

Hi Neighbors,

It's Annual Meeting time! This year's Annual Meeting is May 24 @10am at the Firehouse. We encourage everyone to attend to hear what is going on, let us know what issues concern you, and of course to vote for Directors.

This year we are trying something new to make it easier for you to attend – last year several residents said they were unable to attend the Annual Meeting due to conflicts with work, kids' events or travel plans. The Board heard those comments and has been working this past year to find a way to allow everyone to participate and exercise their right to vote.

The Board explored technology options, as well as legal and practical issues, and we are happy to offer residents who cannot be physically present at the Annual Meeting an opportunity to participate and vote remotely at the Annual Meeting.

We have selected a vendor that offers an electronic voting platform that has numerous safeguards, is secure, anonymous and easy to use.

The process will work as follows:

1. Residents who plan on attending and voting remotely may preregister by **5pm May 15, 2025**. Residents can preregister either by coming into the office in person or calling during regular office hours. If you are planning to preregister, we ask that you email Brandon Hyde in advance at [office.manager@candlewoodshores.com](mailto:office.manager@candlewoodshores.com) to schedule a video call using Facetime, Zoom, Teams, or another video calling service.
2. The requirements to vote will be the same as in past Annual Meetings — each person will be asked to show State issued picture ID showing the person to be at least 18 years old, with an address that matches the Grand List for owners. If the person's name is not on the Grand List, they must (a) provide evidence of residency in Candlewood Shores and (b) be on the list of Brookfield registered voters.
3. Every person who preregisters to vote remotely must provide an email address unique to that person. During the Annual Meeting, the link to vote will be sent to that email address.
4. Residents who preregister to vote remotely may attend the Annual Meeting in person, but they will not be given a paper ballot. They will have to vote using the link sent to their email.

5. Residents who attend the Annual Meeting in person and who have not preregistered will be checked in, verified and given a paper ballot, all in accordance with past practice.
6. At the Annual meeting, the President will announce when the polls are open and each preregistered remote voter will be sent a link unique to that person via email. The link will bring them to the site with the ballot. Once the election is open, remote voters will have a specified time announced at the meeting (at least 5 min) to cast votes. Once the specified time passes, no more ballots can be submitted.

In addition to normal office hours, residents may preregister in person at the office on Saturday, May 10 from 10-12:00 noon and via video calls on May 1 and May 8 during the hours of 7pm-9pm. If you intend to preregister during these additional times, please email Brandon to schedule your time.

Again, we encourage everyone to attend the meeting, and we hope this year's remote option will encourage those residents who cannot be physically present to participate.

Remember, the deadline to preregister for remote voting is May 15 at 5pm.

Thank you,

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President, Board of Directors