





Yippee!! School's out for the summer – let the fun begin.

Congratulations to all the graduates – preschoolers moving up to Kindergarten; middle schoolers moving up to high school; and of course, all our high school graduates. Teachers will hopefully enjoy their summer break – and Knolls' parents need not worry about how to entertain their children for the summer because we have our fantastic CK Children's Program – a/k/a Summer Camp. And don't forget Ice Cream Nights on Thursdays - hosted by volunteers through CKCP.

As we weaned off pandemic limitations last summer, we cautiously offered several events. This summer the calendar is packed with activities! There will be a Clambake, Pancake Breakfast, Family Picnic, Golf Outing, Hoedown and President's Dance, not to mention pickleball, yoga, mahjong, bocce nights and even some spontaneous baseball games.

In addition to our knews notes sections "Won't You Be My Neighbor" and "Around the Town" – I've added a book recommendation section by Maureen Clegg — my friend and an avid reader.

This newsletter will now be issued weekly through Labor Day and is also posted on our website. In addition, if you haven't already done so, I recommend you contact the office and request to be put on our list for "eblasts". They keep you abreast of any community updates, changes in events, etc.

Please continue to help me bring the news to our community through this newsletter. I've **changed the contact information** as follows: **cknotesdenise@gmail.com**

For our 4th of July issue, I would be grateful if you would send me an email if you are a current CK resident (or child of resident) who has served or is currently serving in the Armed Forces. Name, military branch, time period is all I need and the deadline is June 27th. When you're cute but you ain't

Enjoy Summer 2022 – **Denise**



When you're cute but you ain't summer ready.



Starting June 24th through Sept 5th – Security Guard Hours will be 10AM to 2AM Please remember to have your CK stickers on all your vehicles to help the guard identify you. The guard can be contacted by cell phone (475-237-1220) to let them know about guests you are expecting. They will need the name of your guest, date they are coming and number you may be reached at if there is an issue.

Please be courteous and patient with security staff when it gets busy at the entrance.

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2022 EVENTS

May 28th - 6:30 PM Memorial Day Cocktail Party

June 27th CKCP Begins

July 2nd - 6:30 PM Clambake

July 4th - 9:00 AM Pancake Breakfast

July 8th - 7:00 PM CK Stockholder Meeting

July 9th - 6:30 PM Bocce Night

July 16th - 9:00 AM - 9:00 PM Family Picnic

July 22nd - Morning Start Candlewood Golf Classic Hosted by the CKC

August 4th - 7:00 PM CKCP Talent Show/Campout

August 9th - 6:00 PM Progressive Dinner

August 13th - 6:30 PM Hoedown

Beers of the Knolls - TBD

September 3rd - 6:30 PM President's Dance

September 5th - 4:00 PM CK Stockholder Meeting CK Tax District Meeting

Halloween Party - TBD

November 26th - Dusk Tree Lighting

Holiday Party - TBD WEEKLY EVENTS

Mah-Jong: Mon @ 7:00 PM Ice Cream Night: Thurs @ 7:30 PM Pickleball: Sun @ 11:00 AM Sailboat Races: Sun @ 2:00 PM Yoga: Thurs 6/30 @6:45pm July dates—TBD

CK SECURITY: 475-237-1220

Candlewood Knolls

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Candlewood Knolls Golf Cart Guidelines

- Golf Carts must have headlights and reflective tape affixed to the rear of the cart if they are going to be used after dark. (Reflective tail tape provided.)
- Drivers must be 16 years of age to drive a Golf Cart or 15 years of age with a valid learners permit. You may also drive a Golf Cart if you are under the age of 16 if you are accompanied by an adult, 21 years of age or older, sitting alongside in the front seat.
- Golf Cart capacity is limited to the available seating on each respective Golf Cart.
- 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.

Candlewood Knolls Board of Directors

From the Editor ...

Summer has finally arrived to the Knolls! As I prepare our season issues now through Labor Day, please provide feedback and any stories and/or pictures you would like to share with the community. Content is king! Please email your ideas to:

cknotesdenise@gmail.com

COMMUNITY NEWS





Will Morrison, son of Marguerite and Bart Morrison, married **Renée Hayat Swetz** on October 10th, 2020 on Mount Desert Island at Holy Redeemer Church in Bar Harbor, Maine. A reception for family was held at the Asticou Inn in Northeast Harbor, Maine, following the wedding. A second reception and dinner were also held on October 9th, 2021 at the Cosmopolitan Club in New York City. The bride and groom reside in the East Village in Manhattan where Will is the Deputy Administrator of Washington Square Park for NYC Parks and

Renée is a project manager at Skanska, a multinational construction company. The couple honeymooned in Palau and enjoyed scuba diving.

On May 28th, **Lieutenant Andrew Baker** wed **Leah May** in a gorgeous outdoor ceremony at the Williamsburg Winery in Williamsburg, VA. The bride is a Physician Assistant in the Neo-Natal Intensive Care Unit in Norfolk, VA. Andrew is serving in the US Navy as a Helicopter Pilot and the newlyweds currently reside in Norfolk. Andrew is the son of Hillary and Jeff Baker and Jeff also served as Andrew's Best Man!







After a minor, 8-day delay and an uneventful delivery, weighing 10lbs and 14oz, and measuring 21", a healthy baby boy joined Roma, Mike, and big brother Ronan on April 1st. Introducing...

Niall Pielarski-McEvoy!

Congratulations to all!

If you have a high school graduate in your household, please email me their name to be included in our next issue.



IMPORTANT NOTICE

THE HOURS FOR ALL KNOLLS BEACHES ARE:

Sunday thru Thursday - Closes at 10:00 pm Friday and Saturday - Closes at 11:00 pm

Please be courteous to the neighbors around the beach area and keep loud noise and music to a minimum.



Won't You Be My Neighbor...

The Passaro Family



Denise Fucito

During the late 1940's, Phil Passaro's grandparents, Oskar (a NYC firefighter) and Evelyn Ericksen, from Springfield Gardens, Queens, heard about Candlewood Lake from their friends, the Sorenson's. They were drawn to the Knolls because there was a Children's Program that no other communities around the lake offered at that time. The Ericksen's, along with their

carpenter friends, built the house on the lot at 4 Almargo Avenue and was completed around 1950. Their two daughters, Gladys (Phil's mother) and Ruth spent many summers at the lake making great memories and friends. From the age of 5, Phil and his sister would come to the lake on the last day of school and they wouldn't return until the end of Labor Day weekend. They spent summers in the children's program and made many friends along the way.

In the summer of 1999, Phil met his wife, Denise, at her friend's house north of the clubhouse (formerly the Setzler, and now Ostuni residence). They married in 2005 and have two boys, Ryan (age 12) and Justin (age 9). After 10 years as a 5th grade teacher in Bayside Queens, Phil secured a 5th grade teacher position he has held for the last 13 years at Norton School in Cheshire, CT. Denise is a business recruiting manager for Pricewaterhouse Coopers. The family resides in Watertown, CT.

After pursuing a Masters' degree in School Administration, the CKCP Camp Director position became available in 2016. Phil figured "What better way to use my degree and selfishly spend the summers with my own children?" He's been Head Counselor since and is currently ordering a new batch of ice pops that will hopefully last the entire summer! Phil enjoys watching the kids grow every year; the friends he grew up with now have kids who will experience the same summers they had – and hopefully continue the ongoing traditions for generations to come.

Phil especially treasures the Knolls' sense of community, neighbors always helping each other out, and the ongoing generations of friendships that are made from year to year. Everyone in the community always says hello to each other, even if they don't know them. As a kid from NY, Phil found that to be quite the eye opener, as well as an awesome experience.

Phil's absolute favorite hobby during the Summer is water skiing with a great group of friends that hit the lake almost every morning when the sun rises. He also enjoys spending quality time with family and friends at North Beach in the afternoons and the "occasional" visit to Down the Hatch (ok, make that many visits to the Hatch).

The Ericksen's really saw something special about the Knolls and the house has truly become a family heirloom. Phil's family, including his sister, Linda, and her husband, Derek, enjoy grilling and chilling on summer nights and continuing to make new memories year after year.



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Around the Town...



Hudson Valley Renegades Baseball

If you are a baseball fan – you and your family can enjoy some nearby, inexpensive minor league fun. The Hudson Valley Renegades, now owned by Diamond Baseball Holdings, is in its

28th season overall and their 2nd season as the NY Yankees High A Affiliate. The team now produces the next generation of major leaguers.

The Renegades play at Dutchess Stadium – 1500 Rt 9D in Wappingers Falls – a mere 35 miles/45 minutes away!

Tickets are reasonable (ranging from \$12 - \$20 for single game purchase) and the stadium has recently made several improvements and additions, including the Sloop Beer Balcony. They've also partnered with Curemark to create a "Sensory Safe Suite" which allows families with children on the autism spectrum and with special needs to absorb the game in a relaxed environment away from the more frantic and louder one. The 2022 season has a slew of creative theme nights including Marvels' Super Hero Day, Beach Night, and Christmas in July.

If you are not a Yankee fan, then check out the schedule for when they play against the Brooklyn Cyclones – the Mets' affiliate team. www.milb.com/hudson-valley

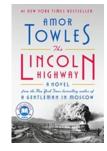
(On a side note, CK's Chris Marasco was formerly the "voice" of the Renegades when he was employed by them after college as their Announcer.)

PS – If you attend a Sunday game, check out "Shadows on the Hudson" in Poughkeepsie for their spectacular Buffet Brunch. You can't beat the stunning views and food presentation of this excellent restaurant! <u>www.shadowsonthehudson.com</u>

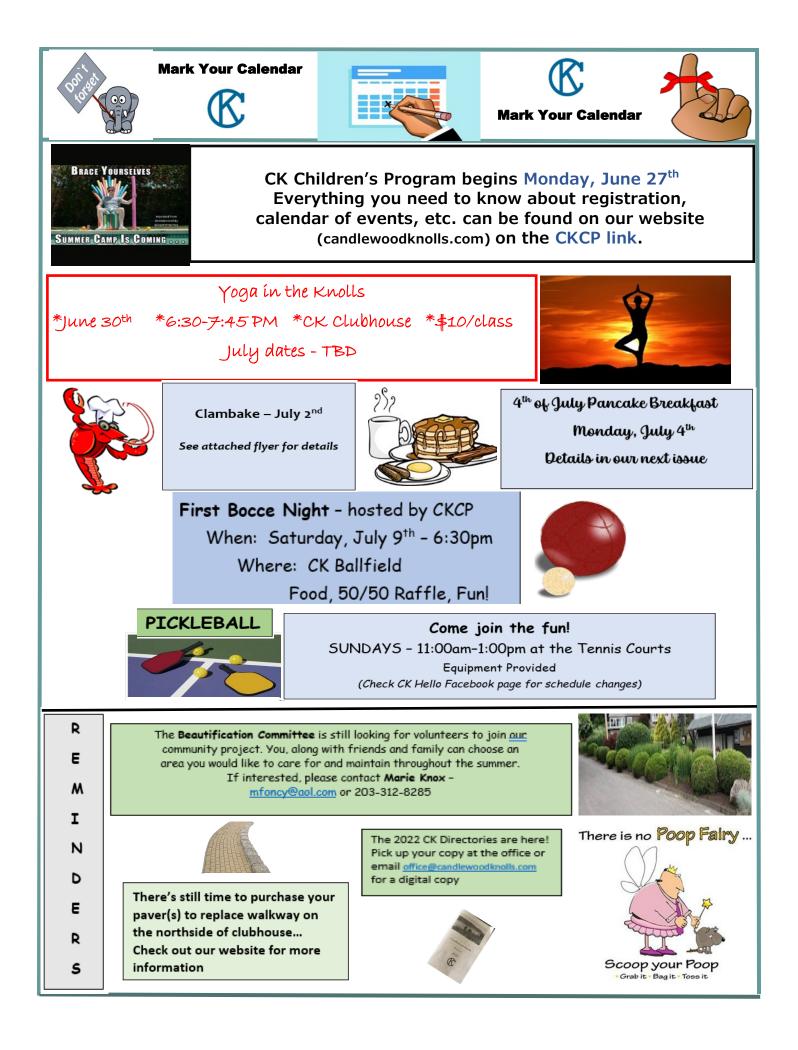
Book of the Week...

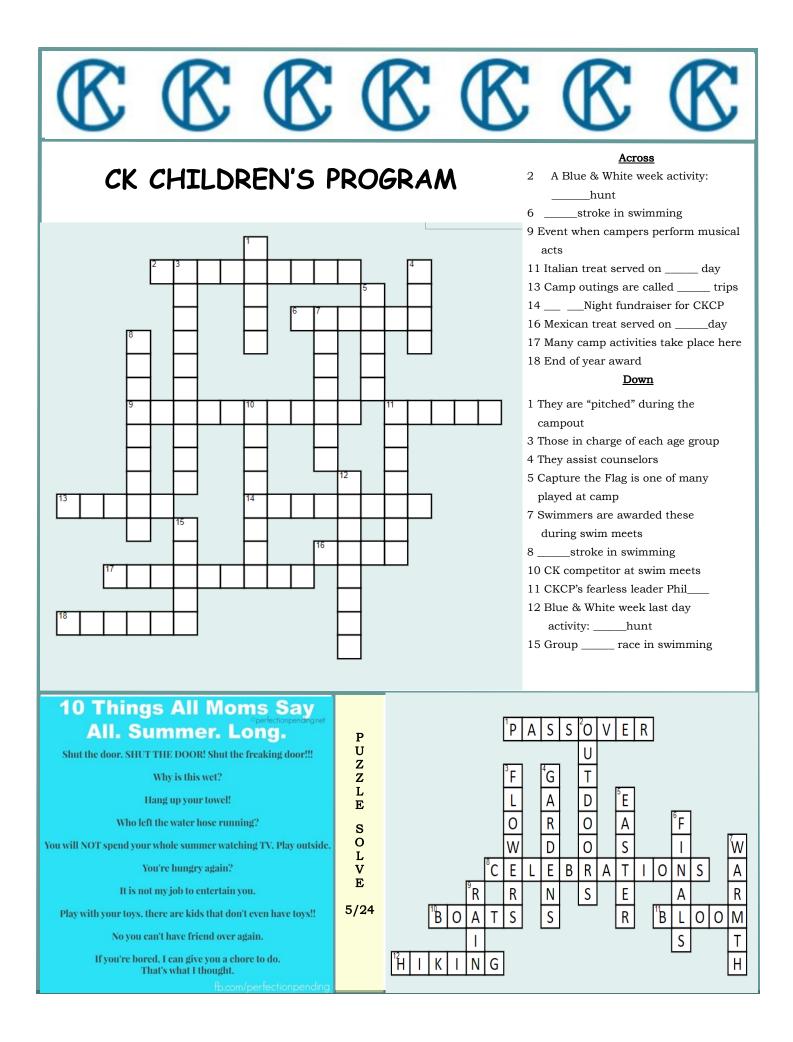
The Lincoln Highway by Amor Towles

This is a big book, almost 600 pages, and a great summer read! Set in 1954, it's about two brothers who are planning to drive from Nebraska to find their mother who told them many years prior she was headed to California. The trip is thrown way off-course by a teenager from the older brother's juvenile detention past. The older brother tries to protect his younger sibling, but often the younger sibling's intelligence ends up saving them. They meet interesting people on their journey which has many unexpected adventures. Towles seems to convey that our personal journeys are never as linear or predictable as we might hope, and I enjoyed reading this book and experiencing all the twists and turns of events! Happy Reading...



Maureen Clegg











Hot Fun in the Summertime Song by Sly & The Family Stone (1969)

End of the spring / And here she comes back Hi, hi, hi, hi there / Them summer days / Those summer days

That's when I had / Most of my fun back Hi, hi, hi, hi there / Them summer days / Those summer days

I "cloud nine" when I want to / Out of school, yeah County fair in the country sun / And everything is true / Ooh, yeah, yeah Hot fun in the summertime / Hot fun in the summertime Hot fun in the summertime / Hot fun in the summertime





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It's back... The Annual Candlewood Knolls

Baker Baker Saturday, July 2nd Cocktail Hour: 6:30pm Dinner: 7:30 – Midnight Cost: \$80.00 per person



RSVP:

Danielle: <u>dani61677@aol.com</u> or CK Office: <u>office@candlewoodknolls.com</u> or Call the office: 203-746-4807 No later than June 28th

MENU

Raw Bar and Non-Seafood Appetizers Entrée Choices: *Lobster *Steak *Swordfish *Salmon or *Chicken (Please let us know your choice when making your reservation) *Corn *Baked Potato *Salad *Dessert 50/50 Cash Raffle All reservations & payments are due by June 28th at 10:00am No payments collected at the door - NO LATE-NIGHT WALK-INS Bar closes at midnight Hosted by Danielle & Gregg Thomas

Hope to see you there!