



Candlewood Knolls
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Notes



ISSUE 15

FALL—November 2024

Mark Your Calendar



Mon. November 11th
Veterans' Day



Thurs. November 28th
Happy Thanksgiving



Sat. November 30th
*CK Tree Lighting &
Clubhouse Gathering*



Sat. December 21st
First Day of Winter



Wed. December 25th
Merry Christmas

Thurs. December 26th
Happy Hanukkah

Wed. January 1st
*Happy New Year
Hello 2025*



Now that the docks are out and boats are stored away, we have no choice but to accept that the summer is over. So much has happened since Labor Day Weekend. We had our 1st Annual Pickleball Tournament, organized by Cushie & Don Lynch, a President's Dance, a Stockholders' Meeting, a Halloween Party, four weddings and three babies. And our Knolls community continues to send prayers of strength to Dan's family as they navigate the gaping hole left in their lives. *Dan will remain forever in our hearts.*

Election Day is behind us and I look forward to all those political signs in town being replaced with holiday decorations! There are plenty of activities around the town and in the Knolls to get us through the autumn and winter seasons.

Of course, many snowbirds will be fortunate enough to hang up their snow shovels and head south for the warmer climate. Who knows what type of winter weather we will experience since it has been so erratic with hurricanes, droughts, beach weather in November--what else will Mother Nature throw at us?



Please keep me in the loop during the coming months and feel free to send me any information, announcements, photos for future issues. Next one will be published in February 2025.

Send to cknotesdenise@gmail.com

Enjoy the upcoming holidays!

Denise

Please provide the office with your updated contact information so we can continue to communicate effectively.

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 since 1929



2024 BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

President: David Clegg
 Vice President: Ken Keenan
 Treasurer: Wayne Roberts
 Clerk (Secretary): Roberta Anderson
 Past President: Tom LaMonte

DIRECTORS

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Mike Dapolite
 John Gelcich
 Florence Iavarone
 Marie Knox
 Tim Morris
 Mike Rail

TAX DISTRICT

Lori Moriarty
 Frank Ross
 Rich Stark
 David Sandvik
 Casey White



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

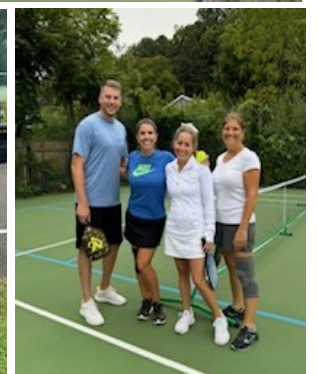
Stay in touch with us throughout the seasons: Sign up for our eBlasts, and check out our CK Website, CK Hello Facebook Page, & Mail Station Bulletin Board!



COMMUNITY NEWS

1st ANNUAL CK PICKLEBALL TOURNAMENT Saturday, August 31st

We had 20 players participate in our tournament and the White Team defeated the Blue Team with most points scored over 25 matches. Many Knolls residents showed up to cheer on the players. In the end the Blue Team consisting of Jerry Garbowski, Naomi Bradley, Chris Lewick, Tim Mackey, Amanda Knox, Preston Young, Joana Lewick, Jenn Evans, Janeane LaMonte and Kathy Knox played hard but fell short in their point total. The White Team comprised of Amy Miller, Emily LaMonte, Bruce Young, Tom LaMonte, Angela Ostuni Larson, Liz McAvoy, Judy Garbowski, Steve Miller, Lori Moriarty, and Barb Lynch outscored the Blue Team to take home the hardware. While the tournament was being played on the main courts, many of our Knolls kids were having fun playing pickleball on the auxiliary court (basketball court). The kids expressed that they want their own tournament next year. Thanks to everyone who helped out. Don Lynch





The **President's Dance** was held on Saturday, August 31st honoring Dave Clegg. Mingling, dining, and dancing was enjoyed by all those who attended, including past presidents and current board members.



On Sunday, September 1st, the CK Stockholders' Meeting was held and members voted for the 2025 Nominating Slate of Candidates for the CK Tax District and CK Community Boards.



2025 Slate of Candidates

Candlewood Knolls Community Inc.
 Executive Board for two-year term effective January 1, 2025
 President Ken Keenan
 Vice President Roberta Anderson
 Treasurer Wayne Roberts
 Clerk (Secretary) Casey White
 Past President David Clegg

Nominee for three-year term effective January 1, 2025:
 Director Bridget Fine

Candlewood Knolls Tax District
 Executive Board for two-year term effective January 1, 2025
 President Ken Keenan
 Vice President Roberta Anderson
 Treasurer Wayne Roberts
 Clerk (Secretary) Casey White

Nominees for one-year term effective January 1, 2025
 Directors
 Lori Moriarty
 Richard Stark
 David Sandvik
 John Gelcich
 Phil Passaro



Thanks Dave for your past, present, and future dedication and service to our beloved community.
 Thanks Florence for coordinating a beautiful evening.



October 26th: A very big thank you to all the ghouls and goblins who came out of the darkness to celebrate The Resurrection...made possible by the Resurrection Committee. Thank you to Florence Iavarone and Dave Clegg for their support. We are looking forward to an even spookier Resurrection in 2025.

Roma Pielarski



2024 Resurrection Committee:

**Laila Lombardi
 Antonia Mancino
 Roma Pielarska
 Gianna Silvestri
 Jayson Valcik
 Casey White
 Colleen Fleischmann White
 Jed Wilson**





On **September 6th**, **Jamie Fucito**, son of **Denise Fucito** and grandson of **Jenny & Tommy Ostuni**, married **Alexis Makwinski** at the Candlewood Inn in Brookfield, CT. The wedding weekend was followed by a honeymoon in Curacao. The couple live in Islip, NY where Jamie is a Nassau County Police Detective and Alexis is a Dr. of Physical Therapy at Good Samaritan Hospital.



FALL WEDDINGS



Justin Hyland, grandson of **Ruby Hyland** and son of **Lucille and Jim Hyland**, married **Qing Wai Wong** on **September 14th** at The Inn at Longshore in Westport, CT. The couple met at the University of CT Law School and are both currently employed as attorneys. They honeymooned in Italy and currently live in Westchester County.



On a picture-perfect fall day, **McKenzie Baker**, daughter of **Jeff and Hillary Baker**, married **Patrick Curley** in a beautiful ceremony at the Candlewood Knolls Clubhouse on **September 21st**. The couple enjoyed a honeymoon in Hawaii and are living in New Hampshire, where McKenzie is a Speech-Language Pathologist and Patrick is a Chemist.

Warmly wishing all of you
Happiness to share,
A life of joy & blessings,
And love beyond compare.
Congratulations!



On **October 26th**, **Brian Kavanagh**, son of **Jean and Tom Kavanagh**, married **Kathleen "Kat" Raftery** at the Water's Edge Resort & Spa in Westbrook, CT. The couple reside in Newtown, CT and Kat is a 5th grade teacher in New Milford and Brian works in human resource management. The couple have planned a December honeymoon in Costa Rica.



Debbie Minchin is proud to announce the arrival of her first grandchild, **Evelyn Frances Allison**, on **August 26th**. Evelyn weighed 8lbs 10oz and lives with parents, **Lauren Allison & Dave Minchin** in Weston, CT. Dave teaches at Yale University and Lauren is a pediatrician in Wilton. Evelyn's middle name is in honor of Debbie's mom.



Janeane and Tom LaMonte welcomed their 2nd grandchild, **Clara Alice LaMonte**, on **September 3rd** at 6:50am weighing 6lbs 8oz and measuring 19.5 inches long.



Clara lives with her parents, **Victoria & Tom LaMonte** and sister **Millie** in High Point, NC.



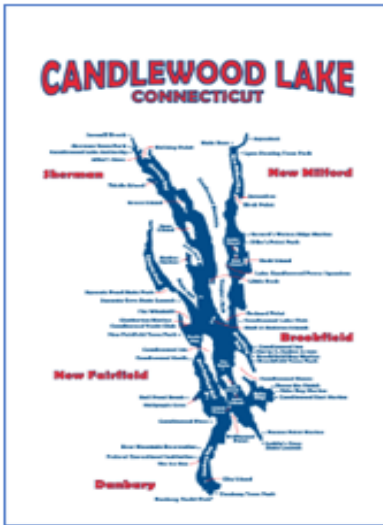
On **October 30th**, **Gianna Rose Paoella** arrived a few weeks earlier than expected at 6:59pm weighing 5lbs 3oz and measuring 17.5 inches long. This is the first grandchild for **Lori & Charlie Ostuni**, and the 6th great-grandchild for

Jenny & Tommy Ostuni. Gianna joins parents, **Nicole and Kyle Paoella**, at their home in Cheshire CT.



CONGRATULATIONS to the Minchin, LaMonte, & Ostuni/Paoella Families

AROUND THE TOWN



The New Fairfield Parks & Recreation's holiday events include **the 5K Road/Race/Health Walk** to be held on **Sunday, November 24th** beginning at 11am at NF High School. On **Saturday, November 30th** the **12th Annual Santa's Workshop, Holiday Light Parade, & Tree Lighting** will take place in town beginning at 12:30pm in the library for Santa's workshop, followed by the light parade at 5:15 and ending with the tree lighting at Memorial Park. For more information call: 203-312-5633 or visit www.newfairfield.org/municipal-departments/services/parks-and-recreation

On **Saturday, December 7th**, from 10:00am - 3:00pm **St. Edward Parish** in New Fairfield will have their **Christmas Craft Fair** in the Parish Hall. Get a head start on your holiday shopping - admission is free.



AROUND THE KNOLLS



The **drainage** project on **Summerhill Road** has been completed and should make for safer winter driving. (*No more cars ice skating down the hill.*)



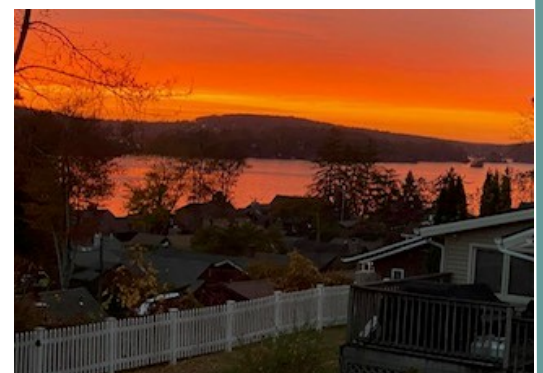
The **Security Gate** project for our **entrance** is near completion. The gates have been installed and the target date for them to be operational is January 1st. Please be on the lookout for letters and eblasts requiring important information needed to move forward. Communication will require prompt responses from each homeowner so gate software can be loaded correctly before they are operational.



Northern Lights on 10/10
Photo by Cathy Marasco



A beautiful sunrise from
Overlook on 11/1
Photo by Russell Kaye





Don't forget to turn your bathroom scales back 15 pounds Wednesday night at 1 AM for Thanksgiving.



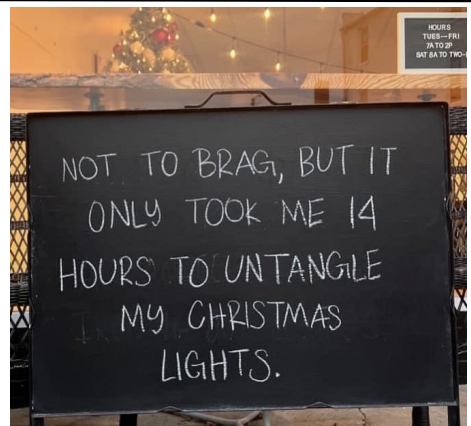
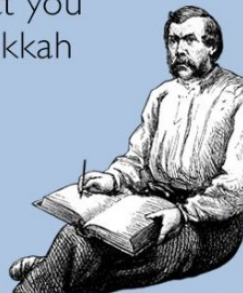
Join us at the CK Ballfield for our annual **Tree Lighting Event** on **Saturday, November 30th** around 6:30pm... A gathering in the clubhouse will follow. Details will follow in an upcoming eblast.



Santa has been reading your posts all year. Most of you are getting **dictionaries**.



A Hanukkah miracle would be feeling confident that you spelled Hanukkah correctly.



MAYBE I NEED TO BE A BIT MORE REALISTIC...

