The CandleWord

Newsletter of the Candlewood Homeowners Association, Inc.

March 2026

Residents, I hope you're staying nice and warm as we start to bid farewell to winter! We have had some very nice days in February, and I hope they return soon and stay around. The main ice cover on the lake has melted away. If you're using the lake to fish etc., please make sure you have a life jacket with you. The water temperature is very cold, and it will be the middle of May before the lake reaches 65 degrees.

The lake committee works hard to keep the lake free of algae and weeds. When **setting up your lawn service** or doing it yourself, please use only non-phosphorus fertilizer. In addition, do not blow grass into the lake when cutting. Have all clippings blown off the street, driveways, and walks so it doesn't end up in the lake.

Dues invoices were mailed and everyone should have received them by now. If you have not received yours, call any board member or Sage to get one sent to your correct address. To date, 33% of residents have paid their 2026 dues and along with the dues we have received 20 donations for the park project. Thanks to all! Also 4 of the delinquent dues have been brought up to date; I hope this continues to be a trend.

Ballots for new board members were included with the invoice mail. You can give your ballot to any board member, mail to Sage or scan and email to Sage. Please have these turned in by March 8th so we can bring them to the meeting on the 9th . We hope to see a good turnout at the annual meeting at Hy-Vee, if you haven't already sent in your ballot, you can vote at the meeting.

It's with great sadness I tell you of a 32-year resident that has passed away. We lost Jim Koranda on January 13th ; he loved the Candlewood area and was a past board member. Jim was a close friend and will be deeply missed. Let's all keep Jim, Judy and family in our prayer and thoughts.

Things to look forward to include a dusk **fireworks show** on May 23 (the park will close at 4pm), a **garden walk** in the area with activities in the park on June 14th (more info later). We'll host the **Pancake Man** in the park on June 21 from 9 to 11am.

Don't miss our **annual meeting** at Hy-Vee on March 9th at 7 pm. Our April meeting will be back at Phoenix Grill on the second Monday at 7pm. Remember to check webpage occasionally: //www.sagehoaservices.com/candlewood-hoa/

Enjoy the spring!

Steve, Candlewood HOA President

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Use Restrictions Committee News: March 2026

I think Spring is finally coming soon. We certainly have had a strange winter that teased us with many days that made us feel like we had traveled away from Nebraska to find warmer days to enjoy. Pretty soon we will all be able to get out into our yards, cleaning things up from the fall that came too late to finish before cold weather set in.

Be kind to pedestrians. **Keep the bushes, trees, and plants near your sidewalk trimmed back** so that people can walk or run by safely and easily.

Thank you for remembering to carry a plastic bag and picking up the trash in public areas as you walk. This keeps our neighborhood looking great. Remembering the bag is the hard part

Our committee will begin meeting monthly starting April 1. If you have questions and/or concerns, please contact a member of our committee or contact our website for more information. Thank you to everyone for helping keep our neighborhood a place to be proud of!

Best, Linda Hamilton, URC Committee Chair

A Note From the Board

Did you know that if you decide to make some changes on the outside of your home, **our bylaws require prior written approval by the Architectural Committee?**

Examples of projects include, but are not limited to, painting (type and color), re-roofing, decks/patios, landscaping, fences/seawalls, etc. If your project is inside only, but requires a dumpster, please notify the committee how long the dumpster will be in the driveway.

If you have such a project, navigate to the bottom of the Candlewood HOA website https://www.sagehoaservices.com/candlewood-hoa/ and you will see an area titled “Quick Links”. Select the “Architectural Requests” tab and fill in and submit the information about your project!

As always- Thanks for your assistance in keeping our neighborhood beautiful!

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Come to This Year's
Annual Candlewood Homeowners Meeting!

When: **Monday, March 9, 2026, 7:00 p.m.**
Where: HyVee Linden Market Conference room

All Homeowners & Residents Invited
to learn about neighborhood happenings,
and get to know some neighbors.
Let any board member know about any concerns you have in advance.

Wildlife on Candlewood Lake

(Photos Courtesy of Joanie Hoffart and Sarah Gonzalez)