

CANDLEWYCK NEWS

August 2019

Wow! Another Newsletter!

Your board has been working hard on the critical issues that affect our neighborhood safety, quality of life, and overall look and feel. To help you be more aware of everything that gets done behind the scene, we have created a newsletter committee that will be writing and sending out a monthly newsletter. Be patient with us as we work out the details the first few months and of course let us know if you'd like to help!

Repairs and Improvements

As several of you noticed, our pond fountain stopped working a few months back, so the pond management folks were contacted and an electrical issue in the box was found and corrected. It is now back to looking great and helping aerate the water and control the algae.

Just like in our own homes, things eventually wear out, and that is no different for our clubhouse and pool bathrooms. A water leak that had been hard to detect was found to be due to the bottom of the hot water heater having rusted out, so the old one was removed and a new, commercial quality one was installed. You can thank our board for the hot water!

And have you noticed how much nicer the parking lot looks now that it has been patched and re-stripped? It has been making parking easier for all of us.

Shade, shade, and more shade! We've heard several requests for additional shade in the pool area, and 3 new umbrellas have been purchased and installed in the tables in the area.

That's not the only improvement in the pool area, 18 lounges and 1 chair had 2 or more straps broken, with the remainder looking old and worn, so they were repaired. They now sport a full set of new straps and are looking great!

Did you see the Candlewyck sign off Providence Road? The broken light was fixed and our sign is again being illuminated at night. The whole sign probably seems brighter even in the daylight – that's because Bob Hoffman pressure washed the sign and

Margaret Unsprung cleaned and painted the lanterns– and the difference is noticeable!

With all the storms that we've had lately, we weren't surprised when we had a dead tree fall and break a rail at our dog park. No need to worry about your dogs though, as Dave Simoncic volunteered to replace it and the fence is already back to normal.

Of course, the project that the kids are the most excited about is the new Gaga Ball Pit! Gaga Ball is being played at a lot of the schools, and it is a kinder gentler version of dodge ball. The game is played with a soft foam ball, and combines the skills of dodging, striking, running, and jumping, while trying to hit opponents with a ball below the knees – and now they can play here too. Many thanks to Chris Evans for doing a full day of work to build the pit from a kit, which saved us a ton of money!

Wow! As if that wasn't enough things already, there are more projects in progress and we'll be updating on them in future newsletters as they are completed.

Neighborhood Engagement

Our neighbors that make up our Neighborhood Engagement Committee have really outdone themselves already! Since the last newsletter, they arranged an Easter Egg Hunt, which although there was a light rain, didn't stop the Candlewyck kids from having a great time. Next was the 3rd Annual Candlewyck CleanUP which with a little elbow grease from our neighbors, got benches painted, trails tidied, the volleyball court sand cleared of debris, and more! After cleaning up the neighborhood, we cleaned out our own stuff at home by participating in the Neighborhood Yard Sale.

Around 200 adults and kids attended our Candlewyck Family Summer Pool Party and fun was had by all!! The kids loved the bounce house, DJ Jeremy Ervin kept us entertained, there was tons of great food including fried chicken, and Chris Newell donated BBQ. What makes this even more outstanding is that they applied for the CLT250 Neighborhood FUN grant and were awarded \$750 for the party!

Fun Fridays and Fireworks

These are two of the other wonderful events that allowed our Candlewyck neighbors to get out and enjoy spending time together. Both Fun Fridays were full of live music, concessions, guest singers and karaoke. Thanks to Angus Mackay for letting everyone act like they were on American Idol! There were some very impressive and entertaining singers. Kudos to Michelle Smarz for arranging it and to her son Will for his drumming!

July 4th wouldn't be the same without fireworks, and as usual, Dave Christofaro put on a fantastic show for all of us! Lots of neighbors came out to sit around the banks of the pond and enjoy watching the night sky light up, for a whole lot longer than we expected. Thanks to all who donated to the show!

Candlewyck Barracudas

If you just looked at the Barracudas record for this season, it wouldn't tell you the whole story. Having moved up to Division 3 this year, for the first time in almost 10 years, the Barracudas were swimming against some of the toughest competition they have seen, and yet they still held their ground. Losing 3 close meets by 42 points (Providence Downs South), 22 points (Bridgehampton) and 2 points (Firethorne), they could have easily gone 5-1 instead of 2-4. Proof of how well we did in the division was obvious at the All-Star Meet, where we placed 4th overall out of the 7 teams, and brought home lots of Gold, Silver, and Bronze Medals, along with tons of 4th – 8th place ribbons!

Congratulations to our new head coach Caleb Breed, along with his assistant coaches Caroline Peer (Lead Assistant), Lucy Cochran, May Worthen, Emily Morgan, Sam Cochran, plus our interns Charlie Cochran and Allison Daniels. All of our kids are better swimmers because of your wonderful coaching! And as always, the swim season couldn't exist without all the work that the Swim Team board (Karen Majercsik, Jolie Short, Michelle Smarz, and Bernadette MacLeod!) puts in and the support from our HOA and our swim parents who are the best volunteers of any swim team! Way to Go Barracudas!

Pool Schedule

The pool has been opened since May 18th and has been a refreshing escape during the recent heat wave. Hours for August and beginning of September are:

Mon – Thurs: 10 AM to 8 PM Fri and Sat: 10 AM to 10 PM Sun: Noon to 8 PM

Dues are Past Due

Here's a friendly reminder in case you forgot to pay your HOA dues on July 1, dues are now past due. 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 via CSI Property's website at <http://www.csiproperties.com>

Annual HOA Meeting and Board Elections

Our Annual HOA Meeting and Board Elections will be held in October. Every year, the 3 year term of 3 board members ends, and we elect 3 new (or returning) members to be on the board for new 3 year terms. More information on the meeting and the candidates will be provided soon.

Upcoming Events

September 7 – TBD
End of Season/Back to School Pool Party

September 8 – All Day
Last Open Pool Day

October 2019 – TBD
Annual HOA Meeting

October 27 – TBD
Trunk or Treat/Panthers Tailgate

December 10 – TBD
Neighborhood Holiday Party

Recurring Events

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

Monthly HOA Board Meetings

Meetings are typically held the 2nd Monday of the month unless the meeting is rescheduled by a vote of the board. Visit the website for an updated schedule.

Neighborhood Engagement Committee

We meet at 6:30pm at the Clubhouse on the 2nd Tuesday of each 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 Facebook for updates.

Board Members

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