



**Candlewood Knolls**  
**Knolls Knews**  
**Notes**



**ISSUE 4**  
**June 26, 2026**



I can finally say it's officially summer! It arrived on **Sunday, June 21st** at exactly 4:24am. Combined with Father's Day, it was also the longest day of the year.

Those of us with children and grandchildren are counting the hours until camp begins on Monday. Phil Passaro is sure to make the summer of 2026 a memorable one for our kiddies. Our July calendar is filled with two CKCP fundraisers - Bocce Night on July 11<sup>th</sup> and their weekly Ice Cream Nights on Thursdays throughout the camp season.

The Knolls is looking beautiful thanks to many community volunteers. The Beautification Committee is appreciative of those who have pitched in (sometimes with a pitchfork) to beautify our properties. A salute to our volunteers follows on the next page.

Our maintenance department has been busy with dock installation, spreading new sand at our beaches, and mulching all around the Knolls. By now you may have noticed that Patrick Hamilton, who has been a maintenance worker since he was teenager (he began working p/t summers alongside his dad Dan †), has left us for a job with Kimberly Clark in New Milford. He promises to visit this summer and will surely be missed by all. Gordon Bournos and Brendan Murphy are now assisting Sean and Logan Murphy will be responsible for weekend cleanups of our beaches.

FYI - the fireworks on Candlewood Lake at Danbury Town Park will take place tomorrow (Saturday) night.



As always, keep me informed of any "knews" you'd like to share...

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**Mon. June 29th**  
**1st Day of Camp**

**Thurs. July 2nd**  
**Ice Cream Night**

**Sat. July 4th**  
**Pancake Breakfast**



**Fri. July 10th**  
**CK Community Annual Meeting**

**Sat. July 11th**  
**Bocce Night**

**Sat. July 18th**  
**Family Picnic**

**Fri. July 24th**  
**Golf Outing**

**Sat. August 1st**  
**Clambake**

Security will resume Friday July 26th through Labor Day (Hours: 6pm-2am)

**SECURITY BOOTH PHONE # 203-313-3953**

For Security Gate information, please email

[gateadmin@candlewoodknolls.com](mailto:gateadmin@candlewoodknolls.com)

**FYI—Non-emergency NF Police Department # 203-312-5701**

Please provide the office with your updated contact information so we can communicate effectively.  
**Phone: 203-746-4807**  
[office@candlewoodknolls.com](mailto:office@candlewoodknolls.com)

# Candlewood Knolls

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### **Candlewood Knolls Golf Cart Guidelines**

1. Golf Cart Guidelines: In an effort to promote safety and security for our residents, the Board of Directors inaugurated the following guidelines:
  - a. Golf carts must have headlights and reflective tape affixed to the rear of the cart if they are going to be used after dark.
  - b. Drivers must be 16 years of age to drive a Golf Cart or 15 years of age with a valid learner permit.
  - c. Golf Cart capacity is limited to the available seating on each respective Golf Cart.
  - d. Driving rules for Golf Carts are consistent with the general rules of the road. This includes abiding by stop signs, yielding right of way, staying to the right side of the road, etc. It is the responsibility of the driver to know and follow the rules of the road.
  - e. Liability Insurance is available for Golf Carts and the Board of Directors highly recommends you have this coverage on your personal golf cart.
2. Golf Cart/Community Property: Please note that golf carts should not be driven on the beaches, ball field, and clubhouse lawn

*updated 07/17/24 Candlewood Knolls Board of Directors*

Stay in touch with us throughout the seasons: Sign up for our eBlasts, and check out our CK Website, CK Hello Facebook Page, & Mail Station Bulletin Board!



# COMMUNITY NEWS



The CKWA would like to thank **Bernie Neill** for many years of service. His retirement from our committee leaves an opening.



Please email the CK office if you are interested in being a CK Water Authority Board member and we will send you more information on this volunteer opportunity. Thank you.

*Maureen K. Clegg*

**Marie Knox**, Chair of the Beautification Committee, along with Committee members **Lori Moriarty** and **Chris Lewick** spent some time cleaning up the island by the mailbox station. Throughout the months of May and June they were joined by CK neighbors who volunteered their time to beautify the Knolls.

Cushie & Don Lynch spent days working on South Beach while Nancy & John Hanrahan took on North Beach cleanup. The *Gelcichs* continue to beautify our mailbox station and clubhouse entrance with donated seasonal flowers, and they maintain their upkeep. The Hennigan family donated plantings at South Beach which includes landscaping services to maintain the area. John Gelcich and Dr. Frank Ross painted lines on our street bumpers. The Ortiz family donated a Japanese Elm for the island by the mailboxes. Shelia Stroh and Linda Peterson weeded the hill on Claredal Avenue and Sheila also weeded our entrance area. Debbie Minchin weeded around the clubhouse. Dave Clegg can be found weeding everywhere (just look for his orange golf cart with the Syracuse flag and he's sure to pop out of the bushes). He also cleaned up the area by the clubhouse road and donated and planted new viburnums.

The Committee thanks all our volunteers as well as those of you who pick up garbage on your walks and dispose of it. Aside from the Knolls being our "happy place" it continues to be a "beautiful" community filled with "generous" people.



And in the "private sector" we have three boys for hire providing garbage can cleaning and golf cart detail and wash services. Future entrepreneurs Connor Keenan, Christian Neill, and Parker Fine have a portable power washer and they're not afraid to use it !!

Call or text 201-783-9071





**Ellie Keenan** welcomed the arrival of her 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> greatgrandchild in 2026. **Rory Ellis** arrived January 26<sup>th</sup> born to Courtney & Kevin Darby. Rory joins Mom, Dad and big sister, Harper, where they reside in Havertown, PA.

**Suzette Elinor** was born May 21<sup>st</sup> to Ali & Jake Day and they live in Philadelphia, PA.

Courtney and Ali are the daughters of proud grandparents **Pat & Mike Keenan**. All are hoping to visit the Knolls for the Family Picnic.



**Danielle & Andrew Bournos** welcomed the birth of their first grandchild - **Zelie Gianna** on June 4, 2026. Zelie weighed 8lbs, 6oz and resides with her parents, **Julia and Max Bournos**, in Belmont, North Carolina.

Fun fact: Zelie was born on her Grandpa Andrew's mother's birthday, who passed away just one month after Max & Julia's wedding. What is so remarkable is that Zelie's Mom, Julia, was also born on her paternal great grandmother's birthday, same as her baby girl.



**Keegan Lewick**, son of **Joanna and Chris Lewick**, graduated in December with his Master's Degree in Engineering from Cornell University. He currently works for DEKA, an engineering firm in Manchester, New Hampshire.

**Olivia Lamonte**, daughter of **Janeane and Tom Lamonte**, received her MD degree, graduating with honors from Wake Forest University School of Medicine on May 17<sup>th</sup>. She will begin her residency in pediatrics at the Mount Sinai Hospital in New York City in July.





**Amanda Moore**, daughter of **Danah and Jeremy Moore**, graduated from the University of Pennsylvania on May 18th with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing and a minor in Global Health. During her time at Penn, she served as President of Nursing Students for Global Health, was a member of the Executive Board of Big Brothers/Big Sisters and worked as a Peer Career Advisor for Penn Career Services. Amanda will begin her nursing career this August in the Emergency Department at the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia.



**Erin Stroh**, daughter of **Katy & Rich Stroh** and granddaughter of **Barbara Blake**, graduated from the University of Delaware over Memorial Day weekend. She received a Bachelor of Arts and Science Degree consisting of a major in Criminal Justice, a minor in Psychology, and a concentration in Law and Society. Erin's next step is to pursue a career in law enforcement.

**Vivienne Bournos**, daughter of **Danielle & Andrew Bournos**, and CKCP counselor, graduated from Imago Dei Classical Academy. Vivienne plans to pursue a degree in fine arts and continue to perform on stage and in film.



**Nate O'Brien**, son of **Eileen & John O'Brien**, graduated from New Fairfield High School on June 12<sup>th</sup>. He is heading to Temple University in Philadelphia this fall to study Illustration.



**Cassandra Bournos**, daughter of **Danielle & Andrew Bournos**, and former CKCP counselor, graduated from Ave Maria University in Florida with a degree in Health Science. Cassandra enjoyed a semester in Rome and will be working for the University in its development office, conducting event planning for donors.



**Kayla Hayden**, daughter of **Lori & Neil Hayden**, graduated from Farmingdale High School on June 16<sup>th</sup>. Kayla will be attending Adelphi University in the fall to pursue their 4+1 art education degree with a master's in special education.



**Caden Piesco**, daughter of **Heather & Cliff Piesco**, graduated from New Fairfield High School on June 12<sup>th</sup>. Caden played Lacrosse and Volleyball and was the boys Varsity Basketball team manager. She will be back with CKCP this summer as a returning camp counselor. In the fall, Caden will attend Eastern Connecticut State University as a Psychology Major.



**Luke Sandvik**, son of **Nancy & Dave Sandvik**, graduated from St. Peter's Boys HS on June 5<sup>th</sup>. He plans to join the US Coast Guard after working as a camp counselor for CKCP this summer.

To all the graduates...Congratulations and best wishes for your journey ahead.





CK Memorial Day Cocktail Party  
Saturday, May 23, 2026  
Thanks Denise & Phil Passaro  
for hosting this great event!



# CANDLEWOOD KNOLLS Children's Program

CK Children's Program  
First Day of Camp  
**Monday, June 29th**



Registration information can be found on the CK website under the "Services" tab -  
Click on "CKCP Children's Program"

**It's never too late to  
join the fun!**

Register daily, weekly, monthly,  
or full season  
through **August 14<sup>th</sup>**

Ages 3-4 (10a-12p) Ages 5+ (10a-4p)

*It's back...*



## Ice CKream Night

Thursday, July 2<sup>nd</sup>  
7:00pm

CKCP Camp Room (clubhouse lower level)

*Cones \$3 Bowls \$5 - We have all your favorite flavors!  
All proceeds go to CKCP*

We still need scoopers—so put a crew together and please sign up:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4BA5AB28A4F8C07-64505984-ckcp>



Get ready for Summer with all new SWAG! New items, new styles and customization options! All proceeds go to support our very own CK Children's Program.



## The 2026 CKCP Bocce Tournaments & BBQ Night Saturday, July 11th

100% of the net proceeds go to the CK Children's Program!!!



### BBQ Dinner Details

Join us for dinner starting at **6:30pm** featuring burgers, hot dogs, pulled pork, and mac 'n cheese.

- **New Pricing:** Dinner is \$5 for kids 10 and under, and \$10 for everyone 11+
- **Potluck Request:** Please bring a shareable side dish or dessert for everyone to enjoy and help make the evening a success!
  - **Payment:** Pay at the BBQ tent (cash, check, or Venmo)
    - Bring your OWN beverages

### **\*\* NEW \*\* Adult Bocce Tourney Format**

- You must Venmo \$10 entry fee per team by 11:00am Sat. 7/11: @Phil-Passaro (last 4 digits are 3203). **Include team member names in payment request.**
  - Play-In Rounds Start 1:00pm (\*)
- We'll build the schedule in advance, and we can call/text you when it's time for your match, so you don't have to spend all day at the courts.
- Final Rounds (evening session) starts promptly at 7:00pm (you must be present).
  - Adult Tourney Champions & Runner-Ups win 35% & 15% of total pot, respectively.

**Note: Kids will gear up for their own Bocce Tournament on Friday, July 10<sup>th</sup> during camp hours**



Save the date

# K FAMILY PICNIC

SATURDAY, JULY 18TH



# RAFFLE PRIZES NEEDED



FOR OUR ANNUAL  
CANDLEWOOD KNOLLS  
FAMILY PICNIC



PLEASE HELP BY CONSIDERING TO DONATE.  
THE RAFFLE HELPS DEFRAY  
SOME OF THE COST OF THE PICNIC

PAST DONATIONS HAVE INCLUDED

- GIFT CARDS (RESTAURANT, SPA, AMAZON...)
- TICKETS TO EVENTS
- BOTTLES OF CHEER
- BEACH ITEMS
- ELECTRONICS (TVS, AIR PODS)
- LAKE THEMED ITEMS
- VACATION TIME SHARE WEEK
- BROADWAY SHOW AND LOCAL THEATER TICKETS
- THEMED BASKETS

PLEASE CONTACT LINDA RILKE-MURER AT  
631.834.5789 OR LINDARILKE@GMAIL.COM



## Mahjong Mondays 7:00PM

Downstairs Clubhouse  
Beginners always welcomed  
Questions?  
Call or text Marie Knox  
914-574-3054



Download the Team Reach app and join the  
CKPicklersGroup (code CKPG23) so you can stay informed of  
Knolls' pickleball group activities.

We will be starting **Sunday Pickleball Fundays** this weekend and every weekend  
this summer at **11 AM**. Whether you play regularly or are a complete newbie, this  
is for you. Regular player who wants to up their game? We'll show you techniques  
and strategies to improve your game. New to pickleball? We'll teach you the basics  
and have you playing like a regular in no time. We have equipment to lend and can  
advise where to get the best deals on your own equipment. Great exercise and a  
great way to meet new people. *Join us.*



Save the date



# Clam Bake!

SATURDAY, AUGUST 1st

NEW FAIRFIELD PARKS & RECREATION  
Annual  
**CANDLEWOOD LAKE  
ILLUMINATED  
BOAT PARADE**

- FRIDAY, JULY 10, 2026  
(RAIN DATE: JULY 11, 2026)
- CANDLEWOOD LAKE -  
NEW FAIRFIELD BEACH
- PARADE BEGINS  
at Dusk

All Boats  
Welcome...

You must  
Register by  
July 1st

203-312-5633

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# 4<sup>TH</sup> OF JULY

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## PANCAKE BREAKFAST

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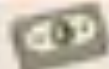


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