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## Candlewick Winterfest Brings Creativity and Community Indoors

*Photos Submitted by the Events Commission; Article by Teesha Brown*

Candlewick Lake welcomed the winter season with warmth, creativity, and community spirit as the Events Commission hosted its annual Candlewick Winterfest on January 17. Held inside the Candlewick Recreation Center, the event transformed the space into a lively hub of hands-on activities and festive fun, the perfect escape from the chilly weather outside.

Guests explored multiple art and craft stations, each offering a unique winter-themed project. Families created DIY bird feeders to bring a little nature home, while the snow owl pine cone craft quickly became a crowd favorite, with children proudly showing off their fluffy creations.

At the face-painting station, kids lined up for their favorite winter creation or a bold sports-themed design. It was surely a fun nod to the excitement of football season and a highlight for families looking to celebrate both creativity and team spirit. Three indoor snowball-throwing stations kept the energy high, giving everyone a chance to enjoy a classic winter activity without stepping into the cold.

To keep spirits warm, the Events Commission served gooey, freshly toasted s'mores and steaming hot cocoa, offering a sweet and comforting break between activities. The cozy treats paired perfectly with the festive indoor atmosphere.

In total, over 40 guests were able to brave the cold to join us, making this year's Winterfest a heartwarming success. The Events Commission continues to bring the community together through creative, family-friendly programming and Winterfest once again proved to be a highlight of the season.



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# Community News & Events

## Valentine's Bingo at the Recreation Center

Photos Submitted by the Events Commission



## Board of Directors Budget Hearing

Photos and Article Submitted by the Newspaper Commission

On Saturday, February 7th, the Board of Directors, Candlewick Lake Administration, and residents gathered in the Waters Edge room at the Recreation Center to hear the Budget Presentation by Board Treasurer and Finance Commission Chair, Rogelio Guzman. The presentation, which is available to view at [candlewicklake.org/group/pages/financials](http://candlewicklake.org/group/pages/financials), gave an overview of the Candlewick Lake Association Budget for the upcoming fiscal year.

The Board of Directors thanks those who took time out of their Saturday to attend the budget hearing. Although we had a rough start we ended with mutual respect and understanding amongst most in attendance. This is the path that will make Candlewick Lake as great as it can be. We look forward to seeing more of you at future meetings and events.



## Staff Training

On January 22, 2026, Candlewick Lake Association staff took part in mandatory customer service training provided to us by the University of Illinois Extension program serving Boone County. It was a very valuable class covering all aspects of customer service. Staff in attendance included resident/customer-facing roles from Public Safety, Administration, Savannah Oaks, and Recreation.



### Board of Directors Decision to Discontinue Livestreamed/Recorded Board Meetings

After careful review and consideration of the Association’s responsibilities, the Board of Directors voted unanimously to discontinue livestreaming and video recording of Board meetings. This decision was made to protect the Association, support a productive meeting environment, and ensure the official record of meetings remains accurate, consistent, and reliable.

#### The Official Record Will Continue Through Approved Minutes -

The official record of a Board meeting is the approved meeting minutes. Minutes capture motions, votes, and key actions in a consistent format and reduce the risk of misunderstandings that can arise when informal commentary is replayed, clipped, or shared without context.

#### Recording Creates Real Legal and Financial Exposure for the Association -

Video recordings can unintentionally increase liability. From an insurance and risk-management standpoint, recordings can be used (fairly or unfairly) to challenge decisions, fuel disputes, or support claims against the Association. Even when the Board acts appropriately, a recording can be selectively edited or circulated in a way that misrepresents what occurred. With today’s technology, including AI tools, it has become easier to manipulate or distort video content convincingly, which can escalate conflict and lead to costly legal disputes. Protecting Association funds and limiting avoidable litigation risk was a key factor in the Board’s unanimous vote.

#### Recording Can Limit Candid Discussion and Effective Decision-Making -

Board meetings are working meetings intended to conduct Association business — review information, discuss options, and make decisions. When every word is recorded and broadcast, it can discourage open discussion and workshopping of issues. Board members, staff, and residents may speak less freely out of concern that comments could be taken out of context, reposted outside of the community, or used to target individuals. That reduced candor can lead to less thorough deliberation and less effective governance.

#### Vendor Bidding and Project Planning Can Be Compromised -

Recorded discussions about projects, scopes, and budgets can end up on social media and/or in the hands of bidders. When that happens, it can negatively impact competition and pricing and put the Association at a disadvantage in obtaining fair and unbiased bids. Maintaining a clean and competitive procurement process is essential to responsible financial stewardship.

#### Meetings Remain Open—and Resident Input Still Matters -

Discontinuing video and livestreaming does not reduce transparency or resident access. Board meetings remain open to members as required, and the Association will continue to provide timely communication and approved minutes.

We also want to address a common concern: “Why attend if there can’t be a back-and-forth conversation with the Board?” Board meetings are structured to ensure the Board can complete its agenda efficiently and responsibly. While meetings are not designed as a free-form debate, residents still have meaningful ways to be heard:

- **Open Forum:** Residents can address the Board during the designated Open Forum portion of the meeting.
- **Follow-up channels:** Questions and concerns can be submitted in advance or afterward via email (BOD@candlewicklake.org or individual Board Members whose email addresses are published in the newspaper) so the Board can respond accurately and, when appropriate, place items on a future agenda.
- **Better outcomes through in-person participation:** Attending in person allows residents to hear the full context of discussions, understand how decisions are made, and stay informed in real time.

**Bottom Line** - The Board’s unanimous decision reflects a commitment to:

- protecting the Association from avoidable legal and financial risk,
- maintaining a productive environment for thoughtful decision-making, and
- ensuring the official record remains clear, consistent, and reliable.

Thank you for staying engaged and participating in the ways that help the Association operate effectively and responsibly.

# PLEASE COMPLETE A PROXY FORM FOR THE 2026 ANNUAL MEETING



**Please complete and return a proxy form to the Admin Office by noon on Saturday, March 14th**, so that a quorum is established for the Annual Meeting of Owners scheduled for Sunday, March 15, 2026.

## THIS PROXY IS FOR QUORUM PURPOSES ONLY

For the Annual Meeting to take place, a quorum (attendance) consisting of 20% of Owners in good standing must be present in person or by proxy. **This could require over 400 people or proxies.**

IF QUORUM IS NOT ACHIEVED, THE ANNUAL MEETING CANNOT BE CONDUCTED. THIS MEANS THE MEETING MUST BE RESCHEDULED, INCURRING ADDITIONAL EXPENSE TO THE ASSOCIATION. THIS IS WHY IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT ALL PROPERTY OWNERS COMPLETE AND SUBMIT A PROXY FOR THE ANNUAL MEETING.

Proxy forms are available at the Office, Recreation Center, and Savannah Oaks. One proxy per lot counts toward our quorum, signed by the owner of record.

**If you are unable to bring or mail your proxy to the office, you may e-mail it to:**

**hsroga@candlewicklake.org or cwl@candlewicklake.org**

Please fill out the proxy in its entirety and be sure to sign and date it. Your proxyholder must be present at the meeting in order for the proxy to count. Before you appoint a proxyholder, you should verify that they will in fact be attending the meeting. Otherwise, you can check the box for the Board President as proxyholder. **THIS IS NOT A VOTING PROXY.**



### PROXY FORM TO ESTABLISH A QUORUM

This Proxy must be signed and dated to be valid.

#### Part 1: Identification of Proxy Holder

I, \_\_\_\_\_, am the owner of the lot listed below in  
(Print your name here)

Candlewick Lake Association, and hereby constitute and appoint the following person as my proxy for quorum purposes only:

Check one, but if one is not checked, this Proxy shall designate by default the Board President as Proxyholder or his/her Board designee only for the establishment of a quorum:

President of the Board, or his/her appointed Board designee in his/her absence

OR

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Name of the person who will hold the Proxy attending the meeting in my absence.)

#### Part 2: Powers of Proxy Holder/Direction to Act

I hereby appoint the person identified above as my Proxy for the purpose of establishing a quorum.

#### Part 3: Creation/Termination/Expiration

Unless otherwise provided by Illinois law, this Proxy is effective only for the 2026 Annual Meeting of the Owners, (or on such other or further date to which it shall be adjourned, recessed or rescheduled); This Proxy shall be construed as terminated upon the adjournment of the Annual Meeting of the Owners.

I understand this Proxy will automatically be revoked by a) my attendance at a meeting covered by this Proxy; b) my written revocation of this Proxy; and/or c) my subsequent issuance of a written proxy appointing another person as my Proxyholder for the time covered by this Proxy.

#### ALL INFORMATION IN THIS BOX MUST BE FILLED IN FOR THIS PROXY TO BE VALID.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have executed this Proxy on \_\_\_\_\_, 2026.  
(month) (date)

Owner Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address of Candlewick Lake property: \_\_\_\_\_, Poplar Grove, IL

**Note: If you own more than one property, a separate proxy is needed for each property you own.**

# Election Information

## NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING OF MEMBERS + ELECTRONIC VOTING INSTRUCTIONS

### ANNUAL MEETING OF MEMBERS / ELECTION MEETING

**LOCATION:** Recreation Center - Lakeview Room

**DATE:** Sunday, March 15, 2026

**TIME:** 1:00pm

**CHECK-IN:** Begins at 12:30pm

**IN-PERSON VOTING:** Begins at Check-In / Ends at 1:00pm

**ADVANCED REMOTE VOTING:** Friday, February 13, 2026 - Monday, March 9, 2025, 4:30pm

#### NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN

That the Annual Meeting of Members of Candlewick Lake Association, Inc. (the "Association") will be held at the date, time, and location stated above for the purpose of conducting the business of the Association, including the election of Directors.

This meeting is called and noticed in accordance with:

The Association's Articles of Incorporation, Declaration of Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions, Bylaws, Rules and Regulations, and Election Rules and Procedures, and The Illinois Common Interest Community Association Act (765 ILCS 160).

#### AGENDA

1. Pledge of Allegiance / Prayer
2. Call to Order & Welcome
3. Establishment of a Quorum - Certification by the Association Secretary
4. Proof of Annual Meeting Notice - By the Association Secretary
5. Approval of Annual Meeting Minutes - March 16, 2025
6. Certification of Election Results
7. 2025 Annual Report Presentation
8. New Business
  - Swearing-in of New Directors
9. Public Comment / Town Hall
10. Adjournment

#### VOTING

The Board of Directors has authorized the use of electronic voting for the election of Directors in accordance with 765 ILCS 160/1-25 and the Association's Election Rules and Procedures. Electronic voting will be conducted using ElectionBuddy, a secure third-party electronic voting platform. Pursuant to Article VII, Section 7.01(f) of the Bylaws (authorizing suspension of voting rights for members not in Good Standing) and Rule 5.2 of the Election Rules (limiting election voting to a Member per Lot in good standing), **members who are not in Good Standing when ballots are issued (February 13) will not be able to vote in this election.**

#### QUORUM

For this meeting to take place, pursuant to the Association's Bylaws, **twenty percent (20%)** of Members in good standing represented in person or by electronic ballot shall constitute a quorum under IL CICAA, 765 ILCS 160/1-25(h-5). **If a quorum is not met, the Annual Meeting will need to be rescheduled, resulting in additional expenses for the entire Association. PLEASE COMPLETE AND RETURN A PROXY FORM AS SOON AS POSSIBLE** if you choose not to vote and are not registering your electronic vote towards quorum through the ElectionBuddy ballot. Proxy forms can be found on candlewicklake.org, or you may pick one up from the Admin Office, Rec Center, or Savannah Oaks Clubhouse.

**THIS ANNUAL MEETING NOTICE AND ELECTRONIC VOTING INSTRUCTIONS WERE DISTRIBUTED ELECTRONICALLY ON THE DAY THE BALLOTS WENT OUT, HAVE BEEN POSTED PHYSICALLY IN COMMUNITY GATHERING AREAS, ON THE CWL WEBSITE, AND ARE PUBLISHED IN THE MARCH 2026 NEWSPAPER, DELIVERED BY MAIL TO ALL OWNERS.**

### ELECTRONIC VOTING INSTRUCTIONS - 2026 BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTION

#### What's on the ballot

- Two (2) open Board seats: one 3-year term and one 2-year term.
- If term lengths vary, the elected candidate with the highest vote receives the longest term, followed by the next highest until all open seats are filled.

#### Voting deadline

- Remote/advance electronic voting opens February 13 upon delivery of these Electronic Voting Instructions and Annual Meeting notice. Watch for a separate ElectionBuddy email and/or text message with your individual secure voting link.
- Remote/advance electronic voting closes March 9 at 4:30 p.m.
- In-person voting (electronic) will be available at the Annual Meeting.
- In-person votes cast at the Annual Meeting will void your prior electronic ballot if you voted during the advance remote voting window.

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#### Quorum

Votes cast electronically count toward quorum under the Illinois Common Interest Community Association Act (CICAA), 765 ILCS 160/1-25(h-5).

#### How you will receive your secure voting link (no physical mailings)

**ElectionBuddy** will send Members in good standing as of February 13, 2026 an email and/or text message that includes an individual secure voting link. Use that link to access your ballot and vote. This email will be from **Candlewick Lake Association** and is sent from the email address [invitations@mail.electionbuddy.com](mailto:invitations@mail.electionbuddy.com).

#### How to vote remotely (February 13 through March 9)

1. Open the ElectionBuddy email or text message and click your secure voting link.
2. Follow the prompts to cast your vote.
3. Submit your ballot no later than March 9 at 4:30pm

#### Need help or do not have internet/device access?

A voting kiosk will be available at the Administration Office during the remote voting period and will also be available at the Annual Meeting during the in-person voting window.

#### Administration Office Hours-

Monday through Friday: 8:30am to 4:30pm

Saturday: 9:00am to 12:00pm

#### Did not receive your link?

- Please be sure to give your entire inbox (including your junk/spam folder, or any other alternative inbox folders that you may have) a search for an email from [invitations@mail.electionbuddy.com](mailto:invitations@mail.electionbuddy.com) if you don't see it in your main inbox right away.
- Verify your phone can receive texts (SMS).
- Contact the Administration Office (815-339-0500) to confirm/update your email and phone number on file, and request assistance.

#### This year's Candidates

The following candidate submitted timely written notice of candidacy in accordance with Candlewick Lake Association:

- Benjamin Wilken

**Write-in candidates are permitted** (use the write-in option on the ElectionBuddy ballot if you wish to vote for someone not listed).

*Candidate information can be found in the February edition of the Candlewick Lake newspaper. A digital version of the newspaper is available online at: [candlewicklake.org/web/pages/cwl-newspaper](http://candlewicklake.org/web/pages/cwl-newspaper)*

# From the Board

## Unfinished Business Approved at the 2/17/26 Board Meeting

### POLICY 26-01 Section 15-4-D - Quiet Hours

WHEREAS, Candlewick Lake has rules for nuisance/annoyance activities and quiet hours which apply to residents, tenants, guests, etc. and are listed in Section 15-4 of the Candlewick Lake Rules & Regulations, and

WHEREAS, there previously were rules about quiet hours for Association sponsored events but were taken out of the rules when Policy 23-01 was approved on 3/21/23, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors wishes to add back into the rules quiet hours for Association events, and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Section 15-4, Paragraph D be added to the Candlewick Lake Rules & Regulations as follows:

4. Nuisance / Annoyance Activities & Quiet Hours

D. Quiet hours for Candlewick Lake Association sponsored events are 12:01 AM - 8:00 AM.

### POLICY 26-02 Section 14-6 & 14-7 - Seasonal Event Lighting & Exterior Decorations

WHEREAS, Candlewick Lake has rules when seasonal/event lighting and exterior decorations may be put up and lit, and

WHEREAS, the current rules allow December seasonal lights and decorations to be put up no earlier than November 10th but may not be lit until November 20th, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors wishes to allow December seasonal lights and decorations to be both up and lit no earlier than November 10th, and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Section 14-6 and Section 14-7 be changed as follows:

#### 6. Seasonal / Event Lighting

All exterior lighting such as event, holiday/seasonal, temporary, festoon lighting devices, and sound devices, shall be allowed to remain in place a maximum of thirty (30) days before and ten (10) days following the event. Due to the weather, December seasonal lights will be allowed to be put up and lit no earlier than November 10th but may not be lit until November 20th. The removal of December/January 1st seasonal lights must be by February 15th. The lights may not be lit beyond ten (10) days after the event. An extension may be granted when there are extenuating circumstances.

#### 14-7 Exterior Decorations

Exterior seasonal decorations shall be allowed to remain in place a maximum of thirty (30) days before and ten (10) days following the event. Due to the weather, December seasonal decorations will be allowed to be put up and lit no earlier than November 10th. In the case of decorations that are illuminated, they may not be lit until November 20th. The removal of December/January 1st seasonal decorations must be by February 15th. The decorations may not be lit beyond ten (10) days after the event. An extension may be granted when there are extenuating circumstances.

### POLICY 26-04 Section 3 - Entry Procedures

WHEREAS the Association Rules and Regulations contain a policy that suspends guest list privileges due to delinquencies, enforced as part of the Association's collections process, and

WHEREAS this policy currently does not provide exceptions for medical-related accommodations, and

WHEREAS access should be allowed for medical personnel, equipment, and transportation so as not to deny reasonable accommodations for health and safety, and

WHEREAS, suspension of guest list privileges has proven to be a practical enforcement tool that encourages owners to bring accounts current and reduces the need for legal collections, attorney involvement, and related costs, and

WHEREAS it is the recommendation of the Chief of Public Safety and the General Manager to revise the Association's policy to allow for medical accommodation, and

WHEREAS, after consultation with the Association's legal counsel, it is recommended that the Association continue the suspended guest list policy and add exemptions for medical reasons, and

WHEREAS the guest list suspension policy is lawful and enforceable when applied uniformly and in compliance with applicable law; it does not deny residents access to their own dwelling; emergency access is never restricted; and reasonable accommodations must be provided for medical staff, medical equipment, and medical transportation as required by the Fair Housing Act and Illinois Human Rights Act, and

WHEREAS maintaining the policy supports consistent

enforcement, clear expectations, transparency, and helps avoid selective enforcement concerns, thereby supporting the Association's financial stability, and

WHEREAS the Board of Directors temporarily paused the suspended guest list policy upon being made aware of the current rules not allowing for exceptions due to medical-related reasons,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors hereby reinstates the Association's guest list suspension policy for delinquent accounts as an enforcement measure within the Association's overall collection and enforcement process, upon making the following revisions to Section 3 of the Rules and Regulations to implement procedures allowing medical exemptions:

#### SECTION 3: ENTRY PROCEDURES / GATE ACCESS

A. The owners of record of each Lot and, if different, the designated Member (hereinafter collectively the "Ownership"), is and shall remain responsible for all actions, activities, and omissions for all persons issued passes or who otherwise entered the Development under said Lot number (hereinafter a "Member's Guest" in the case of an individual or "Member's Guests" in the case of more than one individual). It shall be the responsibility of the Ownership to ensure that, prior to entry into the Development, all Member's Guests are fully aware of the rules, restrictions, and limitations for the community, including but not limited to these Rules and Regulations.

B. If any visitor to the community, including but not limited to a Member's Guest: (a) commits an act while in the community that threatens the safety and wellbeing of residents and other visitors of the community; (b) has committed a material violation of the Rules and Regulations in the reasonable discretion of the General Manager or the Board; or (c) has otherwise committed an act or violation of the Rules and Regulations that, in the reasonable discretion of the General Manager or the Board, is of such a nature or has resulted in materially and adversely impacting the safety, health, or well-being of the Development (hereinafter a "Violator"), the Board may place said Violator on a "Restricted List" that designates said person as one who is prohibited entry and/or access to the Development, and/or restricted with regard to said person's privilege of entry into the community, as designated by the Board or the General Manager, for either a set period of time or indefinitely, in the discretion of the Board.

C. In the event a person guest is designated as a Violator by the Board or the General Manager, the Ownership will be issued a warning or citation in accordance with current procedure and required due process for all violations of the Rules & Regulations. Additionally, within three (3) business days of such designation, the Association shall provide written notice to said person and, in the event said person is a Member's Guest, to the Ownership under which said Violator entered the community. In the event said Violator is a Member's Guest, the Ownership shall be entitled to request in writing a hearing before a panel of persons that includes at least three Board Members, to hear the basis upon which the decision to designate such person as a Violator was made, and to present evidence by the Ownership in opposition to said designation. The Board shall have wide discretion in the scheduling of said hearing and the rules of conduct for said hearing. The Board shall use reasonable efforts to conduct said hearing within ten (10) business days of the date of such request from the Ownership. The Board shall address said opposition, and shall make decisions and conduct procedures related thereto, in the same manner it addresses objections to claims of violations of other sections of the Rules and Regulations.

D. Delinquency enforcement (including any suspension of C-Pass access, guest list privileges, and member ID privileges) will follow the Association's adopted Collections Policy, including required notices and timelines. C-Passes are automatically removed from the system upon nonpayment of Association Charges, ACH, and NSF charges. When 40 Days Past Due, notice of Intent to Lien shall be mailed. If payment is not made within fifteen (15) days, C-Pass access, guest list privileges, and member ID privileges will be suspended.

E. From time to time, the Board may authorize the opening of the entry gates to non-property owners for special events (i.e., CWL sponsored garage sales, forums, and concerts).

#### 3-1 Gate Access

- Entering and exiting must be at authorized gates only.
- Entry through the automatic gates requires a C-Pass.
- Entering through the guest lane requires a photo ID.
- All vehicles must come to a complete stop when entering or exiting.
- Vehicles entering/exiting from the automatic gates have the right-of-way.
- The automatic gates may be left in the open position during times of bad weather or upon official authorization.
- Damage to the gate is the Member's responsibility and the cost of repair will be billed to the Owner.

#### 3-2 Vehicle Registration / C-Passes

- Vehicles up through a Class B license plate must be registered with the Association. Class B licensed vehicles include standard pickups/vans or 4-wheel vehicles that are unmodified. Only the following Class D licensed vehicles may be registered:
  - A Class D licensed vehicle that is a standard pickup/van with ladder racks, 4-wheel vehicle that has no modification beyond the standard body width.
  - A Class D licensed vehicle that is a standard pickup with dual rear wheels and no modifications for commercial use. Specifically excluded from being registered are the following (but not limited to these) items: box vans, flat beds, cube vans, tow trucks.

B. The following vehicles are exceptions and may be registered: authorized vendors, school buses, and emergency vehicles/personnel.

C. A copy of the vehicle's current registration and/or current insurance card, in the name of, and at the current address of, the Member/Associate Member/Tenant or family member living at that Owner's address, must be presented at the Association Office at the time of the purchase of a C-Pass.

D. If a Member/Associate Member/Tenant is using a vehicle longer than thirty (30) days that is owned by someone with a different name and/or address, the Member/Associate Member/Tenant is required to register the vehicle at the Association Office. A copy of the vehicle's current registration and/or current insurance card, showing the name and address of the vehicle's owner must be presented at the Association Office. A Member may purchase a guest C-Pass for a non-resident. The vehicle's current registration and/or current insurance card must be presented at the Association Office at the time of the purchase of a C-Pass.

E. A purchase of a multi-year C-Pass is required for all vehicles registered to a Member at their Development address. Exceptions: Motorcycles, classic cars (25 years old and older) and work vehicles. Dealer vehicles are required to be registered, but are not required to have a C-Pass. They must purchase a portable C-Pass in order to enter through the automatic gates.

~~F. C-Passes are automatically removed from the system upon nonpayment of Association Charges, ACH, and NSF charges.~~

F. Only authorized Association personnel may install or witness the installation of the C-Pass to the registered vehicle. When a vehicle is sold or no longer eligible, the C-Pass must be removed and/or the Admin Office must be notified that the vehicle is no longer in the owner's possession.

G. The C-Pass may not be transferred from vehicle to vehicle. New C-Passes must be purchased within ten (10) days of purchase of a new vehicle or damage or failure of the current C-Pass.

H. C-Passes remain the property of the Association and may be deactivated for misuse, fraudulent use, or rule violations, in addition to delinquency-related enforcement.

#### 3-3 Permanent Guest Lists

A. Upon moving into the Development, the new Member/Associate Member/Tenant will be asked to fill out a permanent Guest list for those persons expected to have access to the Member's/Associate Member's/Tenant's home without having to call them in during each visit. Owners of unimproved Lots are not permitted a permanent Guest list.

B. This form, along with a confidential access code to notify the gates of Guest entry, is included in the new Member/Associate Member/Tenant orientation package.

C. Permanent Guests are subject to all Rules and Regulations, and their actions are the responsibility of the Ownership they are registered under.

#### 3-4 Guest Entry

A. Guests must be authorized access into the Development unless a Guest C-Pass has been issued.

B. All Guest vehicle entry must be through the manual lanes of the east or west access gates.

~~C. If a Guest list is shut off due to delinquency, the resident must be in the vehicle with the Guest or must come to the gate and escort their Guest to their house.~~

C. A Member/Associate Member/Tenant may request that all Guests within the vehicle requesting entry to their address be asked to show proper photo ID at the gate. It will be up to the Member/Associate Member/Tenant to notify those on their Guest list of this request.

D. Ownership/Residents are responsible for ensuring their guests and tenants understand and comply with community rules.

E. Guest Access Restrictions Due to Delinquency:

1. If a resident's guest list is shut off due to delinquency, the resident must either be in the vehicle with the guest or come to the gate and personally escort the guest to their residence. Exceptions may apply - see section G for medical exemptions.

F. Medical Exemptions: A medical access exemption form will be filled out by the resident requesting the medical access exemption and submitted to Public Safety for approval. All medical-related information shall be handled confidentially and in compliance with applicable privacy laws.

1. Medical Staff Access:

a. Licensed or certified medical professionals providing care to a resident, including, but not limited to, nurses, therapists, home health aides, hospice workers, and physicians, shall be permitted access to the community. Medical staff are exempt from guest list restrictions when providing medical care. Emergency and non-emergency medical visits are allowed.

2. Medical Equipment

a. Residents are permitted to receive, use, and maintain medically necessary equipment regardless of account status. This includes the Delivery of medical equipment, temporary or ongoing use of medical devices, and Installation or removal of equipment required for medical care.

b. The Association may request confirmation of medical necessity, but shall not require disclosure of specific medical diagnoses.

### 3. Medical Transportation

a. Medical transportation services are exempt from guest list and C-Pass restrictions, including Ambulances, Wheelchair vans, non-emergency medical transport vehicles such as Uber, Lyft, Taxi, etc.

4. Non-medical access remains restricted. All other guests, visitors, and service providers not covered by the medical exemptions remain subject to access restrictions and suspensions resulting from delinquency.

### 3-5 Delivery Personnel / Contractors

A. Delivery or service personnel must be authorized for access into the Development.

B. Businesses that typically stop at several addresses after entering the Development will have access under their business name. If there are any rule violations, the business will be contacted and the citation issued to them. When a citation is issued to the business and is not paid within 30 days, the business will be banned from Candlewick Lake until the citation is paid.

C. When building a home in the Development, the Building Department will forward the general contractor and sub-contractor list to Public Safety that is submitted with plans for approval. If any of the contractors change during construction, the Building Department must be notified.

D. Any contractor doing work on an existing House or property must be called in. If the construction project will take longer than a day, the contractor may be temporarily placed on the Member's/ Associate Member's/Tenant's Guest list.

### 4.6. Open Houses

A. Prospective buyers wishing to visit the Development must be accompanied by a licensed realtor or by an Owner, or enter during Open House hours on Association approved dates.

B. Open Houses are 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. on all Sundays except holidays/holiday weekends, Association meeting days, and garage sale weekends.

C. A one time, two hour pass may be issued to a prospective buyer wishing to visit the Development unaccompanied by a licensed realtor or Member/Associate Member/Tenant. The prospective buyer must come into the Association Office with their driver's license during business hours to obtain the pass.

### 3-7 Soliciting

No soliciting shall be permitted within the Development without the approval of the Board.

## Policy 26-05

### Board Policy 8.10 - Volunteer Screening

**WHEREAS**, Candlewick Lake Association utilizes volunteers to support Association operations, programs, commissions, and committees; and

**WHEREAS**, the Association's insurance carrier, underwriter, and loss control consultant require the implementation of volunteer background screening and a written policy as part of the Association's risk management and loss control practices; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Directors desires maintain insurability and coverage, as well as reduce risk exposure, protect members and guests by implementing reasonable screening and documentation measures for officially approved volunteers; and

**WHEREAS**, the Association's legal counsel has advised the Board on the importance of (i) distinguishing between Board-approved Volunteers and individuals who may choose to help informally, and (ii) maintaining a clear paper trail documenting Board approval and Volunteer acknowledgment of Association conduct requirements; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board finds it in the best interest of the Association to adopt a Volunteer Screening Policy applicable to Board-approved Commission and Committee Members and other Volunteers specifically authorized by the Board.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board adopts the following into Board Policy and directs its implementation:

### 8.10 - Volunteer Screening Policy

A. The purpose of this policy is to promote a safe and ethical environment for our Members, Volunteers, and Community, while balancing organizational resources, insurance requirements, and legal requirements. Additionally, as our Association has childcare programs held in the Rec Center - a primary meeting space for our volunteers - we must put this policy in place for insurance coverage, liability purposes, and DCFS compliance.

B. No persons who volunteer for any activity at Candlewick Lake is or shall be vested with any authority and/or responsibility over any Candlewick Lake event or activity unless the same is designated in writing (or electronically via email) as a "Volunteer" who has undergone and passed the Volunteer Approval Process.

C. In order to be approved as a Candlewick Lake Volunteer with authority and/or responsibility over any Candlewick Lake event or activity, a person must:

- Submit their full legal name in writing or electronically for consideration as a Candlewick Lake Volunteer;
- Undergo and pass a screening through via <https://www.nsopw.gov/> (National Sex Offender Registry); and
- Not be identified as a person who has not been verified as a person worthy of authority and/or responsibility in the reasonable discretion of the Board and applicable Candlewick Lake staff; and
- Sign the Candlewick Lake Volunteer Ethics Guide; and
- Sign the Candlewick Lake General Liability Waiver.

D. The approval of a person as a Candlewick Lake Volunteer does not in and of itself confer any authority and/or responsibility. Rather, it simply permits the person to be granted authority and/or responsibility at a later time and via a separate writing or electronic communication.

E. Volunteers who will be working with children must undergo this screening process regardless of whether or not they are a Commission/Committee Member and must be approved by the Board as outlined above.

F. A list of Candlewick Lake Volunteers shall be maintained by Candlewick Lake.

G. Approval of a Candlewick Lake Volunteer shall be valid for up to three (3) years.

H. Written documentation of the above shall be retained in the office of Candlewick Lake for a reasonable time in the reasonable discretion of the General Manager. Documentation will be kept confidential and used only for compliance and risk management purposes.

### Volunteer Screening Requirements

#### Sex Offender Registry Check

All Volunteers and Commission/Committee members will have their names checked against the National Sex Offender Registry prior to serving. Any individual listed on the registry will not be permitted to volunteer or serve on a Commission or Committee.

#### Ethics Guidelines Agreement

All Commission and Committee members are required to sign and adhere to the Commission Member Ethics Guidelines. Refusal to sign will result in ineligibility to serve on a Commission or Committee.

#### Code of Ethics for Board Members

All Directors are required to sign and adhere to the Board Member Code of Ethics, and therefore by default are also subject to all guidelines imposed onto the Commissions and Committees. Failure to sign will be noted and may be disclosed to the Membership.

#### Board of Directors Candidates

In accordance with state law and Association Bylaws, all eligible Members may run for election to the Board of Directors. Per applicable law, results of a background check or sex offender registry check cannot disqualify a Candidate from being placed on the ballot. However, if a Board Member is later convicted of, or plead guilty to, a felony, fraud, or other crime involving dishonesty, removal procedures outlined in the Bylaws may be initiated by Membership vote.

#### Liability Protection & Compliance

This policy is designed to demonstrate reasonable diligence in screening volunteers.

Nothing in this policy limits the authority of the membership under the Bylaws, nor does it supersede legal requirements. The Association reserves the right to expand screening procedures if required by law, insurer, or best practices.

## New Business

### Read as a first reading at the 2/17/26 Board Meeting and will be voted on at the 3/17/26 Board Meeting

#### Policy 26-03

##### Section 2-4 - Rental Cap

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

### 2. Tenants / Guests

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

### 3. Rental Restrictions

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

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

B. New Rental Prohibitions for Short-Term Rentals: Consistent with the limitation contained in Article I, Section 1.A of the Declaration restricting use of the properties within the Association for single-family use, the Board hereby finds Short-Term Rentals to be inconsistent with single-family residential use. Therefore, unless otherwise allowed under the exception contained in Section 3 hereafter, Short-Term Rentals, including but not limited to rentals advertised via websites such as "Airbnb" are hereby prohibited (the "Short-Term Rental Prohibition").

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

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

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

a. Certification guests are not charged by the owner for their accommodations, and certification that the renter or person

to whom possession is being released is not in fact paying consideration for such accommodations may be required by;

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

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

3. Guest Limits: For purposes of this exemption:
  - a. There is a limit of four (4) overnight guests at any given time upon each Entity-Owned Lot; and
  - b. A guest's stay on an Entity-Owned Lot is limited to seven (7) consecutive days, and no more than 15 days per year.

**4. Rental Caps & Rental Restrictions**

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

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

C. The following are the rental restrictions:

1. There will be a 15% cap on Houses that can be subject to Rental Agreements at any given time. This 15% rental cap will be effective October 1, 2015.
2. There will be a "Waiting list" for Rental properties once the cap has been met.
3. Should a property on the "Waiting List" become eligible to rent and the Property Owner decides not to rent, they will be removed from the waiting list.
4. There will be no granting or giving of one properties eligibility to another property.
5. If a "Rental" Property should not be rented for a period of six (6) months then it will no longer be considered a "Rental" property and will have to go on the waiting list should they want to rent it in the future. Property owner does have the right to request up to a three (3) month extension from the Board of Directors. Request must be made in writing.
6. If a property owner has multiple rentals, each property will be considered on an individual basis.
7. There will be a \$250.00 fine for failure to register a rental property. If the rental property has not been registered within 30 days of the initial fine, a second fine in the amount of \$500.00 will be issued. Subsequent fines in the amount of \$500.00 will be issued every 30 days until compliance is met. The fine(s) will be charged for each property not registered.
8. "Hardship" situations will need to be appealed to the Board of Directors in writing. The Board will consider these on a case by case basis.
9. In order for a house not to be considered subject to the rental restrictions the following must be met:
  - a. An "Articles of Agreement for Deed" form must be submitted to and approved by the Candlewick Lake Administration.
  - b. A meaningful build-up equity must be included in the Agreement for Deed as follows:
    - i. End of Year 1: 6% (5% down and 1% over the first year)
    - ii. End of Year 2: 8%
    - iii. End of Year 3: 10%
    - iv. End of Year 4: 12%
    - v. End of Year 5: 15%
  - c. The seller's use of amenities must be waived.
  - d. A memorandum for the Articles for Agreement for Deed must be recorded with the Boone County Clerk's Office.

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

**POLICY 26-07**

**Section 8-1 - Pool/Beach Rules**

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

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

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

**FROM:**  
**SECTION 8: POOL / BEACH**

**8-1—Pool Hours**

- A. The pool is open daily as posted/published in the Candlewick Lake newspaper;
- B. The pool will be closed if: 1) air temperature is below 70 degrees; 2) conditions in the pool area are unfavorable to the health, safety and welfare of patrons; or any other reason deemed hazardous to patrons; 3) there is a threat of violent weather or lightning is sighted;
- C. In case of severe storms the pool and decks are cleared immediately. Adults are responsible for the safety of children under their supervision;

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

**8-2—Pool Entry**

- A. Entry to the pool will be by a Membership Card, non-designated Guest Amenity Pass or daily entry fee;
- B. Children 10 years of age and older are permitted entry into the pool without a chaperone. Children 9 years of age and younger must be accompanied by a chaperone 16 years of age and older;
- C. All patrons are required to wear a regulation swimsuit: no sun suits, shorts, cutoffs, diapers, or underwear will be permitted. Infant swim diapers are required for small children;
- D. All persons are required to take a shower before entering the pool area;
- E. No shoes are allowed in the pool or on the deck area;
- F. A person under the influence of alcohol or exhibiting erratic behavior shall not be permitted in the pool area or may be removed from the pool area;
- G. Anyone with a contagious disease or infectious condition should not enter the pool area.

**8-3—Pool Rules**

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

- A. Lifeguards are present for safety. Their directions must be followed and they should not be distracted from their job by engaging in unnecessary conversation;
- B. No food, drink, or glass objects will be permitted. (If baby bottles must be used, they should be plastic and have water only.)
- C. Patrons should use the ladders when getting out of the pool; do not hang on the buoys or ropes. No diving in restricted areas.
- D. The following will not be permitted: Use of foul or profane language; running, boisterous or rough play; pushing, shoving, or dunking; sitting, standing or climbing on the fence; spitting in the pool or on the deck; or activities that might endanger the health and safety of individuals.

**TO:**

**SECTION 8: POOL/BEACH**

**8-1 Pool Rules**

**A. Authority & Responsibility**

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

**B. Supervision & Age Requirements**

1. Children 12 years of age and under must be actively supervised at all times by a parent, legal guardian, or responsible person 16 years of age or older.
2. Children 13 years of age and older may attend the pool independently, provided they follow all pool rules, demonstrate appropriate behavior, and have demonstrated the ability to swim (not only in deep end).
3. Teen Expectations - Ages 13-17
  - a. Teens attending the pool without adult supervision must follow all pool rules and staff direction.
  - b. Rough play, bullying, disruptive behavior, or disrespect toward staff or guests is prohibited.
  - c. Independent pool access is a privilege and may be revoked if expectations are not met.
4. Independent pool access is a privilege and may be revoked due to unsafe behavior or repeated rule violations.
5. Guardians remain responsible for the conduct of minors while on pool premises.

**C. Health & Safety**

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

**D. Swim Ability & Water Entry**

1. A swim test is required to access the deep end and slide.
2. Swimmers must demonstrate the ability to swim freestyle across the deep end and back without stopping.
3. Dog paddling does not qualify as a passing swim stroke.
4. Head-first entry is permitted only in the 10-foot-deep end.
5. Head-first entry is not permitted in any other area of the pool.

**E. Swim Attire, Footwear & Personal Items**

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

**F. Pool Conduct & Behavior**

1. Walking only on the pool deck; running is prohibited.
2. No rough play, dunking, horseplay, chicken fights, shoulder rides, or aggressive behavior.
3. No diving, flips, cartwheels, handstands, or backward entries except where permitted.
4. No standing, walking, or jumping from pool gutters.

5. Ladders and stairs are for entering and exiting only; hanging on ropes or fixtures is prohibited.
6. Pool furniture may not be moved, stacked, or placed in the water.
7. Cutting in line or disruptive behavior while waiting for pool features is prohibited.
8. Unsafe or disruptive behavior will be addressed at staff discretion.

**G. Water Toys & Equipment**

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

**H. Slide Rules**

1. Slide hours are 30 minutes past the hour to 45 minutes past the hour.
2. A swim test is required.
3. One rider at a time.
4. Riders must enter feet first.
5. Exit promptly and swim to the ladder after use.
6. Catching riders at the bottom is not permitted.
7. Flotation devices and toys are not permitted on the slide (except for life vests).
8. Goggles are discouraged while using the slide.

**I. Wading Pool Rules**

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

**J. Facility Rules**

1. Alcohol is not permitted.
2. Intoxicated individuals will be denied entry or removed.
3. Food, drinks, and gum are not permitted inside the pool area.
4. Water is allowed; glass containers are prohibited.
5. Smoking and vaping are prohibited within the pool area, including the pool deck, bathhouse, and all fenced or gated pool spaces.
6. Guests must exit the pool area entirely and use designated smoking areas located at least 15 feet from facility entrances.

**K. Pool Closures**

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

**8-4 8-2 Lake & Beach Area**

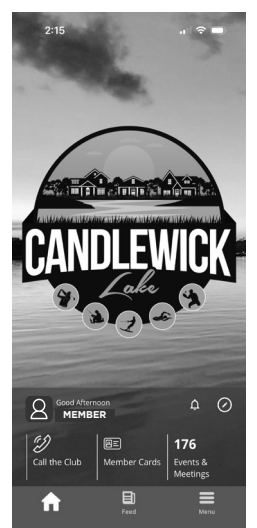
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**8-6 8-4 Scuba Diving**

**8-7 8-5 Buoys**

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# Creative & Editorial

## The Unexpected Guest

by Ken Dillenburg

Saint Patrick's Day was going fine until we heard that fateful knock on the door. We had been so fortunate to have our special guest that year, the Leprechaun. He even had his big wooden walking stick, or as he called it a shillelagh. A fine meal of corned beef, cabbage, and small red potatoes had been prepared and was steaming on the kitchen table, making all our mouths water. We had taken our seats at the table, with our special guest in the place of honor at the head of the table. He sat at normal height when on the pillow we had placed on the seat of the chair. He removed his green hat with the shiny buckle and sat it to his right, away from the food and stroked his beard. Then came that knock that changed everything.

When Sarah shopped for the main ingredients of the meal she had decided to buy some Keebler chocolate covered grahams as a snack. Someone... or something... had been watching through the store window and saw the purchase. He decided to make a visit to her home.

I answered the door and of all things, here was the Keebler Elf. He had a smudge of chocolate on his chin. He smiled and said "Magically delicious cookies!" He was quite the sight with his red hat, green blazer, and yellow pants. Under normal circumstances this would have been a welcome visit, but as everyone knows, Leprechauns and Elves do not get along. The Elf shouted "You green suited dwarf!" The Leprechaun grabbed his shillelagh, swung it over his head, yelling "You tree dwelling chocoholic!"

I jumped between the two of them to stop any serious injury. We fixed a carry out type plate for the Leprechaun and gave the cookies to the Elf, then sent them both on their way. If they wanted to fight it out it wouldn't be in our home. The family then sat down in peace for our traditional Saint Patrick's Day feast.

## Monthly Quote

by Chuck Corso CMCA, AMS

Assistant General Manager / Human Resources at Candlewick Lake Association

This first month's quote is part of Theodore Roosevelt's speech, *The Man in the Arena*, delivered at the Sorbonne in Paris, France on April 23, 1910.

*"There are many men who feel a kind of twisted pride in cynicism; there are many who confine themselves to criticism of the way others do what they themselves dare not even attempt. There is no more unhealthy being, no man less worthy of respect, than he who either really holds, or feigns to hold, an attitude of sneering disbelief toward all that is great and lofty, whether in achievement or in that noble effort which, even if it fails, comes to second achievement. A cynical habit of thought and speech, a readiness to criticize work which the critic himself never tries to perform, an intellectual aloofness which will not accept contact with life's realities - all these are marks, not as the possessor would fain to think, of superiority, but of weakness.*

*They mark the men unfit to bear their part painfully in the stern strife of living, who seek, in the affection of contempt for the achievements of others, to hide from others and from themselves in their own weakness. The role is easy; there is none easier, save only the role of the man who sneers alike at both criticism and performance. It is not the critic who counts; not the man who points out how the strong man stumbles, or where the doer of deeds could have done them better. The credit belongs to the man who is actually in the arena, whose face is marred by dust and sweat and blood; who strives valiantly; who errs, who comes short again and again, because there is no effort without error and shortcoming; but who does actually strive to do the deeds; who knows great enthusiasms, the great devotions; who spends himself in a worthy cause; who at the best knows in the end the triumph of high achievement, and who at the worst, if he fails, at least fails while daring greatly, so that his place shall never be with those cold and timid souls who neither know victory nor defeat."*

- Theodore Roosevelt, "The Man in the Arena"

After the last couple of meetings, not too much of a surprise, it was evident that we have a wide range of opinions regarding the new budget. From passionate residents justifiably upset, to some that are just misinformed, to some that have no issues with the increase, while still some that just want to be cynical. I think most understand we can disagree; and I think most would agree that it would be rather unhealthy to be in a lock-step echo chamber that we often find on social media. Residents that are involved, most recently in this budget process, did not all agree, but it was productive and respectful, and the Board of Directors, who are residents too, made a decision. In my opinion they made the correct decision. The Budget Approval Meeting, where the Board officially adopts the budget, will be held on March 5th at 5:30pm.

For an in-depth understanding of their decision, and equally important an understanding of the process, I would suggest residents become part of the process, or at the very least attend some of the budget meetings. To all the residents that do volunteer, that are in the arena, I want to personally thank you for your time and effort.

## Newspaper Commission Meeting:

Wednesday, March 11th, 2026, 6PM

Monday, April 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!**

If you are interested in submitting, please send your 250-word fictional story to [newspaper@candlewicklake.org](mailto:newspaper@candlewicklake.org)

### APRIL WRITING PROMPT:

*"On a rainy afternoon in April..."*

due **March 10th** for publishing in the April 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 quorum and why it's so important for our community.

### What is Quorum?

#### Why is reaching quorum so important for Candlewick Lake Association and the Annual Meeting?

**quorum** /kwɔːrəm/ - noun: quorum; plural noun: quorums  
the minimum number of people required to officially hold a meeting and do business.

A quorum is the minimum number of Property Owners required to be in attendance to hold the Annual Meeting. Candlewick Lake Bylaws state that a quorum consisting of 20% of the Owners in good standing must be present in person or by proxy, which means the required number could be up to 460 people or proxies. Without the mandatory quorum being met, the Annual Meeting cannot be held - which would mean the meeting would need to be rescheduled, incurring an avoidably unnecessary additional expense for the entire membership.

In Meetings, such as the Annual Meeting for Candlewick Lake, where items are voted on or approved, quorums are a necessary check against small minorities of the voting body making significant decisions without mandate. In other words, without the representation necessary, the Board of Directors cannot conduct business. For this reason, it is essential that all Candlewick Lake Property Owners complete and submit a proxy to ensure we meet the quorum required for the Annual Meeting to be held.

### What is a Proxy?

A proxy is a form that assigns a person other than yourself to be your representative for QUORUM PURPOSES ONLY. It is important to understand the difference between a voting proxy and a proxy for quorum purposes only. The proxy you are being asked to submit is for quorum purposes only and does not authorize any kind of voting power to anyone. Your proxy is simply in place to ensure the Annual Meeting can be held; no one can vote or act on your behalf with this proxy. You may choose to designate any person you know for certain will be attending the meeting; however, standard practice is to assign the Board President as they will certainly be in attendance.

### I can't come to the meeting that day. How can we reach quorum?

The Candlewick Lake Association highly encourages residents to attend the Annual Meeting, but if you cannot attend, quorum can be met by its association members filling out and submitting a proxy form. For a proxy to be valid, it must be signed and dated. Proxy forms are available in the Candlewick Lake Newspaper, at the Administration Office, Recreation Center, and at the Savannah Oaks Clubhouse. Forms must be filled out in its entirety and signed and dated. One proxy per lot counts toward the Annual Meeting quorum, signed by the owner on record. If you are unable to bring your proxy to the Administration Office, please email it to [hsroga@candlewicklake.org](mailto:hsroga@candlewicklake.org) or [cwl@candlewicklake.org](mailto:cwl@candlewicklake.org)

Please complete and return a proxy form by noon Saturday, March 14th, 2026.

**The Annual Meeting will take place Sunday, March 15th, 2026 at 1:00PM at the Recreation Center (Check-in at 12:30PM)**



## 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!

Save the Date....

# BI-ANNUAL COMMUNITY GARAGE SALE

DEADLINE TO SIGN UP - MAY 8, 2026

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

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

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

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



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

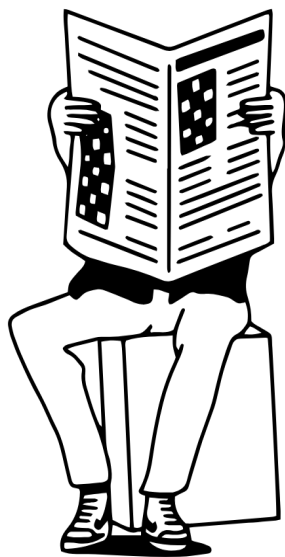
## LETTER TO THE EDITOR & OPINION PIECES

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

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

### Sample Topics:

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



Submission does not guarantee publication. We may edit for clarity and editorial standards.

Send submissions to: newspaper@candlewicklake.org

## ACTIVITIES & RENTALS

### POOL

Guest Pool Pass - Daily .....	\$5
Guest Pool Pass - Seasonal (Limited to Four) .....	\$35

### KAYAKS, FISHING, DOCKS

Kayak Rentals (\$20 cash deposit or license held) .....	\$5/hour
Life Jacket Rental (Children Required to Wear Life Jacket on Kayaks)	\$2
Guest Fishing Permit - Daily (Limited to Five Per Day) .....	\$10
Guest Fishing Permit - Three Consecutive Days .....	\$15
Guest Fishing Permit - Seasonal (Limited to Four) .....	\$35
Dock Rental - Marina Docks (Annual Fee) \$25 Deposit Required .....	\$500
Dock Rental - Stationary Docks (Annual Fee) .....	\$325

### ADVENTURE CLUB

After School Care .....	\$15/day
Summer Camp .....	\$30/day

### GYM & FITNESS CENTER

Guest Gym Pass .....	\$4/day
Guest Fitness Center Pass .....	\$4/day
Resident Extended Hours Fitness Center Pass (Monthly) .....	\$15/month
Replacement Extended Hours Fitness Card .....	\$15
Rec Programs .....	varies
Dog Park (Annual Fee Per Tag - Per Dog) \$25 Key Deposit Required .....	\$10

### RENTALS

Lakeview Room (2 hour minimum, \$400 cap) \$200 Deposit Required ....	\$55/hour
After-Hours Rental Fee - Lakeview Room (Additional Fee Per Hour)	\$30/hour
Friendship Park Pavilion \$25 Deposit Required .....	\$30/day
Outpost Rental - Half Day (5 hours or less) \$200 Deposit Required .....	\$175
Outpost Rental - Full Day (6 hours or more) \$200 Deposit Required .....	\$300

proof of special event insurance is required for facility rentals

# Parks & Recreation

## 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.**  
Ages 13-15 cannot use the fitness center without a legal guardian present. Children under age 13 are not permitted in the fitness center at any time (with or without a guardian).



*Promote your business with the Candlewick Lake Coffee Sponsorship Program!*

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

Sponsorship options available:

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

Interested?

Please contact the Rec Manager:

kswanson@candlewicklake.org / 815-339-0500 ext. 301

## Join the Fun at the Rec Center!



### KIDS GYM

**10:30am - 12:00pm**  
**EVERY TUESDAY**

A fun non-instructional environment for both you and your children to gather and socialize! Equipment such as balls, mats, and toys will be available for your children to use.

Kids Gym is FREE for Residents. Bring your CWL ID and a change of shoes. No registration required. Parents/Guardians must remain with children and supervise their play at all times.

### VOLLEYBALL



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

### FULL COURT BASKETBALL

**6pm - 8pm**      **Mondays: ages 18+**      **Tuesdays: ages 14+**

### PICKLEBALL



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

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

### BUNCO



**6:30pm - 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!

## REC CENTER GYM SCHEDULE

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>Open Gym</b> 12:00pm - 4:00pm	<b>Morning Walking</b> 9:15am - 10:15am  <b>Open Gym</b> 10:30am - 6:00pm	<b>Morning Walking</b> 9:15am - 10:15am  <b>Kids Gym</b> 10:30am - 12:00pm  <b>Open Gym</b> 12:00Pm - 6:00pm  <b>Full Court B-Ball</b> 6:00pm - 8:00pm	<b>Morning Walking</b> 9:15am - 10:15am  <b>Open Gym</b> 10:30am - 6:00pm  <b>Pickleball</b> 6:00pm - 8:00pm	<b>Morning Walking</b> 9:15am - 10:15am  <b>Open Gym</b> 10:30am - 6:00pm  <b>Pickleball</b> 6:00pm - 8:00pm	<b>Morning Walking</b> 9:15am - 10:15am  <b>Open Gym</b> 10:30am - 8:00pm	<b>Open Gym</b> 9:00am - 1:00pm  <b>Volleyball</b> (2nd & 4th Saturdays) 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

# Savannah Oaks

## Super Bowl Sunday at Savannah Oaks

Everyone was looking forward to the big game (even though no Bears or Packers). A nice crowd of all ages gathered at Savannah Oaks on Super Bowl Sunday. Watching the game is the draw, but most of the fun is enjoying good food and drinks with neighbors and friends... and possibly a few friendly wagers.



# CANDLEWICK *Lake* SAVANNAH OAKS

### Want to Get Involved and Support Your Community?

The Golf Commission has been discontinued and the new Savannah Oaks Events Commission will take its place

The Savannah Oaks Events Commission will support all aspects of Savannah Oaks - The Golf Course and Community Events!

If interested in joining, please be on the look out for e-blasts and additional information on how to get involved.

# MARCH MADNESS

AT SAVANNAH OAKS ALL MONTH LONG



## Sunday, March 15<sup>th</sup> - 2PM - 5PM St. Patrick's Day Party @ Savannah Oaks

## GOLF LEAGUE

Thinking about joining a golf league this year?

If so, stay tuned for more information regarding the Men's, Ladies' and Junior Golf Leagues.

Informational meetings will be held in April for the men and ladies. Junior League starts in June.

Great way to get out, meet new friends and be an active part of our great community.



## NOW OFFERING TAKEOUT AT SAVANNAH OAKS!



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# Upcoming Events

## March

- 3/2 - Events Commission Meeting @ Rec Center, 6:30PM
- 3/4 - S.O. Events Commission Meeting @ Rec Center, 6PM
- 3/10 - Lake Management Meeting @ Rec Center, 6:30PM
- 3/11 - Newspaper Commission Meeting @ Admin Office, 6PM
- 3/11 - Public Safety Commission Meeting @ Rec Center, 6:30PM
- 3/14 - Garden Club Meeting @ Rec Center, 10AM
- 3/14 - Bingo @ Savannah Oaks, 7PM
- 3/15 - Annual Meeting @ Rec Center, Check-in at 12:30PM, Meeting starts at 1PM
- 3/15 - St. Patty Party @ Savannah Oaks, 2PM-5PM
- 3/16 - Finance Commission Meeting @ Admin Office, 5:30PM
- 3/17 - Board of Directors Meeting @ Rec Center, 6:30PM
- 3/18 - ECC Meeting @ Admin Office, 6:30PM
- 3/21 - Lunch w/ Easter Bunny @ Rec Center, 11AM
- 3/21 - Pub Trivia @ Savannah Oaks
- 3/26 - Landscape Commission Meeting @ Rec Center, 5:30PM
- 3/25 - Book Club Meeting @ Rec Center, 5:30PM
- 3/28 - Karaoke @ Savannah Oaks, 7PM

## April

- 4/1 - S.O. Events Commission Meeting @ Rec Center, 6PM
- 4/6 - Events Commission Meeting @ Rec Center, 6:30PM
- 4/11 - Craft & Vendor Fair @ Rec Center, 10AM - 3PM
- 4/11 - Garden Club Meeting @ Rec Center, 10AM
- 4/13 - Newspaper Commission Meeting @ Admin Office, 6PM
- 4/15 - Public Safety Meeting @ Rec Center, 6:30PM
- 4/15 - ECC Meeting @ Admin Office, 6:30PM
- 4/20 - Finance Commission Meeting @ Admin Office, 5:30PM
- 4/21 - Board of Directors Meeting @ Rec Center, 6:30PM
- 4/23 - Landscape Commission Meeting @ Rec Center, 5:30PM
- 4/25 - Wine Tasting @ Rec Center, 4PM-6PM
- 4/29 - 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, March 2nd, 2026, 6:30PM  
Monday, April 6th, 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*

please join us for our annual

## Lunch with the Easter Bunny!

at the Recreation Center

Saturday, March 21, 2026

11:00am  
lunch

MAKE & TAKE CRAFT  
PICTURES WITH THE EASTER BUNNY  
LUNCH - HOT DOGS, CHIPS, LEMONADE  
EASTER EGG HUNT (KIDS UP TO 13 YEARS)

11:30am  
egg hunt

**\$7.00/PERSON**

Tickets available at the Rec Center starting February 23, 2026. Every person in attendance must have a ticket. Due to limited capacity, tickets must be purchased in advance and are not available at the door

For more information, please call 815-339-0500 ext.300



Sponsored by the Events Commission

## A Warm Welcome to our New Owners

Amy Lottich and Carl Lottich	Constitution Dr SW
Brodie Sabol and Kylee Sabol	Galleon Run SE
Alexis Irizarry	Heathcliff Dr SE
Nicole Velazquez Rodriguez and Xiomara Rodriguez Feliciano	Lamplighter Loop SE
Marcin Stankiewicz	Liverpool Dr SE

## Spring Craft & Vendor Fair

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.

### SPRING CRAFT & VENDOR FAIR - REGISTRATION FORM

NAME \_\_\_\_\_  
ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_  
EMAIL ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_  
PHONE NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_  
BUSINESS TYPE \_\_\_\_\_  
BUSINESS NAME \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM TO THE REC CENTER WITH YOUR \$15 REGISTRATION FEE.

## Candlewick Garden Club

Invites the community to  
**TWO presentations:**

### BREAD AND SPROUTS



Art Fong will share his techniques for making sourdough bread.



Cindy Mikota will suggest ideas for starting garden seeds.

SAMPLES YUM!

Free Seeds!

Saturday,  
March 14  
10 am

Rec Center, Water's Edge Room

Questions?? candlewickgardeners@gmail.com

Sponsored by the Events Commission

# Wine Tasting

Bring your favorite bottle of wine to share and we will supply the tasting cups, light refreshments, and the fun! We will also have great door prizes for this event!

**Saturday, April 25, 2026**  
at the CWL Recreation Center


Tickets available at the Recreation Center Front Desk

**Advance Tickets: \$5 Each**  
**At the Door: \$10 Each**


*Attendees must be 21+*



## WELCOME TO THROWBACK CANDLEWICK



*The former Clubhouse, the pool, and tennis courts from the sky*



*The Oak Tree at Oak Tree Park*

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

*Thank you to the Admin Office for this month's photos*

### Candlewick Kids Corner

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

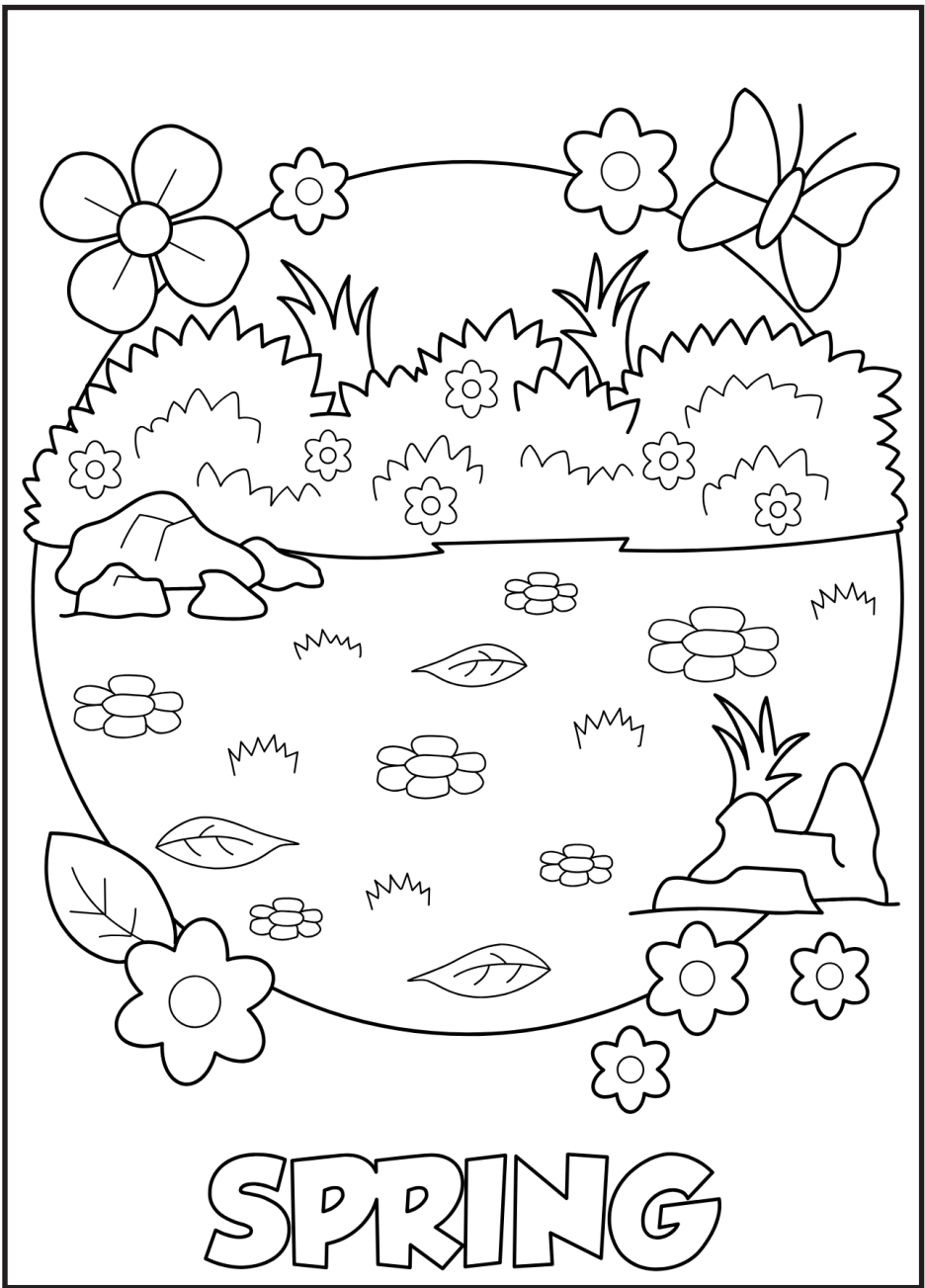
Each Month the CWL Newspaper Commission will choose their favorite submission and share it in the following month's newspaper.

Thank you Raelyn, age 7, for this month's submission:



NAME:

AGE:



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# Lake Management

## Lake Management Commission Meeting:

Tuesday, March 10th, 2026, 6:30PM  
 Tuesday, April 14th, 2026, 6:30PM

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

### Boat Registration & Inspection

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

### Fishing Regulations

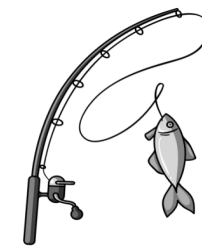
- A State Fishing license is required for all people ages 16 and over.
- Your CWL Member ID is your Candlewick Lake fishing permit and must be carried with you while fishing on the lake.
- A guest fishing pass is required for each Guest age 16+ and may be a non-designated seasonal or a one-day pass.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

## CAN COLLECTION BINS



**DID YOU KNOW...** That the money from the cans collected at the three bins is used for funding projects to benefit both the lake and the community. Funds have been used to help pay for fish stocking, building fish structures, purchase of a GPS that is used for lake related issues, lake plantings, waders, laser lights for geese, and the Kids Fishing Tournament. If you have aluminum cans that you are either throwing away or putting into the recycling bin, please consider bagging them and taking them to one of the can bins located at **Castaway, Highland Valley Green, and the Recreation Center Peninsula**. Please remember, the bins marked for can collection are for CANS ONLY. Please do not put glass, plastic or other garbage in the bins. There is a garbage can next to the can bin for other trash. Our volunteers spend a lot of time sorting through the garbage to get to the cans. Violators are subject to a \$500.00 fine. All areas may be monitored with cameras.

## FISHING LICENSE



Please remember, you must have a **STATE FISHING LICENSE** as well as a CWL permit to fish on Candlewick Lake.

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

## ACTIVITIES ON THE DAM

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

The following is **not** allowed:

- Bikes
- Fishing
- Unauthorized motor vehicles
- Sledding

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

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

### FISH LIMITS

*Applicable for Ice Fishing & All Year round*

RESIDENTS			GUESTS OF RESIDENTS		
Bluegill	20/day	8" or more, limit 5 per day	10/day	8" or more, limit 5 per day	
Perch	15/day	No size limit	7/day	No size limit	
Crappie	15/day	9" minimum (Catch & Release 4/1 - 6/1)	7/day	9" minimum (Catch & Release 4/1 - 6/1)	
Walleye	2/day	16" minimum	1/day	16" minimum	
Catfish	6/day	No size limit	3/day	No size limit	
Northern	2/day	24" minimum	2/day	24" minimum	
Musky	1/day	48" minimum		Catch & Release	
Rock Bass		No Limit		No Limit	
Small Mouth Bass		Catch & Release		Catch & Release	
Large Mouth Bass		Catch & Release		Catch & Release	
Redear Sunfish		Catch & Release		Catch & Release	
Grass Carp		Remove		Remove	
Koi		Remove		Remove	
Bullhead		Remove		Remove	
White Bass		Remove		Remove	

**Any fish not listed above is Catch & Remove**

**FISH LIMITS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE  
 PLEASE CHECK THE INFORMATIONAL SIGNS AND THE CANDLEWICK NEWSPAPER**

CWL Residents age 16+ with a valid Illinois State fishing license may use tethered arrows to remove carp only from dusk to dawn. **Please notify public safety when you have removed a grass carp;** dispose of carp in a plastic bag before placing in trash can.

CANDLEWICK LAKE ASSOCIATION FISHING REGULATIONS 2025-2026 APPROVED 07/15/2025

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# Public Safety



## Public Safety Commission Meeting:

Wednesday, March 11th, 2026, 6:30PM

Wednesday, April 15th, 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 new, shorter version of Chief Chat. That's right, loyal readers — Chief Chat is now shorter! I'm sure that will make some people happy, as you won't have to read as much of my ramblings. But even with our smaller space, we'll still try to have some fun and share helpful information. Let's do this:

#### March Holidays and Celebrations

- **March 6** – National Day of Unplugging. I think we all need this day. Put those phones down and enjoy life.
- **Daylight Saving Time begins this month** - Don't forget to set your clocks forward one hour at 2:00 a.m. on **Sunday, March 8th**. Time to spring forward! While you're changing your clocks, remember to replace the batteries in your smoke detectors and CO detectors and make sure they're working properly.
- **March 14** – Pi Day (3.14).
- **March 17** – St. Patrick's Day, when everyone is Irish for a day.
- **March 18** – Pirates of the Caribbean opens at Disneyland.
- **March 20** – First day of Spring. Thank goodness! More on this below as we discuss spring cleaning.
- **March 24** – National Cocktail Day. Go ahead and mix yourself a glass and celebrate.
- **March 26** – Purple Day, dedicated to raising awareness about epilepsy.
- **All month long, we celebrate Women's History Month**, recognizing the often-overlooked contributions of women in U.S. history. This year's theme is "Leading the Change: Women Shaping a Sustainable Future."

With the first day of spring on March 20th, it's a great time to start thinking about spring cleaning and preparing the outside of your home. In Candlewick, there are many rules, and as spring sets in, it's important to take a look around and make sure everything is in compliance. I recommend reviewing the full list of rules and regulations at [Candlewicklake.org](http://Candlewicklake.org), but here are a few items to help you get started and avoid warnings or citations:

- Power wash your house to remove moss, algae, dirt, and grime.
- Clean windows.
- Clean, wash, or replace gutters and remove debris.
- Repaint any chipping trim — around garage doors, front doors, pillars, railings, and anywhere else that needs touch-up.
- Repair or repaint front and garage doors if they're chipping or fading.
- Check siding for missing or damaged pieces. If wood siding is peeling, cracking, or deteriorating, repaint as needed.
- Landscaping: Remove weeds (including those in driveways), prepare for mowing, and keep grass under 6 inches. Clean garden areas, remove debris, and trim dead or overgrown branches.
- Perform end-of-season maintenance on snow blowers and other winter equipment before storing them away.
- Clean light fixtures and replace bulbs if needed.

Take pride in the way your house and yard look — let's work together to make this community as beautiful as it can be.

That wraps up this month's Express Chief Chat.

Hope you enjoyed it, and remember to...  
*Keep moving forward.*

### January 2026 Public Safety Stats

TYPE OF CALL	2025	2026
Accident	0	1
Activated Alarm	1	2
Administration Detail	7	2
Animal Related	23	8
Assist	0	3
Attempt to Locate	1	0
Attempted Break-in	0	0
ATV Complaint	1	0
Bike Patrol	0	0
Boating Related	0	0
Building Check	529	450
Burglary to vehicle	0	0
Careless Driving	0	1
<b>CITATIONS ISSUED</b>		
Traffic	16	17
Ordinance	17	16
Inoperable	10	2
Unregistered	2	2
<b>WARNINGS ISSUED</b>		
Ordinance	74	56
Parking	13	12
Inoperable	14	3
Unregistered	20	2
Community Policing	193	170
Community Relations	44	49
Complaint	3	7
Damage to Property	4	2
Damage to Vehicle	0	0
Department Assist	4	1
Disorderly Conduct	0	0
Domestic Disturbance	0	0
Employee Relief	226	208
Escort	2	8
Fire Call	0	0
Fireworks	0	1
Fishing Related	0	1
Follow Up	3	3
Foot Patrol	103	171
Harassment	0	0
IT Issue	1	0
Information	26	17
Inspection	5	2
Intoxicated Subject	1	1
Juvenile Problem	0	1
Maintenance Issue	17	17
Medical Assist	12	18
Meet with Complainant	0	1
Missing Person	0	0
Motorist Assist	0	1
Neighbor Dispute	1	0
Noise Complaint	2	2
On Scanner	16	18
On View	3	3
Overnight Parking Permission	31	28
Paper Service	0	0
Parking Problem	7	19
Recovered Property	0	0
Report Ticket	12	5
Roadway Hazard	1	1
Suspicious Activity	1	1
Suspicious Person	1	0
Suspicious Vehicle	4	2
Theft	1	0
Traffic Control	0	0
Traffic Complaint	1	0
Traffic Enforcement	30	33
Trespassing	0	2
Unauthorized Entry	3	3
Vandalism	1	0
Vehicle in Ditch	0	2
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1487</b>	<b>1375</b>

### 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](http://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

### GET IMPORTANT, REAL-TIME UPDATES, ANNOUNCEMENTS, AND NEWS DELIVERED STRAIGHT TO YOUR INBOX!

*PLEASE CONSIDER SIGNING UP FOR CWL EMAILS, THE EASIEST WAY TO STAY INFORMED OF YOUR COMMUNITY'S BUSINESS AND EVENTS.*

- MEETING NOTICES
- BOD & COMMISSION MEETING AGENDAS
- COMMUNITY EVENTS
- HELPFUL REMINDERS
- IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS
- ACTIVITY CANCELLATIONS AND UPDATES

**INTERESTED?**  
**LOG IN TO YOUR CANDLEWICK ACCOUNT AT [CANDLEWICKLAKE.ORG](http://CANDLEWICKLAKE.ORG)**  
**GO TO "MEMBERS", CLICK "EMAIL SUBSCRIPTION", MAKE SURE THE BOX IS CHECKED, AND CLICK "UPDATE".**  
Need assistance? Please call the Admin Office 815-339-0500



#### DON'T FORGET ABOUT OUR APP!

Download the app from our website or by searching the Apple App Store or Google Play App Store on your smartphone under the name Candlewick Lake.

*Thank you for taking the time to be a well-informed resident!*

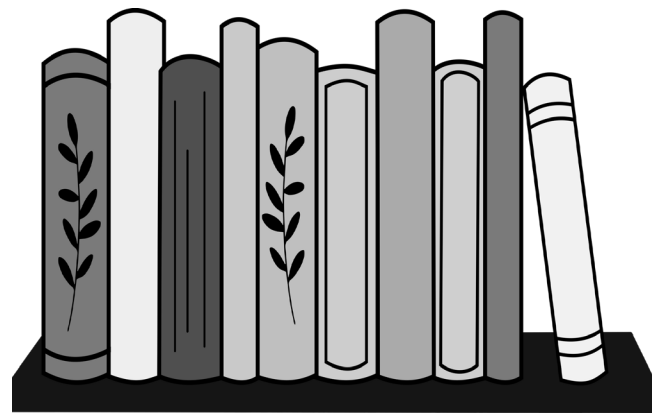
**Public Safety and Building Department Citations**

STREET	VIOLATION	FINE
Hastings Way	Speeding - 38MPH	\$150
Minarette Dr.	Disobeyed Stop Sign	\$100
Columbia St.	Pet Maint. Violation - Dog Bite	\$150
Columbia St.	Disobeyed Stop Sign	\$100
Candlewick Dr.	Illegal Sign in Front Yard	\$50
Constitution Dr.	Inoperable Vehicle	\$100
Constitution Dr.	Trash/Debris on Property	\$50
Talladega Dr.	Speeding - 36MPH	\$150
Staffordshire	Reckless Driving	\$100
Thornhill	Trash/Debris on Property	\$50
Constitution	Trash/Debris on Property	\$50
Constitution	Failure to Maintain Property	\$50
Seminole	Failure to Maintain Property	\$50
Candlewick Dr.	Waste Cans Visible from Street	\$50
Queens Pl.	Disobeyed Stop Sign	\$100
Candlewick Dr.	Speeding - 33MPH	\$100
Lamplighter	Parking Violation	\$50
Spinnacre	Parking Violation	\$50
Griffin	Pet Maintenance Violation	\$50
Candlewick Dr.	Trash/Debris on Property	\$50
Hastings Way	Speeding - 34MPH	\$100
Bounty	Failure to Report Car Accident	\$75
Bounty	Damage to Assoc. Property	\$100
King Henry	Negligent Driving/Damage	\$75
Constitution	Trash/Debris on Property	\$50
Pembroke	Waste Cans Visible from Street	\$50
Partridge	Speeding - 35MPH	\$100
Cornwall	Speeding - 34MPH	\$100
Lamplighter	Disobeyed Stop Sign	\$100
Valhalla	Disobeyed Stop Sign	\$100
Heathcliff	Parking Violation	\$50
Minarette	Speeding - 36MPH	\$150
Briar Cliff	Disobeyed Stop Sign	\$100
Thornhill	Failure to Register a Vehicle	\$100
Griffin	Waste Cans Visible from Street	\$50
Columbia	Waste Cans Visible from Street	\$50
Columbia	Trash/Debris on Property	\$50
Poseidon	Trash/Debris on Property	\$50
Rochester	Disobeyed Stop Sign	\$100
Candlewick Dr.	Illegal Sign in Front Yard	\$50
Columbia	Waste Cans Visible from Street	\$50
Candlewick Dr.	Inoperable Vehicle	\$100
Pembroke	Speeding - 36MPH	\$150
Drew	Stop Sign Violation	\$100
Drew	Garbage Can Violation	\$50
Griffin	Garbage Can Violation	\$50
Briar Cliff	Disobeyed Stop Sign	\$100
Griffin	Disobeyed Stop Sign	\$100
Kingsbury	Pet Maintenance Violation	\$75
Liverpool	Waste Cans out after Pickup	\$50
Spinnacre	Parking Violation	\$50

**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.



**BOOK CLUB**

*Join the Candlewick Lake Book Club!  
Meetings take place the last Wednesday of each month at the Rec Center (Water's Edge Room).  
No sign-up required!*

*Be sure to sign up for e-blasts, check the CWL Facebook page, or go to News/Announcements on CandlewickLake.org for updates on each month's book.*

**LAST WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH  
5:30PM SOCIAL TIME  
6:00PM BOOK DISCUSSION**

★★★

**"DUES"  
RAFFLE**

★★★

**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).

# ECC/Building Department

## Approvals/Permits Required & Obtaining Building Permits

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

Applications must be submitted and plans approved for any project. Application forms along with specification sheets for individual types of construction are available in the office or can be found on the web site at [www.candlewicklake.org](http://www.candlewicklake.org). The Rules and Regulations can also be checked to find out if the construction project needs approval. The ECC meets the first and third Wednesday of each month. **Please see the schedule for the deadlines for submitting plans for approval.**

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

## Boone County Building Permits

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

## 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
All meetings are at 6:30PM at the Admin Office unless otherwise noted.	New Houses, House Additions, Exterior Remodeling or Changes, 3 or 4 Season Rooms, Sun Room, Garages, Culverts or Ditch Work, Retaining Walls around Culverts, Variance Requests, Shoreline Stabilization or Repairs, Color Changes, Tree Removal	Boat Lifts, Piers, Corner Markers, Decks, Docks, Plays Houses, Dog Runs, Pools, Driveways, Refuse Enclosure, Exterior Lighting, Satellite Dishes, Gazebos, Sheds, LP Tanks, Tree Houses, Underground Wireless Dog Fences
March 4, 2026	February 23, 2026	February 27, 2026
March 18, 2026	March 9, 2026	March 13, 2026
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

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

## What Type of Approval Permit Do I Need?

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

## Building Permit Fees

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

**2025-2026 FEE SCHEDULE**

<b>ASSESSMENTS &amp; RESIDENCY FEES</b>	
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
<b>MISCELLANEOUS FEES &amp; SERVICES</b>	
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
<b>POOL</b>	
Guest Pool Pass - Daily	\$5
Guest Pool Pass - Seasonal (Limited to Four Passes)	\$35
<b>PARKS &amp; RECREATION</b>	
Dog Park Tag (Annual, Per Dog) \$25 Key Deposit Required	\$10
Lakeview Room (per hour) (2 hour minimum, \$400 cap) \$200 Deposit Required	\$55
Lakeview Room - After-Hours Rental Fee (additional fee per hour)	\$30
Friendship Park Pavilion (per day) \$25 Deposit Required	\$30
Outpost Rental - Half Day (5 hours or less) \$200 Deposit Required	\$175
Outpost Rental - Full Day (6 hours or more) \$200 Deposit Required	\$300
After School Care (per day)	\$15
Schools Out Care (per day)	\$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)	\$0
Replacement Extended Hours Fitness Card	\$15
Rec Programs	varies
<b>FISHING &amp; DOCS</b>	
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
<b>SAVANNAH OAKS</b>	
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
<b>BUILDING DEPARTMENT - HOME CONSTRUCTION</b>	
Application Fee	\$30
Construction Fee (Non-Refundable)	\$1,000
Clean-Up Deposit (Refundable)	\$1,500
Building Permit	\$35
Inspection Fee	\$50
Clean-Up Deposit Inspection Fee (each, after first two visits)	\$25
<b>BUILDING DEPARTMENT - GARAGES, ADDITIONS, IN-GROUND POOLS</b>	
Refundable Clean-Up Deposit	\$750
Building Permit	\$35
Inspection Fee	\$40
Renewal Fee	\$30
<b>MISCELLANEOUS CONSTRUCTION</b>	
Building Permit	\$20
Inspection Fee	\$25

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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.

**Candlewick Lake Owned Lots**

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

**New Houses/Misc. Construction**

Homes Complete	1828
Under Construction	6
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1834</b>
<b>NEW HOUSES APPROVED</b>	
None	
<b>MISCELLANEOUS CONSTRUCTION APPROVED</b>	
None	



**LOOKING FOR MORE INFORMATION?**  
 Visit [candlewicklake.org](http://candlewicklake.org) for all  
 ECC Building Rules and Regulations

**NEED HELP VOTING ELECTRONICALLY?**

**A VOTING KIOSK IS AVAILABLE AT THE ADMINISTRATION OFFICE DURING THE REMOTE VOTING PERIOD (FEB. 13TH - MAR. 9TH) DURING OFFICE HOURS:**

**MON - FRI - 8:30AM - 4:30PM**  
**SAT - 9:00AM - 12:00PM**

# Finance

## Finance Commission Meeting:

Monday, March 16th, 2026, 5:30PM  
Monday, April 20th, 2026, 5:30PM

All Finance Commission Meetings held at the Rec Center.

*\*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 January 31, 2026


EXPENSES	Administration		Public Safety		Maintenance		Pool		Recreation		Lake		Golf Course		Totals	
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
Employee expenses	\$ 431,777	\$ 409,053	\$ 455,023	\$ 468,935	\$ 324,753	\$ 410,860	\$ 49,031	\$ 42,822	\$ 146,344	\$ 140,348	\$ -	\$ 50	\$ 209,476	\$ 154,531	\$ 1,616,403	\$ 1,626,598
Consulting	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10,352	14,987	0	0	10,352	14,987
Legal	16,287	18,414	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	16,287	18,414	
Outside services	66,841	65,541	1,065	915	19,188	72,398	700	5,227	6,708	9,102	16,848	18,955	12,642	9,803	123,993	181,941
Grant work	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	-	
Communication	31,796	31,600	1,047	300	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	32,843	31,900	
Utilities	12,480	13,215	10,851	10,131	6,840	4,722	8,931	9,238	47,297	48,901	323	711	19,344	18,716	106,067	105,634
Supplies	3,784	5,178	216	2,122	14,191	14,360	3,132	4,475	5,017	10,584	0	0	9,864	17,939	36,204	54,658
Liability insurance	125,458	107,122	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	125,458	107,122	
Fuels	0	100	10,531	14,610	14,432	21,031	0	0	0	0	0	0	4,627	4,721	29,590	40,463
Equipment & repairs	15,666	19,876	5,597	9,679	8,611	39,915	6,736	5,651	3,358	3,108	1,238	3,541	15,045	14,008	56,251	95,778
Road & ground maint	107	0	0	0	88,578	33,518	0	0	2,402	6,500	28,459	18,555	4,730	10,601	124,277	69,174
Equipment rentals	0	0	0	0	1,857	5,701	0	0	0	0	0	0	20,505	27,834	22,361	33,534
Chemicals	0	0	0	0	0	0	17,873	17,860	0	0	9,300	6,807	5,104	1,364	32,277	26,031
Activity expense	0	0	0	0	0	0	212	500	17,547	21,145	0	0	5,133	11,575	22,892	33,220
Food	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	23,630	33,978	23,630	33,978
Liquor	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	21,178	22,383	21,178	22,383
Beer	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	19,122	29,796	19,122	29,796
Pro shop	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,885	3,779	1,885	3,779
Bad debt	135,000	135,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	135,000	135,000	
Contingency	0	0	327	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	327	-	
Other expenses	14,517	23,136	604	456	3,239	3,450	0	0	0	600	318	158	0	0	18,678	27,800
<b>Total expenses</b>	<b>\$ 853,714</b>	<b>\$ 828,236</b>	<b>\$ 485,260</b>	<b>\$ 507,147</b>	<b>\$ 481,689</b>	<b>\$ 605,956</b>	<b>\$ 86,614</b>	<b>\$ 85,774</b>	<b>\$ 228,673</b>	<b>\$ 240,287</b>	<b>\$ 66,838</b>	<b>\$ 63,764</b>	<b>\$ 372,285</b>	<b>\$ 361,028</b>	<b>\$ 2,575,074</b>	<b>\$ 2,692,191</b>

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

Description	Operating	Reserves	Totals
<b>CASH &amp; EQUIVALENTS</b>			
TOTAL OPERATING CASH	271,709		271,709
TOTAL INVESTMENTS	1,499,158	4,920,833	6,419,991
TOTAL CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	1,770,867	4,920,833	6,691,700
<b>NET ASSETS</b>			
Total A/R-Owners	1,187,125	53,577	1,240,702
A/R - Reserve Doubtful accounts	(147,045)	-	(147,045)
NET A/R OWNERS	1,040,081	53,577	1,093,657
TOTAL OTHER ASSETS	75,054	3,047	78,100
Total Property & equipment	23,044,347	-	23,044,347
Accum Depr Property and Equip	(14,866,750)	-	(14,866,750)
TOTAL NET PROPERTY/EQUIP	8,177,597	-	8,177,597
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>11,063,599</b>	<b>4,977,456</b>	<b>16,041,055</b>
<b>LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>			
TOTAL ACCOUNTS PAYABLE	1,424	-	1,424
TOTAL PAYROLL LIABILITIES	113,579	-	113,579
TOTAL ACCRUED LIABILITIES	309,260	-	309,260
TOTAL DEFFERED REVENUE	961,004	-	961,004
TOTAL REFUNDABLE DEPOSITS	45,480	-	45,480
TOTAL REPLACM,ENT FUND	6,989,241	5,363,680	12,352,921
TOTAL MEMBERS EQUITY	2,643,611	(386,224)	2,257,387
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	<b>11,063,599</b>	<b>4,977,456</b>	<b>16,041,055</b>

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

	Operating Fund	Replacement Fund	Total	Year-to-Date Budget	Annual Budget
<b>REVENUE</b>					
Assessments	\$ 2,092,141	\$ 656,700	\$ 2,748,841	\$ 2,748,841	\$ 3,665,121
Interest	113,233	146,064	259,296	237,109	281,237
Unreal Gain (Loss) on sale of investments	0	13,412	13,412	7,498	10,000
Other	334,007	-	334,007	287,493	352,024
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>2,539,381</b>	<b>816,175</b>	<b>3,355,556</b>	<b>3,280,941</b>	<b>4,308,382</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>					
Administration	853,714	7,707	861,421	841,236	1,165,952
Public Safety	485,260	539	485,800	507,147	761,787
Maintenance	519,926	686,600	1,206,527	1,067,125	1,290,314
Pool	86,614	46,578	133,192	85,774	197,017
Recreation	228,673	111,865	340,538	260,724	746,688
Lake	69,538	279,135	348,673	98,209	154,129
Contingency	-	-	-	-	-
Capital Expenditures	-	-	-	-	-
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>2,243,726</b>	<b>1,132,425</b>	<b>3,376,151</b>	<b>2,860,215</b>	<b>4,315,886</b>
<b>GOLF</b>					
Revenue	285,824	-	285,824	243,559	275,904
Expenses	385,754	69,975	455,728	454,610	586,865
<b>GOLF REVENUE OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>(99,929)</b>	<b>(69,975)</b>	<b>(169,904)</b>	<b>(211,051)</b>	<b>(310,961)</b>
<b>REVENUE OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>195,725</b>	<b>(386,224)</b>	<b>(190,499)</b>	<b>209,675</b>	<b>(318,465)</b>
<b>CHANGES IN NET UNREALIZED HOLDING GAIN (LOSS) ON INVESTMENTS AVAILABLE</b>					
DEPRECIATION	404,372	-	404,372	-	-
CAPITAL EXPENDITURES CLEARING	2,853,017	-	2,853,017	-	-
<b>COMPREHENSIVE INCOME (LOSS)</b>	<b>2,644,371</b>	<b>(386,224)</b>	<b>2,258,147</b>		
<b>FUND BALANCES AT BEGINNING OF YEAR</b>	<b>7,663,217</b>	<b>4,065,728</b>	<b>11,728,945</b>		
<b>REVENUE OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>195,725</b>	<b>(386,224)</b>	<b>(190,499)</b>		
<b>FUND BALANCES AT END OF YEAR</b>	<b>\$ 7,858,942</b>	<b>\$ 3,679,504</b>	<b>\$ 11,538,446</b>		



**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: Follow 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.

# Budget Hearing Presentation for Fiscal Year 2026-2027

## now available online

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or from the CWL App -  
Navigate to Documents > Financials

**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.


For this amount, our community secures:

- 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

Stability

**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.

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



Approved Meeting Minutes for the Board of Directors Meetings and Commission Meetings can be found on [candlewicklake.org](http://candlewicklake.org) (viewable for members when logged in) AND are now printed to be available for viewing at the Administration Office for members who would like to come in to read them in person (if unable to pay document retrieval fees to take a copy home).

# CWL Information

<p><b>Mailing Address:</b> 13400 IL Route 76, Poplar Grove, IL 61065  <b>Main Phone Number:</b> (815) 339-0500  <b>Administration Fax Number:</b> (815) 339-0501  <b>General Inquiries Email:</b> CWL@candlewicklake.org  <b>Report an Incident:</b> (815) 339-0503 <b>Visitor Call-In:</b> (815) 339-0311</p>		
<b>Resident Services</b> - Debbie Rydelski	ext. 200	drydelski@candlewicklake.org
<b>Public Safety</b> - Matthew Studt	ext. 212	mstudt@candlewicklake.org
<b>Building Department</b> - Valerie Alt	ext. 202	valt@candlewicklake.org
<b>Accounting Department</b> - Bruce Carr	ext. 203	bcarr@candlewicklake.org
<b>Accounts Receivable, PAL Requests, Office Manager</b> - Kathi Smith	ext. 205	ksmith@candlewicklake.org
<b>Recreation Center Front Desk</b>	ext. 300	reccenter@candlewicklake.org
<b>Parks &amp; Rec Department</b> - Kayla Hill	ext. 301	kswanson@candlewicklake.org
<b>Pool Reception Desk</b>	ext. 302	kswanson@candlewicklake.org
<b>Maintenance</b> - Tom Fick	ext. 500	tfick@candlewicklake.org
<b>Savannah Oaks Clubhouse</b> - Ben Wilken	ext. 400	bwilken@candlewicklake.org
<b>Savannah Oaks Golf Course Maintenance</b> - Shawn Chisamore	ext. 401	schisamore@candlewicklake.org
<b>IT &amp; Communications</b> - Randy Alberts	ext. 210	ralberts@candlewicklake.org
<b>Assistant General Manager &amp; HR</b> - Chuck Corso	ext. 208	ccorso@candlewicklake.org
<b>General Manager</b> - Heidi Sroga	ext. 204	hsroga@candlewicklake.org

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

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Candlewick Lake Association Hours	
<p><b>Administration Office</b></p> <p>Monday - Friday: 8:30AM - 4:30PM                      Saturday: 9:00AM - 12:00PM                      Sunday: Closed</p>	<p><b>West Gate Hours (Staffed)</b></p> <p>Monday - Friday: 2:00PM - 8:00PM                      Saturday: 8:00AM - 8:00PM                      Sunday: 12:00PM - 8:00PM</p>
<p><b>East Gate Hours (Staffed)</b></p> <p>24 Hours, 7 Days a Week</p>	<p><b>South Gate Hours</b></p> <p>This gate is not staffed/C-Pass Entry Only</p>
<p><b>Recreation Center</b></p> <p><b>May - October</b></p> <p>Monday - Friday: 9:00AM - 8:30PM                      Saturday: 9:00AM - 5:00PM                      Sunday: 12:00PM - 5:00PM</p> <p><b>November - April</b></p> <p>Monday - Friday: 9:00AM - 8:00PM                      Saturday: 9:00AM - 5:00PM                      Sunday: 12:00PM - 4:00PM</p> <p>Extended Fitness Pass Hours - 4:00AM - 10:00PM</p>	
<p><b>Park &amp; Wake Hours</b></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><b>Savannah Oaks Clubhouse</b></p> <p><b>Golf Season - May - November</b></p> <p>Open 7 Days a Week                      7:30AM - 10:00PM</p> <p><b>Winter Hours - November - April</b></p> <p>Tuesday - Thursday: 5:00PM - 9:00PM                      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 2025-2026		
<b>President</b> - Michelle Romano-Huber	hubershouses@gmail.com	Term Expires 2026
<b>Vice President</b> - Gary Kurpeski	garykur17@gmail.com	Term Expires 2027
<b>Treasurer</b> - Rogelio Guzman	3drogelio1@gmail.com	Term Expires 2027
<b>Secretary</b> - David Wiltse	davewiltse52@gmail.com	Term Expires 2027
<b>Director</b> - Joshua Monge	joshuamonge58@gmail.com	Term Expires 2028
<b>Director</b> - Derek Mathews	deat6173@gmail.com	Term Expires 2028
<b>Director</b> - Felipe Aguayo		Term Expires 2026
<p><b>Emails to the entire Board may be sent to BOD@candlewicklake.org</b></p>		

Candlewick Lake Committees/Commissions		
<b>Citation Review</b>	Tonya Flynn, Chair	
<b>ECC</b>	Derek Mathews, Chair	deat6173@gmail.com
<b>Election</b>	David Wiltse, Chair	davewiltse52@gmail.com
<b>Events</b>	Kathi Smith, Chair	ksmith@candlewicklake.org
<b>Finance</b>	Rogelio Guzman, Chair	3drogelio1@gmail.com
<b>Lake Management</b>	Chuck Hart, Chair	chuckhart612@gmail.com
<b>Landscape</b>	Josh Monge, Chair	joshuamonge58@gmail.com
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<b>Public Safety</b>	Pam Cangelosi, Chair	815-765-9595
<b>Savannah Oaks Events</b>		

Monthly BOD and Committee/Commission Meetings
<p>The Monthly Board of Directors and Committee/Commission Meetings are posted in the Candlewick Lake Calendar found in the monthly publication and at the Candlewick Lake website: www.candlewicklake.org. Any meeting changes will be sent via E-blast.</p>

## Candlewick Lake Official Publication

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

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

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

# MARCH 2026

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> 6:30PM Events Commission - Rec Center	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> 1:00PM - 4:00PM Pony Canasta - Rec Center 6:00PM S.O. Events Commission - Rec Center 7:00PM AA Meeting - Outpost	<b>5</b> 5:30PM Budget Approval Meeting - Rec Center	<b>6</b> 6:00PM Bunco - Rec Center	<b>7</b> 8:00AM AA Meeting - Outpost
<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> 1:00PM - 4:00PM Candlewick Crafters - Rec Center  <i>ADVANCE VOTING ENDS AT 4:30PM</i>	<b>10</b> 6:30PM - 8:00PM Lake Mgmt Meeting - Rec Center	<b>11</b> 1:00PM - 4:00PM Pony Canasta - Rec Center 6:00PM Newspaper Comm. -Admin 6:30PM Public Safety - Rec Center 7:00PM AA Meeting - Outpost	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> 8:00AM AA Meeting - Outpost 10:00AM Garden Club - Rec Center 7:00PM Bingo - Savannah Oaks <i>PROXY FORMS DUE</i>
<b>15</b> 1:00PM Annual Meeting - Rec Center 12:30PM-1:00PM Check-in & Voting  2:00PM - 5:00PM St. Patrick's Celebration - Savannah Oaks	<b>16</b> 5:30PM Finance Commission - Admin Office	<b>17</b> 6:30PM - 9:30PM Board Meeting - Rec Center	<b>18</b> 1:00PM - 4:00PM Pony Canasta - Rec Center 6:30PM ECC Meeting- Admin Office 7:00PM AA Meeting - Outpost	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> 8:00AM AA Meeting - Outpost 11:00AM - 12:30PM Lunch w/ Easter Bunny - Rec Center 7:00PM Pub Trivia - Sav. Oaks
<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> 1:00PM - 4:00PM Candlewick Crafters - Rec Center	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> 1:00PM - 4:00PM Pony Canasta - Rec Center 5:30PM - 8:30PM Book Club - Rec Center 7:00PM AA Meeting - Outpost	<b>26</b> 6:30PM Landscape Commission - Rec Center	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> 8:00AM AA Meeting - Outpost 7:00PM - 9:00PM Karaoke Party - Savannah Oaks
<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>				

# APRIL 2026

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			<b>1</b> 1:00PM - 4:00PM Pony Canasta - Rec Center 6:00PM S.O. Events Commission - Rec Center 7:00PM AA Meeting - Outpost	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> 8:00AM AA Meeting - Outpost
<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> 6:30PM Events Commission - Rec Center	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> 1:00PM - 4:00PM Pony Canasta - Rec Center 7:00PM AA Meeting - Outpost	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> 8:00AM AA Meeting - Outpost 10:00AM - 3:00PM Craft and Vendor Fair - Rec Center 10:00AM - 12:00PM Garden Club Meeting - Rec Center
<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> 1:00PM - 4:00PM Candlewick Crafters - Rec Center  6:00PM Newspaper Commission - Admin Office	<b>14</b> 6:30PM Lake Mgmt Meeting - Rec Center	<b>15</b> 1:00PM - 4:00PM Pony Canasta - Rec Center 6:30PM Public Safety - Rec Center 6:30PM ECC Meeting- Admin Office 7:00PM AA Meeting - Outpost	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> 8:00AM AA Meeting - Outpost
<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> 5:30PM Finance Meeting - Admin Office	<b>21</b> 6:30PM Board Meeting - Rec Center	<b>22</b> 1:00PM - 4:00PM Pony Canasta - Rec Center 7:00PM AA Meeting - Outpost	<b>23</b> 6:30PM Landscape Commission - Rec Center	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> 8:00AM AA Meeting - Outpost 4:00PM - 6:00PM Wine Tasting - Rec Center
<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> 1:00PM - 4:00PM Candlewick Crafters - Rec Center	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> 1:00PM - 4:00PM Pony Canasta - Rec Center 5:30PM - 8:00PM Book Club - Rec Center 7:00PM AA Meeting - Outpost	<b>30</b>		

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