

# CANDLEWYCK NEWS

March 2021

## Working with Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police

On the evening of March 7th, we called in the police to address some of the issues that have come back with the warm weather. Numerous individuals were smoking marijuana both in the common area and in their vehicles along Bloomsbury Place. Many others were trespassing (they were neither Candlewyck members nor guests). Non-residents who are on the property without being a guest of a member (who must remain present) are trespassing and subject to prosecution.

These situations cannot be tolerated and we will continue to actively work with CMPD and Candlewyck members to drive this behavior out of our community. The common area must remain a family-friendly place where all members of the community feel safe and welcome. Drugs and bad behavior cannot be tolerated.

If you see (or smell) illegal behavior, please call 911 to report it. CMPD's South Division has been made aware that we will be continuing to focus on these issues until the problem is gone... and then we must continue to keep an eye on it. We also ask that you keep an eye out because we expect that there may be vandalism as a result of our community's efforts to rid ourselves of this problem.

The gates will remain locked while we continue working with the CMPD and discuss other options (such as membership key fobs, parking decals) to permanently address this issue.

## Swim Team 2021 Season Update

We have been officially informed by the Greater Charlotte Swim League (GCSL) that we will be having a 2021 Swim Season! Pulling this together is going to take a great deal of coordination and flexibility from all involved. We are excited to have Coach Katie joining us again this summer!

We will continue to compete against other teams in GCSL Division III but most likely through a virtual format (we swim at our pool, they swim at theirs). We will make sure it's still fun! Practices are planned

to begin on May 10th and meets will follow the same schedule as prior years (Mondays and Thursdays in June). There will be no All-Star Meet, meaning the season will conclude at the end of June.

We don't know yet what the Specific COVID-19 protocols will be (to be determined by GCSL and Candlewyck's HOA). Please keep an eye on the Candlewyck Barracudas Facebook page and website ([candlewyck.swimtopia.com](http://candlewyck.swimtopia.com)) for more information as it becomes available.

## Welcome Megan Dunn

The board unanimously approved the motion to appoint Megan Dunn to fulfill the last 2 years of Marian Bryant's term, who stepped down to spend time with her new baby boy. Megan has been actively involved with the Neighborhood Engagement Committee for several years and thus is an ideal candidate for the role of Neighborhood Engagement Committee chair. One of her first projects as the new committee chair was to submit Candlewyck for a \$500 "Make Charlotte Beautiful" Grant! Should we win, the grant will be used during our Saturday **April 24th Spring Clean-Up** to spruce up the benches, fence, basketball goals, flower pots, and recycle bins!

## Do We Have Your Email Address?

Given that our newsletters are going digital, we need to have your email address! Login to your account at **CSICommunities.com** to update your email and/or phone information. If you need help, send an email to [info@csicommunities.com](mailto:info@csicommunities.com) and CSI will help you update your account information.

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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Neighborhood Engagement Chair - Megan Dunn

Swim Team Chair (Non-Board) - Anne Beatty

## Taking Care of Our Trails

Many of our homeowners enjoy walking on the trails as it provides a mini-escape from the city. Being surrounded by nature is definitely good for the soul - and to maintain that ability - we need to be aware of our impact on the trails. Please remember that no motorized vehicles are allowed on the trails at any time, and when we have had rain, refrain from using the trails until the ground has had a chance to dry out and firm up. This will help prevent deep ruts being made in our trails which lead to unwanted erosion, and additional expense. And if you see some branches collecting in the ditches along the trail, toss them far into the area on the downhill side of the trail, so that our ditches remain unclogged and able to divert the rain as needed!

## Summer Pool Season Status

The pool season is once again right around the corner, and your board is hard at work finalizing the details. This task is made more difficult due to COVID-19, but we are hopeful that not only will we be open, but that our capacity numbers will be increased from last year and that we will be able to have the lounges and chairs back on deck. More details to follow in next month's newsletter.

## Reminder on Dues

**Over 95%** of our members have already paid their January 2021 dues - **Thank You!** For the few remaining members, please remember that your rights to use the common area and facilities are suspended until your dues are paid. The lifeguards will be checking member status prior to admission to the pool and events again this year.

## Have a Submission for the Newsletter?

If you have a submission that you would like to have included in an upcoming newsletter, please send it to us by **15th to [Candlewyck.News@gmail.com](mailto:Candlewyck.News@gmail.com)**. The board reserves the right to edit or omit any submissions.

## Pond Fountain Lights Out

Several members have notified us that the pond fountain lights are out - Thank You! Our Pond Management Company has replaced the GFCI and fuse and power has been restored, but are still working the issue.

## Social Membership Enrollment is OPEN

The Candlewyck Homes Association offers a limited number of Social Memberships to non-Candlewyck homeowners. The annual fee for the Social Membership for 2021 is \$667.00 and is offered to those homeowners of the Providence Springs, Foxglove, and Vizcaya neighborhoods.

For new Social Membership applicants there is a one-time initiation fee of \$170.00, in addition to the annual fee. If there is a lapse in your membership, you will have to pay the one-time initiation fee when you rejoin. Due to COVID-19, any 2019 Social Members that did not rejoin in 2020, will still be counted as "renewal" for the 2021 season.

The 2021 Membership Application can be found on the **[CandlewyckHomes.com](http://CandlewyckHomes.com)** website.

## Candlewyck Compliance Standards

Last March, the board gave CSI 3 main compliance areas to focus on: trash cans, no parking on the grass, and neglect of premises. These compliance areas were not anything new (and are city ordinances!) but we had not been enforcing them as well as we should, so CSI started mailing violations out. A **BIG THANK YOU** to everyone for addressing these issues and helping make our neighborhood look better!

With this initial success under our belts, we are having CSI expand their checks to include all of the items that are listed in the ***Candlewyck Compliance Standards*** document on our website. These include not only items related to landscaping, but also the maintenance of your home, such as: fixing broken shutters and/or gutters, keeping your gutters cleaned, pressure washing of any mold/mildew, and more. Let's keep Candlewyck looking great!

## Website, Facebook, and Email Information

Candlewyck Homes Association Website

<http://www.CandlewyckHomes.com>

Candlewyck HOA Facebook Page

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

Candlewyck Barracudas Facebook Page

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

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