



Candlewood Knolls
Knolls Knews
Notes



Welcome 2026! It's been a cold, snowy winter and unfortunately the ground hog predicted it would last longer. For those who love to ski, snowboard, sleigh ride, and make snowmen, you are having a blast! I'm sure many others are looking forward to springing forward in March and embracing warmer weather. For those CK snowbirds in Florida, it was colder than usual in January, but at least they didn't have to shovel snow. I must confess, I am one of those snowbirds enjoying the warmer weather to come.

As the winter fades away, our new office administrator, Meagan Santavicca, is looking forward to meeting CK neighbors. As summer approaches and the search for a Head Counselor has not garnered any viable candidates, it is comforting to know that Phil Passaro has been pulled out of his "retirement" as Head Counselor and will be stepping in to run our Children's Program this summer. We still welcome referrals for future candidates, so feel free to forward referrals to the office.

We've experienced quite a baby boom in the Knolls this fall and winter. Last year we had numerous births, mostly girls and a few boys. This time it is all boys and one girl! Either way, the future of our children's program is secure with this new infant population.

Meanwhile - try to enjoy the rest of winter!!



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

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ISSUE 1
WINTER 2026

Sun. March 8th
Clocks Spring Ahead



Tues. March 17th
St. Patrick's Day



Fri. March 20th
*Spring arrives...
hopefully*



Wed. April 1st
Passover Begins

Sun. April 5th
Happy Easter

Wed. April 22nd
Earth Day



For Security Gate information, please email
gateadmin@candlewoodknolls.com

Let us know if assistance is needed with navigating the Cellgate app and/or including security codes for your package deliveries.

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

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COMMUNITY NEWS



On Saturday, November 29th, neighbors gathered for our Annual Tree Lighting on the CK ballfield and then made their way to the clubhouse to gather and kick-off the holiday season.



2025 BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

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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

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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!



Photos by Roberta Anderson



On December 5th, a group of "crafty" ladies gathered in the downstairs clubhouse for a holiday "hands-on" workshop presented by CK resident, Ali Cutonilli. The group ended the evening with beautiful holiday arrangements to decorate their festive homes.





Hilary and Jeff Baker are thrilled to share the news that their grandson, **James Baker Curley** was born on October 14, 2025, weighing 8 lb 14 oz. His proud parents, **McKenzie Baker and Patrick Curley** live in Manchester, NH and are frequent visitors to The Knolls. James will be waterskiing in no time!

Maureen and Wayne Roberts are proud to announce the births of two more grandchildren (#8 & #9)...

On November 11th, **Channing and Scott Roberts** welcomed baby boy, **Dawson**. A week later, Dawson's big brother, Dax, turned 2. The family reside in Syracuse, NY and are frequent visitors in the Knolls.



On February 11th, **Kristy (nee Roberts) and George O'Donnell** welcomed baby boy, **Connor Scott**. Connor is surrounded with love by three big sisters, Avery, Juliette, and Kiley. The family of 6 live in Southington, CT and spend most of their summer in the Knolls.

Maureen and Dave Clegg became grandparents again! Their son **Bryan** and his wife **Kelsey** of Wilton, CT welcomed their third son, **Quinn B Clegg**, on Nov 18th. He was 8lbs 9.5 oz. He joins big brothers, Silas (4) and Cameron (2). This is **Ellie Keenan's** 5th Great Grandchild!!



First time grandparents, **Theresa and Rich Stark**, welcomed a beautiful 8lb 7oz baby boy named **Owen Stark DeFliese** on November 25th. Owen and his parents, **Nicole and Brian DeFliese** reside in Fairfield, CT.

It's a girl !! On December 1st, **Jean & Tom Kavanagh** welcomed their 4th grandchild, **Maeve Lucille Kavanagh**. Maeve, and first-time parents **Kathleen and Brian**, live in Newtown, CT.



Former resident **Charlotte (nee Foley) Adams** and her husband, Eric, welcomed a baby boy, **Grant Winter** on October 10th. The family reside in Freehold, MI.

Former resident, **Liz Litton-Jones**, welcomed grandson, **Edwin Conrad Leroy Engstrand** on February 16th. Liz's daughter, **Rachel**, and her husband, **Duncan**, reside in White Bluff, Tennessee along with baby Edwin and soon to be two-year-old daughter Palmer. The family of four, along with Grandma Liz, hope to visit the Knolls sometime in the future.



CK Water Authority Update - time to renew your community water subscription for the 2026-2027 season! This year registration is completed through a fillable form found on the CK website (www.candlewoodknolls.com) under Water Authority (under Services tab). Complete "Yearly Water Registration Form" and click on the link button. When completed, hit submit. Based on your payment option, an invoice will be emailed to you from Bill.com to pay online or you may drop off/mail a check to the office. The water contract is also on the CKWA website and linked to the registration form. Make sure you review it. Registration form should be completed by March 9th and payments are due by April 1st.

Maureen K. Clegg



AROUND THE KNOLLS



**December 28th -
North Beach at Dusk**
Photo by Lynne Adduci



**January 20th -
Some CT Northern Lights**
Photo by Dave Clegg



**February 7th -
Coyote strolling along around club beach waterfront**
Photo by Kim Luburger



**February 15th -
South Beach Dock**
Photo by Jed Wilson

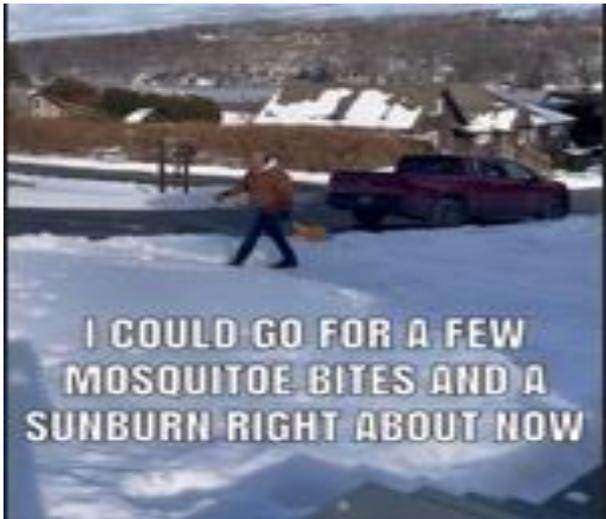


**February 25th -
Snow covered CK Clubhouse**
Photo by Scott Stevens





Just for Fun...



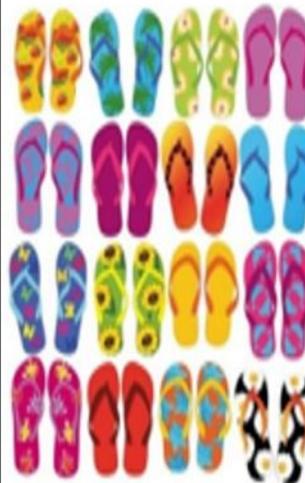
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CK Neighbor
John Hanrahan
Shoveling
3 Ridgeway

When you're too lazy to build a snowman.



MY WINTER POEM

By Denise Fucito



Everywhere I look,
The snow is piled high.
It will not melt away,
And makes me want to cry. 😞

The snow surrounds our landscape
And I yearn to see green grass.
I'm tired of slipping & sliding
And falling on my a*&#.

Can't wait for those hot summer days
When I turn on my central air.
Oh summer please arrive,
So flip flops I can wear. 😊