know that's not always the case. In years past, we have had tornadoes, microbursts, and extremely high winds go through Candlewick and hit all around us. So be prepared, have a plan, and be safe. And that's the Condensed Chief Chat for April. I hope everyone has a safe and enjoyable April. Stay aware of the weather, have a plan, and take care of your family and neighbors.

And as always,
Keep moving forward.

Candlewick Lake Public Safety Commission SPRING WEATHER SAFETY MESSAGE

SEVERE WEATHER - APRIL * MAY * JUNE

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/safety.

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.
- PEDESTRIANS -when walking on the roadway, you need to be WALKING TOWARD oncoming traffic (left side of the road).
- Be SAFE * NOT SORRY
- If using the roadway in the evening to WALK or RIDE, please wear some type of reflective clothing, walk with a flashlight, and have a light on your bike.

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



February 2026 Public Safety Stats

TYPE OF CALL	2025	2026
Accident	3	0
Activated Alarm	3	5
Administration Detail	4	1
Animal Related	20	13
Assist	5	2
Attempt to Locate	1	1
Attempted Break-in	0	0
ATV Complaint	2	0
Bike Patrol	0	0
Boating Related	0	0
Building Check	470	418
Burglary to vehicle	0	0
Careless Driving	1	0
CITATIONS ISSUED		
Traffic	24	14
Ordinance	35	32
Inoperable	7	13
Unregistered	2	3
WARNINGS ISSUED		
Ordinance	130	84
Parking	9	8
Inoperable	4	6
Unregistered	1	8
Community Policing	165	204
Community Relations	30	42
Complaint	2	5
Damage to Property	3	5
Damage to Vehicle	0	0
Department Assist	6	6
Disorderly Conduct	0	0
Domestic Disturbance	0	0
Employee Relief	222	197
Escort	0	9
Fire Call	1	1
Fireworks	0	0
Fishing Related	0	2
Follow Up	10	5
Foot Patrol	89	112
Harassment	1	0
IT Issue	0	0
Information	20	21
Inspection	2	1
Intoxicated Subject	0	0
Juvenile Problem	1	0
Maintenance Issue	18	14
Medical Assist	12	10
Meet with Complainant	2	1
Missing Person	0	0
Motorist Assist	0	1
Neighbor Dispute	0	0
Noise Complaint	2	1
On Scanner	14	21
On View	0	1
Overnight Parking Permission	32	26
Paper Service	0	0
Parking Problem	9	10
Recovered Property	0	0
Report Ticket	14	5
Roadway Hazard	3	0
Suspicious Activity	1	1
Suspicious Person	2	1
Suspicious Vehicle	10	2
Theft	0	0
Traffic Control	0	1
Traffic Complaint	2	1
Traffic Enforcement	30	31
Trespassing	6	1
Unauthorized Entry	1	0
Vandalism	0	0
Vehicle in Ditch	0	0
TOTAL	1431	1346

Public Safety and Building Department Citations

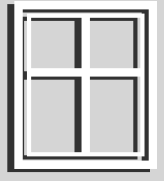
STREET	VIOLATION	FINE
Thornhill	Disobeyed stop sign	\$100
Pembroke	Inoperable vehicle	\$100
Birch	Inoperable vehicle	\$100
Columbia	Waste cans visible	\$50
Hastings	Dog Bite to other Dog	\$150
Hastings	Loose Dog	\$50
Candlewick Dr	Inoperable vehicle	\$100
Griffin	Disobeyed stop sign	\$100
Columbia	Speeding 37mph	\$150
Talladega	Parking Violation	\$50
Briar Cliff	2 Waste cans visible	\$50
Griffin	Waste cans visible from street	\$50
Griffin	Trash/Debris on property	\$50
Benedict	4 Waste cans visible	\$50
Candlewick Dr	Unregistered vehicle	\$100
Candlewick Dr	Failure to maintain property	\$50
Candlewick Dr	Failure to maintain property	\$50
Candlewick Dr	Trash/Debris on property	\$50
Candlewick Dr	Unregistered vehicle	\$100
Spinnacre	Inoperable vehicle	\$100
Spinnacre	Inoperable vehicle	\$100
Staffordshire	Unregistered vehicle	\$100
Constitution	Trash/Debris on property	\$50
Constitution	Trash/Debris on property	\$50
Constitution	Trash/Debris on property	\$50
Constitution	Failure to maintain property	\$50
Lamplighter	Failure to maintain property	\$50
Lamplighter	Failure to maintain property	\$50
Lamplighter	Failure to maintain property	\$50
Lamplighter	Trash/Debris on property	\$50
Lamplighter	Failure to maintain property	\$50
Lamplighter	Trash/Debris on property	\$50
Lamplighter	Trash/Debris on property	\$50
Lamplighter	Inoperable vehicle	\$50
Lamplighter	Inoperable vehicle	\$50
Staffordshire	Inoperable vehicle	\$100
Staffordshire	Inoperable vehicle	\$100
Staffordshire	Inoperable vehicle	\$100
Staffordshire	Inoperable vehicle	\$100
Staffordshire	Inoperable vehicle	\$100
Staffordshire	Inoperable vehicle	\$100
Liverpool	Disobeyed stop sign	\$100
Candlewick Dr	3 Waste cans visible	\$50
Pembroke	Disobeyed stop sign	\$100
Benedict	Health/Endrgmt. Act.	\$50
Bounty	Speeding 34mph	\$100
London	Waste cans out too early	\$50
Brandywine	Reckless driving	\$100
Constitution	Speeding 42mph	\$150
Candlewick Dr	Speeding 35mph	\$100
London	Waste can visible from street	\$50
Brandywine	Reckless driving	\$100
Brandywine	Donuts @Highland Valley	\$75
Poseidon	Holiday Decorations	\$50
Cornwall	Holiday Decorations	\$50
Briar Cliff	Inoperable vehicle	\$100
Thornhill	Trash/Debris on property	\$50
Benedict	Holiday Lights still up	\$50
Candlewick Dr	Disobeyed stop sign	\$100
Constitution	Guest Entry Violation	\$50
Lamplighter	Parking on Grass Violation	\$50
Marquette	Trash/Debris on property	\$50
Redman	Trash/Debris on property	\$50
Partridge	Waste cans visible from street	\$50
Constitution	Waste cans visible from street	\$50
Atlantic	Parking Ordinance Violation	\$50
King Henry	Waste cans visible from street	\$50
Queensbury	Disobeyed stop sign	\$100
Lamplighter	Disobeyed stop sign	\$100
Redman	Speeding 35mph	\$100

**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. 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.

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.

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.

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Environmental Control Committee 2026 Meeting Dates and Due Dates for Plans

Meeting Date	Plans Due	Plans Due - by Noon
April 1, 2026	March 23, 2026	March 27, 2026
April 15, 2026	April 6, 2026	April 10, 2026
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

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

What Type of Approval Permit Do I Need?

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

Building Permit Fees

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

2025-2026 FEE SCHEDULE

ASSESSMENTS & RESIDENCY FEES	
Operating Assessment - Single Lot (Annual Fee)	\$1,172
Reserve Assessment - Single Lot (Annual Fee)	\$369
Associate Member/Tenant Fee (Annual Fee)	\$500
Tenant Registration Fee	\$100
MISCELLANEOUS FEES & SERVICES	
C-Pass - Owner of Record/Resident (Each)	\$30
C-Pass - Guest/Contractor (Each)	\$45
Replacement ID Card	\$5
Security House Checks (Calendar Month Fee)	\$75
Storage Area - Small Sites - Yearly Rental \$25 Deposit Required	\$200
Storage Area - Large sites - Yearly Rental \$25 Deposit Required	\$275
NSF Bank Fee	\$35
Paid Assessment Letter - More Than Two Business Days' Notice	\$40
Paid Assessment Letter - Less Than Two Business Days' Notice	\$50
Citation Review No-Show Fee	\$25
Incoming fax per page	\$1
Outgoing fax per page	\$1
Copies per page	\$0.20
Document Retrieval Fees (per hour)	\$45
Lot Survey Copy	\$25
POOL	
Guest Pool Pass - Daily	\$5
Guest Pool Pass - Seasonal (Limited to Four Passes)	\$35
PARKS & RECREATION	
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)	\$30
Summer Camp (per day)	\$30
Child Care Program Early Drop Off (per day)	\$15
Guest Gym Pass (per day)	\$4
Guest Fitness Center Pass (per day)	\$4
Resident Extended Hours Fitness Center Pass (per month)	\$15
Replacement Extended Hours Fitness Card	\$15
Rec Programs	varies
FISHING & DOCS	
Guest Fishing Permit - Daily (Limited to Five Per Day)	\$10
Guest Fishing Permit - Three (Consecutive) Days	\$15
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
SAVANNAH OAKS	
Non-Resident Green Fees - 1st Nine Holes	\$10
Non-Resident Green Fees - Each Round After 1st Nine Holes (Same Day)	\$7
Golf Car Rental - 1st Nine Holes	\$9
Golf Car Rental - Each Round After 1st Nine Holes (Same Day)	\$6
Pull Cart	\$4
BUILDING DEPARTMENT - HOME CONSTRUCTION	
Application Fee	\$30
Construction Fee (Non-Refundable)	\$1,000
Clean-Up Deposit (Refundable)	\$1,500
Building Permit	\$35
Inspection Fee	\$50
Clean-Up Deposit Inspection Fee (each, after first two visits)	\$25
BUILDING DEPARTMENT - GARAGES, ADDITIONS, IN-GROUND POOLS	
Refundable Clean-Up Deposit	\$750
Building Permit	\$35
Inspection Fee	\$40
Renewal Fee	\$30
MISCELLANEOUS CONSTRUCTION	
Building Permit	\$20
Inspection Fee	\$25

Signs Continued from Page 18

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.

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.

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.

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.

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
TOTAL	1834

NEW HOUSES APPROVED

None

MISCELLANEOUS CONSTRUCTION APPROVED

ADDRESS	TYPE
Unit 2 Lot 45 - 110 Liverpool SE	Color Change
Unit 3 Lot 31 - 330 Candlewick Dr. DW	Garage
Unit 3 Lot 247 - 107 Squire Ln. NE	Tree Removal
Unit 6 Lot 152 - 115 Seminole Pl. NW	Deck
Unit 6 Lot 10 - 1232 Candlewick Dr. NW	Color & Garage Door Style Change
Unit 6 Lot 152 - 115 Seminole Pl. NW	Color Change
Unity 9 Lot 121 - 121 Liverpool SE	Tree Removal

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.

LOOKING FOR MORE INFORMATION?



Visit candlewicklake.org for all ECC Building Rules and Regulations

Finance

Finance Commission Meeting:

Monday, April 20th, 2026, 5:30PM
Monday, May 18th, 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 February 28, 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	\$ 477,597	\$ 450,396	\$ 496,517	\$ 513,489	\$ 352,150	\$ 449,551	\$ 49,054	\$ 42,822	\$ 159,735	\$ 152,573	\$ -	\$ 50	\$ 229,845	\$ 165,548	\$ 1,764,898	\$ 1,774,429
Consulting	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	11,665	16,196	0	0	11,665	16,196
Legal	17,256	19,199	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	17,256	19,199	
Outside services	76,412	72,717	1,065	915	19,245	72,796	700	5,227	8,885	10,344	23,758	20,513	14,018	10,507	144,084	193,020
Grant work	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	-	
Communication	35,091	37,935	1,047	620	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	36,138	38,555	
Utilities	14,313	14,909	12,282	11,520	8,971	6,664	9,162	9,527	52,628	54,945	396	758	22,514	20,626	120,265	118,950
Supplies	4,141	5,727	231	2,122	14,710	15,764	4,084	4,475	6,343	11,786	0	0	10,205	19,046	39,714	58,920
Liability insurance	139,377	119,025	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	139,377	119,025	
Fuels	0	150	11,243	15,505	16,827	22,325	0	0	0	0	0	0	4,627	4,721	32,697	42,702
Equipment & repairs	22,340	21,893	6,139	10,550	9,749	45,378	6,736	5,766	3,389	4,092	1,466	3,541	17,947	14,656	67,765	105,876
Road & ground maint	145	0	0	0	88,578	46,478	0	0	2,402	6,500	28,459	18,670	6,839	10,601	126,424	82,249
Equipment rentals	0	0	0	0	1,857	6,104	0	0	0	0	0	0	20,505	27,834	22,361	33,937
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	17,778	22,325	0	0	5,140	12,086	23,130	34,911
Food	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	24,588	35,415	24,588	35,415
Liquor	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	22,095	23,931	22,095	23,931
Beer	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	19,753	31,054	19,753	31,054
Pro shop	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,885	3,779	1,885	3,779
Bad debt	150,000	150,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	150,000	150,000	
Contingency	0	0	327	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	327	-	
Other expenses	14,933	24,579	604	456	3,260	3,471	0	0	0	0	318	158	0	0	19,116	28,664
Total expenses	\$ 951,607	\$ 916,531	\$ 529,454	\$ 555,178	\$ 515,347	\$ 668,531	\$ 87,820	\$ 86,178	\$ 251,160	\$ 262,564	\$ 75,361	\$ 79,893	\$ 405,065	\$ 381,169	\$ 2,815,814	\$ 2,950,043

Candlewick Lake Association - Unaudited Balance Sheet As of the Month ended February 28, 2026

Description	Operating	Reserves	Totals
CASH & EQUIVALENTS			
TOTAL OPERATING CASH	234,531		234,531
TOTAL INVESTMENTS	1,439,692	5,021,608	6,461,300
TOTAL CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	1,674,223	5,021,608	6,695,831
NET ASSETS			
Total A/R-Owners	1,036,450	54,890	1,091,340
A/R - Reserve Doubtful accounts	(162,045)	-	(162,045)
NET A/R OWNERS	874,405	54,890	929,295
TOTAL OTHER ASSETS	73,076	3,047	76,123
PROPERTY & EQUIPMENT			
Total Property & equipment	23,045,734	-	23,045,734
Accum Depr Property and Equip	(14,916,083)	-	(14,916,083)
TOTAL NET PROPERTY/EQUIP	8,129,651	-	8,129,651
TOTAL ASSETS	10,751,355	5,079,545	15,830,900
LIABILITIES & EQUITY			
TOTAL ACCOUNTS PAYABLE	4,980	-	4,980
TOTAL PAYROLL LIABILITIES	112,044	-	112,044
TOTAL ACCRUED LIABILITIES	311,036	-	311,036
TOTAL DEFFERED REVENUE	653,575	-	653,575
TOTAL REFUNDABLE DEPOSITS	45,140	-	45,140
TOTAL REPLACM,ENT FUND	6,989,241	5,363,680	12,352,921
TOTAL MEMBERS EQUITY	2,635,339	(284,135)	2,351,204
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	10,751,355	5,079,545	15,830,900

Candlewick Lake Association - Unaudited Statement of Revenue, Expenditures, Comprehensive Income, and Changes in Fund Balances For the year to date ending February 28, 2026

	Operating Fund	Replacement Fund	Total	Year-to-Date Budget	Annual Budget
REVENUE					
Assessments	\$ 2,324,601	\$ 729,667	\$ 3,054,268	\$ 3,054,268	\$ 3,665,121
Interest	126,712	160,029	286,741	248,167	281,237
Unreal Gain (Loss) on sale of investments	0	29,955	29,955	8,332	10,000
Other	362,390	-	362,390	305,254	352,024
TOTAL REVENUE	2,813,703	919,650	3,733,353	3,616,021	4,308,382
EXPENDITURES					
Administration	951,607	7,707	959,314	929,531	1,165,952
Public Safety	529,454	539	529,993	555,178	761,787
Maintenance	554,869	686,600	1,241,470	1,129,700	1,290,314
Pool	87,820	46,578	134,398	86,178	197,017
Recreation	251,160	111,865	363,025	283,001	746,688
Lake	77,266	280,521	357,787	117,610	154,129
Contingency	-	-	-	-	-
Capital Expenditures	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	2,452,175	1,133,811	3,585,986	3,101,197	4,315,886
GOLF					
Revenue	292,406	-	292,406	251,088	275,904
Expenses	418,534	69,975	488,508	474,751	586,865
GOLF REVENUE OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	(126,128)	(69,975)	(196,103)	(223,663)	(310,961)
REVENUE OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	235,399	(284,135)	(48,736)	291,161	(318,465)
CHANGES IN NET UNREALIZED HOLDING GAIN (LOSS) ON INVESTMENTS AVAILABLE					
DEPRECIATION	6,989,241	-	6,989,241	-	-
CAPITAL EXPENDITURES CLEARING	2,854,404	-	2,854,404	-	-
COMPREHENSIVE INCOME (LOSS)	(3,899,438)	(284,135)	(4,183,573)		
FUND BALANCES AT BEGINNING OF YEAR	7,663,217	4,065,728	11,728,945		
REVENUE OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	235,399	(284,135)	(48,736)		
FUND BALANCES AT END OF YEAR	\$ 7,898,616	\$ 3,781,593	\$ 11,680,209		

The Misconception
Standard HOA
Grass cutting & monthly meetings.

The Reality
We Are like a Municipality
Public Works, Utilities, Public Safety, Amenities.

Operational Scope:
Public Works: Maintaining miles of private roads, systems, and paving.
Utilities: Comprehensive lake management, coordination.
Public Safety: 24/7 patrol and gate security.
Amenities: Full-scale Recreation Center, Pool, Golf Course, and Clubhouse.

Navigating External Economic Pressures

Inflation and fixed costs dictate the baseline.

Insurance Hardening
Premiums have surged 25% this year. Contact: Follows a 65% hike the previous year.

Utility Rate Hikes
ComEd: +14% increase. Aqua (Water): +10% increase. Nicor: +6-9% increase.

Material Costs
Inflationary pressure on raw materials required for maintenance and infrastructure repair.

Putting the Increase in Perspective

\$15.33 per month

The monthly increase is less than the cost of a single lunch or a standard streaming subscription.

- 24/7 Security & Emergency Response
- Lake preservation and environmental compliance
- Safe roads and maintained infrastructure
- Professional staff retention
- Rec Center & Pool
- Golf Courses and Clubhouse

The Cost of Compliance and Talent

Legislative Mandate: IL Paid Leave for All Act. New state laws now require paid leave benefits for part-time staff.

This is a non-negotiable increase in labor costs across all departments.

Mandates

Operational Rectification: Correction of Past Budgeting: Rectifying historical gaps where previous budgets did not align with actuals.

Talent Retention: Salaries adjusted to market rates to retain high-performing staff and avoid turnover costs.

Stability

Presentation for Approved Budget Fiscal Year 2026-2027

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Navigate to Documents > Financials

MEETING MINUTES - ONLINE & NOW IN PRINT AT THE ADMIN OFFICE



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CWL Information

<p>Mailing Address: 13400 IL Route 76, Poplar Grove, IL 61065 Main Phone Number: (815) 339-0500 Administration Fax Number: (815) 339-0501 General Inquiries Email: CWL@candlewicklake.org Report an Incident: (815) 339-0503 Visitor Call-In: (815) 339-0311</p>		
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Accounting Assistant - Rebecca Anderson	ext. 214	randerson@candlewicklake.org
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Pool Reception Desk	ext. 302	kswanson@candlewicklake.org
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IT & Communications - Randy Alberts	ext. 210	ralberts@candlewicklake.org
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General Manager - Heidi Sroga	ext. 204	hsroga@candlewicklake.org

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

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<p>Administration Office</p> <p>Monday - Friday: 8:30AM - 4:30PM Saturday: 9:00AM - 12:00PM Sunday: Closed</p>	<p>West Gate Hours (Staffed)</p> <p>Monday - Friday: 2:00PM - 8:00PM Saturday: 8:00AM - 8:00PM Sunday: 12:00PM - 8:00PM</p>
<p>East Gate Hours (Staffed)</p> <p>24 Hours, 7 Days a Week</p>	<p>South Gate Hours</p> <p>This gate is not staffed/C-Pass Entry Only</p>
<p>Recreation Center</p>	
<p>May - October</p> <p>Monday - Friday: 9:00AM - 8:30PM Saturday: 9:00AM - 5:00PM Sunday: 12:00PM - 5:00PM</p>	<p>November - April</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>	
<p>Park & Wake Hours</p> <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>	
<p>Savannah Oaks Clubhouse</p>	
<p>Golf Season - May - November</p> <p>Open 7 Days a Week 7:30AM - 10:00PM</p>	<p>Winter Hours - November - April</p> <p>Tuesday - Thursday: 5:00PM - 9:00PM Friday - Saturday: 4:00PM - 10:00PM Sunday: 11:30AM - 9:00PM</p>
<p>Clubhouse hours are subject to change due to weather, extended events, etc.</p>	

Candlewick Lake Board of Directors 2026-2027		
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Candlewick Lake Official Publication

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

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.

APRIL 2026

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1 1:00PM - 4:00PM Pony Canasta - Rec Center 6:00PM S.O. Commission Meeting- Rec Center 6:30PM ECC Meeting - Admin Office 7:00PM AA Meeting - Outpost	2	3 <i>GOLF COURSE OPENING DAY!</i>	4 8:00AM AA Meeting - Outpost
5	6 6:30PM Events Commission - Rec Center	7	8 1:00PM - 4:00PM Pony Canasta - Rec Center 6:30PM Public Safety - Rec Center 7:00PM AA Meeting - Outpost	9	10	11 8:00AM AA Meeting - Outpost 10:00AM - 3:00PM Craft and Vendor Fair - Rec Center 10:00AM - 12:00PM Garden Club Meeting - Rec Center 7:00PM Bingo @ Savannah Oaks
12	13 1:00PM - 4:00PM Candlewick Crafters - Rec Center 6:00PM Newspaper Commission - Admin Office	14 6:30PM Lake Mgmt Meeting - Rec Center	15 1:00PM - 4:00PM Pony Canasta - Rec Center 6:30PM ECC Meeting- Admin Office 7:00PM AA Meeting - Outpost	16	17	18 8:00AM AA Meeting - Outpost 7:00PM Pub Trivia @ Sav Oaks
19	20 5:30PM Finance Meeting - Admin Office	21 6:30PM Board Meeting - Rec Center	22 1:00PM - 4:00PM Pony Canasta - Rec Center 7:00PM AA Meeting - Outpost	23	24	25 8:00AM AA Meeting - Outpost 4:00PM - 6:00PM Wine Tasting - Rec Center 7:00PM Karaoke @ Sav Oaks
26	27 1:00PM - 4:00PM Candlewick Crafters - Rec Center	28 5:30PM Ladies Golf League Starts @ Savannah Oaks	29 1:00PM - 4:00PM Pony Canasta - Rec Center 5:30PM - 8:00PM Book Club - Rec Center 7:00PM AA Meeting - Outpost	30		

MAY 2026

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					1	2 8:00AM AA Meeting - Outpost
3	4 6:30PM Events Commission - Rec Center	5 4:00PM Cinco De Mayo Party @ Savannah Oaks	6 1:00PM - 4:00PM Pony Canasta - Rec Center 6:30PM ECC Meeting - Admin Office 7:00PM AA Meeting - Outpost	7 4:00PM Mens Golf League Starts @ Savannah Oaks	8	9 8:00AM AA Meeting - Outpost 10:00AM - 12:00PM Garden Club Meeting - Rec Center 10:00AM Sav. Oaks Golf Outing
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