

CANDLEWYCK NEWS

Spring 2019

Finally! A Newsletter

Right now, you are reading this thinking, "Wow! A newsletter! This is a great idea! We should have done this years ago." Yeah. We used to do this more frequently and we had a draft last spring, but it didn't get out. The community has been asking for one and we recognize that we need to find the time to make it happen. At the moment, we are committing to sending two out per year.

Improvements

As hard as it is to believe, there was a time when the Arboretum might have been considered the "end of the world." Forty years is a long time and the board is prioritizing investments in facilities to maintain and improve the amenities that we are fortunate enough to have... all of which are aging. We have a running list of projects that we would like to address over the coming years. These projects include repairing portions of the parking lot at the clubhouse, the path to the tennis courts, and updating the pool's bathroom facilities.

Over the last few years, the board has intentionally been conservative with allocating funds for various projects and has cut back on many expenses. This approach is permitting us to put funds aside for known (and unknown) upcoming expenses. Many of the amenities that we have are in need of maintenance or all-out replacement and it is our goal to put the community in a position where these expenses are known, planned for and funded as needed.

Community Engagement

One of the marvelous things about the Candlewyck neighborhood is the long history of community that we share as residents of this special place. Children who grew up in Candlewyck have returned to raise their own families here and community members whose children have given them grandchildren still come to watch the Barracudas compete in the summer. Residents who have lived here for a long time are still happy to jump in and volunteer to keep traditions like the Christmas Party and Easter Egg Hunt alive.

We don't always think of the work that goes in to making events happen. Candlewyck is fortunate to have community members who are willing to do these things, but we also need to be more proactive in recruiting others to pitch in. In talking to the community, there is a desire to contribute and that is great news!

The Community Engagement Committee is an opportunity to make that kind of contribution without all the less-fun stuff associated with serving in a seat on the HOA board. One of the goals of this committee is to build a team of neighbors who are able to share the responsibilities for the various community events that we host throughout the year. That means that no one or two people are responsible for every event. If you'd like to get involved, send an email to candlewyck.news@gmail.com or attend one of our meetings on the second Tuesday of the month.

Pool Opening and Schedule

The pool is scheduled to open at noon on May 18! Time at the pool is a great way to burn some calories and catch up with neighbors.

May Pool Schedule

Sat, May 18 – 12 to 10 pm
Sun, May 19 – 12 to 8 pm
Sat, May 25 – 10 am to 10 pm
Sun, May 26 – 12 to 8 pm
Mon, May 27 – 10 am to 8 pm
Tue-Thu, May 28-30 – 4 to 8 pm
Fri, May 31 – 4 to 10 pm

June through September

Mon through Thu – 10 am to 8pm
Fri and Sat – 10 am to 10 pm
Sun – 12 to 8 pm



We have two board positions open! The first position is up for reelection this fall. The second still has two and a half years to go. Can you help? We're looking for people who might be interested in serving as Treasurer and someone interested in working on the communications side (although all talent will be welcomed). The board usually meets the second Monday of every month and on an ad-hoc basis as needed.

3rd Annual Candlewyck CleanUp

At 8:45 am, come to the Clubhouse and help to check a few things off our list as we prepare the common areas for Spring and Summer! Visit this link for more information:

<https://bit.ly/cleanUP>

*If you're typing the link above,
it is case sensitive.*

Upcoming Events

Social and Swim Team event dates and times are subject to change.

April 20 – 1:00 pm
Easter Egg Hunt

April 27 – 8:45 am
Candlewyck CleanUp

May 13 – 5:00 pm
First Day of Swim Practice

May 14 – All Day
Primary Election at Clubhouse

May 18 – 9:00 am
Swim Team Carwash &
Community Yard Sale

May 18 – 12:00 pm
Pool Opens

June 2 – 4:00 pm
Green & White Meet*

June 6 – 6:00 pm
Swim Meet @ Providence Downs
South

June 10 – 6:00 pm
Swim Meet @ Weddington Chase

June 13 – 6:00 pm
Swim Meet @ Candlewyck
(vs Bridgehampton)*

June 17 – 6:00 pm
Swim Meet @ Candlewyck
(vs Mountainbrook)*

June 20 – 7:00 pm
Dive-In Movie Night*

June 24 – 6:00 pm
Swim Meet @ Providence Downs

June 27 – 6:00 pm
Swim Meet @ Candlewyck
(vs Firethorne)*

July 13 – 12:00 pm
Swim Team All Stars

July 14 – 5:00 pm
Swim Team Banquet

July 20 – TBD
Summer Family Party

September 7 – TBD
Pool Party / End of Pool Season

September 8 – All Day
Last Open Pool Day

October 2019 – TBD
Trunk or Treat

December 10 – TBD
Neighborhood Holiday Party

* On Mondays and Thursdays during swim season, the pool will be closed at 5 pm for home meets (June 13, June 17 and June 27)

Candlewyck Barracudas

The swim team is ramping up and excited for another season this summer. Last season brought home trophies for the Division IV Championship and for winning the Division IV All-Stars Meet. The last few years have been successful for the team and we already know that many of those same smiling faces are coming back again. If you have a child who is four years old or older, it isn't too early. The only requirement is that the kiddos be able to sit on the side of the pool and take instruction (in as much as a four-year-old can). If you are interested in joining (or rejoining) the team, send an email to cw.barracudas@gmail.com.

We are looking forward to another fun year of summer swimming and hope to see you there. A new head coach, Caleb Breed, will be joining the staff. He is a graduate of East Mecklenburg High School and swims competitively for USA Swimming. Caleb works at an after-school program at the Jewish Community Center while attending UNCC. He has coaching experience with another community swim team as well as with the Bad Fish Swim Team.

If a Tree Falls in the Street...

Last year, we had a few really intense storms and, for the most part, the neighborhood weathered those storms well. A few trees did fall, and we were fortunate that a neighbor and his chainsaw swooped in to clear them from the road. Did you know that the you can also place a call to 311 and report a fallen tree in the street? The requests are entered into a workorder system, prioritized and handled by a combination of the City's Department of Transportation and Landscape Management groups.

Candlewyck HOA Dues

At the end of 2018, the board voted to increase dues based on the annual Consumer Price Index (CPI) to \$324 per payment. We felt that increasing the amount was necessary to ensure that future needs are funded. Also, our property management firm changed vendors for banking services near the end of last year which may have caused some difficulty for you if you missed that piece of news. There is a new mailing address that you need to be aware of. Payments for the bi-annual dues should be sent to (include your account number in the memo area of the check):

Candlewyck Homes Association
PO Box 620131
Orlando, FL 32862-0131

Payment can also be made online through CSI Property's website (<http://www.csiproperties.com/>).

Social Media Policy

Community members who recently tried to post messages onto the HOA's Facebook page had most of their requests denied. Last year, the board decided to moderate any official social media presence and to largely focus on outward communication to the community about upcoming events and community news. If you are looking for recommendations for plumbers or painters, Nextdoor is an alternative source that is used frequently for such things. As the HOA Facebook moderator is not completely heartless, posts for things like missing pets will be approved but there may be a delay in that it is not monitored on a 24/7 basis.

Pipes Hate Wipes

Charlotte Water has started a campaign to remind customers that pipes hate wipes. "Flushable" products like wipes don't break down upon flushing like toilet paper does and remain solid while travelling through the sewer system. Only flush the three P's down the toilet (pee, poo, and (toilet) paper). Put wipes and other items like tampons, Q-Tips, and tissue in the trash. For more information, visit

<http://www.charlottenc.gov/Water/>

Websites and Email

Facebook Page Info

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/CandlewyckHomes>

Barracudas Facebook Page

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/CandlewyckBarracudas>

Candlewyck Website

<http://www.candlewyckhomes.com>

CSI Properties

<http://www.csiproperties.com>

704-892-1660

Candlewyck News Email Address

candlewyck.news@gmail.com

Recurring Events

Some meetings or events happen on a regular basis and are open to the community.

Monthly HOA Board Meetings

Meetings are typically held on the second Monday of the month unless the meeting is rescheduled by a vote of the board. Visit the website for an updated schedule.

Community Engagement Committee

The committee usually gets together on the second Tuesday of the month unless rescheduled by the committee.

Ladies Night

From time to time, women in the neighborhood get together in the evening for crafts, friendship and fun. The usual time is the second Thursday of the month but check on Facebook for updates.

Board Members

Steven Neal
President

Jon Phillips
Vice-President

Bill Majercsik
Secretary

Roy Gregory
Pool Committee

Jeremy Hoffman
Architecture Control
Committee

Frances Ringley
Facilities & Landscape

Susanne Sweeney
Clubhouse