

CANDLEWYCK NEWS

February 2021

2020 Was NOT What We Expected!

We all started last year with grand plans of what we wanted to accomplish, places to go, friends and family to visit - and then bam! - a tornado went right thru our neighborhood! Tons of trees were knocked down and it looked pretty bad, but neighbors rallied together to clear trees blocking the street and to help each other out. Then just as things were settling back to normal - bam! - COVID-19 happened - and all of a sudden we were staying at home, wearing masks, and distancing from each other. Definitely not the year that we were hoping for!

But from this, we learned that we have a pretty amazing neighborhood! Neighbors offered to help out our neighbors that might be more at risk; we had a "Bear Hunt" for the kids by putting bears in the windows for them to spot while walking with their families (and later a similar Easter Egg hunt); tons of food trucks (Thanks Danielle Magno!) helped keep us fed; and when we opened the pool but had to have capacity restrictions, adults were quick to jump out when we hit our maximum so as to allow the pool to remain open.

Swim Team competitions were cancelled but we were still able to provide swim clinics in the mornings (so as not to impact pool capacity restrictions) which not only allowed our kids to improve their swim skills, but also provided a much needed energy outlet! Coach Katie did a fabulous job with the kids in her 1st year and we look forward to having her again this year.

During this past year, your board was quite busy figuring out not only how to deal with COVID-19 and it's impact on our community, but also getting lots of other things done too! There were the "normal" tasks like replacing the fan for the pond aerators and our fountain lights; updating our 20+ year old security system in the clubhouse; fixing the broken lights at our entrances at Rea and Providence Rd; installing new tennis courts caddies, replacing one of the tennis nets, and sealing the cracks in the playing surface (Thanks Bob Hofmann!), just to name a few.

The **BIG accomplishments** of the year were fixing the broken concrete at the entrance to the parking lot, replacing the HVAC units (both the heat pump outside, the air handler inside, and a new Wi-Fi thermostat) in the clubhouse, and last but not least, a much needed update to both our Women's and Men's pool bathrooms!

Unfortunately though, we also saw an increase of unwanted and undesirable activities occurring in the parking lot and surrounding areas, (both from external actors as well as members of this community) that are detrimental to the safety, security and property values of the neighborhood, resulting in us having to lock the gates to the pool parking lot. This seems to have helped and we are happy to see our members once again able to safely use our facilities along with a lot less trash each morning!

Annual Board Elections Results

Due to COVID-19 our 2020 Annual HOA Meeting was not held on the advice of our Management Company. Unfortunately, we did not get any volunteers to run for the 3 open board positions. Due to this, Roy Gregory has agreed to stay on and help with the pool until a replacement can be found, and Bill and Susanne agreed to return for another 3 years. Marian Bryant has resigned to spend time with her new baby boy. The new board positions are:

President - Bill Majercsik

Vice President - Steven Neal

Treasurer - Jon Phillips

Secretary - Crystal Kolarik

Landscaping Committee Chair- Frances Ringley

Pool Committee Chair - Roy Gregory

ACC Committee Chair - Annalies Stewart

Clubhouse - Susanne Sweeney

Neighborhood Engagement Committee Chair - OPEN

Swim Team Chair (Non-Board) - Anne Beatty

THANK YOU ALL

for your commitment to Candlewyck!

Our Newsletter is Going Digital!

One of our goals this year is to send out monthly newsletters, to better keep our members updated and involved. In this day and age, almost everything is done online - from reading the newspaper, doing your banking, sending and receiving mail, and more-so following this trend, our newsletters are going digital! We will post the newsletter on both our Candlewyck HOA Facebook page and the CandlewyckHomes.com website, and then we will send an email with a link to the newsletter, instead of mailing it. Go to **CSICommunities.com** to make sure that we have your correct email information.

Dogs! Dogs! And More Dogs!

One thing that we have realized this past year, is that we have a lot of dogs in the neighborhood! With being home more, we were both more likely to see when someone was out walking their dog, as well as being more likely to walk our dog. To show off our furry four legged family members, send us a picture of your dog(s) to **Candlewyck.News@gmail.com** by **March 15, 2021**. Tell us their name, age, and breed and we'll include them in our April newsletter! And cat owners don't worry, we'll have a month to celebrate them too! :-)

Speaking of Dogs - Check out the Dog Park

The dog park took a hard hit when the tornado came through, causing several large trees to be knocked down, and thus wasn't used for awhile. We have cleared up the debris, restocked and locked the dog waste bag dispenser, and the park is again ready for our dogs to enjoy! As a reminder, please pick up after your dog so that the park stays "stink" free!

Thank you for paying your Dues on Time

Your January 2021 semi-annual dues of \$333.50 are now past due. If you have not already made your payment, please do so. We appreciate that most of our owners pay promptly!

Have a Submission for the Newsletter?

If you have a submission that you would like to have included in the March newsletter, please send it to us by **February 15th to Candlewyck.News@gmail.com**. The board reserves the right to edit or omit any submissions.

We Need YOUR Help!

Everyone has their favorite neighborhood amenity - maybe you love going to the pool, or perhaps you enjoy walking your dog around the pond, or jogging the trails. Or is it playing tennis, volleyball, or basketball? Whichever one you enjoy, ***you can help us by doing what you are already doing!***

Many people hesitate to volunteer because they worry that the commitment will take up too much time - and we get that! - but by spreading the work out amongst members on a committee instead of relying all on one person, it makes it easy for everyone. With that in mind, we are looking for people to help on our Landscaping and Pool committees by covering a single item (pond, basketball court, dog park, pool bathrooms, etc) and reporting what you see that isn't quite right! If you are able to help us out, please send an email to **Candlewyck.News@gmail.com** for more information.

Check out our Updated Pool Bathrooms!

The pool bathrooms desperately needed some repairs and updating, and that is exactly what they got during the off season! The peeling ceiling was replaced with new drywall and new humidity sensor switches were installed to automatically control the exhaust fans. All the plain ceramic light fixtures were replaced with new vanity lights, and both bathrooms were repainted. The shower heads and handles were all replaced along with the shower hooks and curtains. The existing changing table was replaced with a Koala Kare Baby Changing Station, and one was installed in the Men's bathroom too. New benches were added to both bathrooms, as well as repairing the benches in the showers. The new granite countertops, sinks and faucets along with new mirrors finish our amazing new look!

Website, Facebook, and Email Information

Candlewyck Homes Association Website

<http://www.CandlewyckHomes.com>

Candlewyck HOA Facebook Page

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

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