

Coal City Area Club 2026 Season Newsletter



Welcome Back! We're excited to spend another summer together enjoying the beach, lakes, activities, and the strong sense of community that makes the Coal City Area Club such a special place.

We made several improvements in 2025, including road repairs, tennis court updates to allow for pickleball, opening the concession stand "Sunroom", a Gaga pit, and an ever-growing list of family-friendly activities – all designed to make your time at the Club even more enjoyable.

Please take a few minutes to review this newsletter – inside you'll find helpful reminders, seasonal updates, and important dates for the 2026 season.

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- Membership Policies
- Recreation Rules
- Amenities
- Beach & Activities - *be sure to save the dates!*

What's New in 2026

- New Roofing on all Pavilions
- Archery Range open for use

A Fond Farewell to Tom & Peggy

This will be the final season our Property Manager, Tom Uerkowitz, and his wife Peggy, our lead gate guard, will be with us at the Club. We extend our heartfelt thanks to Tom for 21 years of dedicated service and wish him all the best in a well-earned retirement.

Tom and Peggy have been friendly, familiar faces to so many members over the years, and their hard work and care have played a big part in keeping our Club running smoothly and looking its best. We are truly grateful for everything they have done for our community.

Thank you,

Your Coal City Area Club Board Members

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DUES, IMPORTANT REMINDERS & CONTACT INFORMATION

Dues & Payments

- Annual Dues and assessments shall be payable in full on or before March 1 of each calendar year (by-law - article v, section 4, 1.).
- Invoices will be e-mailed each year on January 5th. **Please contact the Office as soon as possible if you have not received an invoice.**
- A \$50 late fee applies after March 1. Membership dues must be paid in full by December 31, 2026, to avoid forfeiture of membership and fees.
- We accept credit cards (convenience fees apply), cash, checks, and money orders.
- Please return your completed Member info form. All information is required, including email addresses, phone numbers, birth dates, and vehicle registrations.

Important Member Reminders

- Children of members should apply for membership before their 22nd birthday to join without going on the waiting list. After age 22, they must join via the waiting list.
- Board meetings are held on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at the Club Office and open to the public. Meeting minutes will be posted on the website the following month.

Office Hours

- Monday–Friday: 9:00 AM–4:30 PM
- Closed Wednesdays and most major holidays.
- A mail slot is available if the Office is closed.

Contact Information

- Email: info@coalcityareaclub.net
- Website: coalcityareaclub.net
- Operations Manager/Office: 815-634-9810
- Property Manager: 815-482-5926
- Gate House: 815-634-2838
- Lifeguard Shack: 815-634-9835
- Timely updates and announcements will be posted on the website and Facebook page.

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BOARD MEMBERS AND COMMITTEES

<u>President</u>	Erik Frederiksen
<u>Vice President</u>	Nick Trotter
<u>Treasurer</u>	Tony Jacovec
<u>Recording Secretary</u>	Cameron Stiles
<u>Property Manager</u>	Tom Uerkwitz
<u>Operations Manager</u>	Gina Uzzardo
Area/Farming/Conservation Reserve Program	Erik Frederiksen, Monty Shannon, Nick Trotter
Beach	Josh Brainard, Brittney Halliday, Nick Trotter
Boating	Tony Jacovec, Ken Mack, Don Pogliano, Cameron Stiles
Budget	Erik Frederiksen, Tony Jacovec, Nick Trotter
Bylaws	Erik Frederiksen, Monty Shannon, Cameron Stiles
Camping	Jim Gabehart, Brittney Halliday, Ken Mack, Pat Mallaney
Docks	Dean Melvin, Mike Noffsinger, Don Pogliano
Equipment Maintenance	Tony Jacovec, Pat Mallaney, Nick Trotter
Fishing	Josh Brainard, Jim Gabehart, Cameron Stiles, Dean Melvin
Gates and Security	Ken Mack, Mike Noffsinger, Monty Shannon
Hunting	Josh Brainard, Erik Frederiksen, Pat Mallaney, Cameron Stiles
Safety	Ken Mack, Mike Noffsinger, Don Pogliano
Seasonal Activities	Jim Gabehart, Brittney Halliday, Tony Jacovec, Dean Melvin

For questions, concerns, or ways to get involved, please contact the Operations Manager or Property Manager. To reach a Board Member, please call the Club Office.

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MEMBERSHIP POLICIES

Gates, Security & Key Cards

- Gates close at night at 11:00 PM and reopen at 7:00 AM the following morning.
- A guard will not be on duty during overnight hours.
- Key cards are required for entry and exit during this time.
- Guests must leave the property before or at the same time as the member who signed them in.
- Lost or stolen cards should be reported immediately. Replacement or second cards are available for \$10.

Guest Policy

- Guests must be registered at the gate with a member present.
- Guests must follow all club rules and remain the responsibility of the sponsoring member.
- If you plan to host an event with 25 or more (non-member) guests, please contact the Club Office to complete the Event Request Form.

Youth Cards & Curfew

- Youth cards are for children of members ages 12–21.
- Cards must include a current photo, be signed, and laminated.
- Youth must be at least 16 years old to bring guests and must use a parent's issued guest card.
- Youth cards are collected at the gate, and sign-in/sign-out is required.

Bylaws

- **Members are responsible for understanding and following all bylaws, including newly adopted ones.** Current bylaws are available online and in printed form at the club Office and gate.

Safety

- The 5–10-mile speed limit will be enforced throughout the club. Please pay attention and watch for kids especially by the campground. Offenders are subject to violation and review by the Board.
- The entire club is no wake to all boats including pontoons and fishing boats except for speedboats with permit in the speedboat area only.
- Game wardens may access club property and are authorized to enforce the Conservation Rules.
- Per club by law, handguns are not permitted on club property.

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BEACH, ACTIVITIES & EVENTS

Club Activities*

- May 23 - Memorial Day Weekend Beach Opens and Camping Activities
- June 20 - Kids Fishing Derby
- June 29 - Full Moon Yoga on the Beach
- July 4 - Extended Beach Hours
- July 6 - July 16 - Swim Lessons
- July 18 - Sandcastle Competition, Venetian Night & Beach Party
- July 17 - Swim Lesson Graduation
- September 5 - Veterans' Picnic
- October 4 - Rib Cook-off
- October 11 - Spooky Sunday Funday & Pumpkin Carving

Beach Season

- May 23rd - September 7th (weather and lifeguard staffing permitting).
- We are excited to announce Tessa Johnson will return as a Lifeguard Supervisor, with 7 years of lifeguarding experience at our club!

Beach Hours

- May 23–June 7: 11 AM–6 PM
- June 8–August 9: 10 AM–7 PM
- July 4: 10 AM–8 PM
- August 10–September 7: TBD (based on lifeguard availability)

Swim Lessons

- Lesson dates: 2 weeks: July 6 - 10 and July 13 -17
- Registration information will be available in June. Stop by the Lifeguard Shack or call 815-634-9835 to register your swimmer.
- All swimmers who complete the course will be presented with a certificate of completion and invited to leave their handprint on the Swim Grad wall to celebrate their achievement.

***Event dates and times are subject to change and notifications will be announced via the website and Facebook page.**

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RECREATION RULES

Dock Owners

- Docks must be maintained safely and may be inspected.
- Please notify the Office if you no longer wish to keep your dock space.

Pontoon Boats

- Proof of insurance with minimum \$500,000 liability must be on file.
- Club numbers must be displayed; boats without proper numbering may be towed.
- Boat must be registered with the State.

Ski Boats

- Boat inspections by appointment.
- Insurance proof required before entry.
- Permit holders must be present whenever the boat is in the water.
- Insurance minimum: \$500,000 for motors over 10HP.
- Eligible weekday permit holders may reserve up to 6 weekend days between June 1 and Aug 30 (Office reservations required; capacity limited).
- Wading to the end of each boat permitted; however, swimming is prohibited in the speed boat areas.
- Boat must be registered with the State

Fishing

- Please remember to register your catch at the gatehouse mailbox.
- Daily limits:
 - Bluegill -15
 - Bullhead - 12
 - Catfish - 3
 - Crappie - 10
 - Perch - 10
 - Trout - 3
 - Walleye 14" or more - 3
 - Bass 15" or under - 6 / Bass 15" and over none
 - Muskie 35" or more - 1
 - Northern – 3

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Deer Hunting (archery only)

- Members interested in Deer Hunting should submit a postcard to the office by Friday immediately preceding the 1st Sunday in June (June 5, 2026).
- Refer to the deer hunting by-law for instructions on filling out the card
- The annual deer hunting drawing and information meeting will be held on the 1st Sunday in June (June 7th, 2026) @ 9AM at the Big Pavilion.
- 35 initial permits will be drawn, and hunting locations will be chosen at the June meeting.
- Members who have submitted a postcard for deer hunting or a designated representative MUST attend the June meeting or forfeit your permit number. The annual fee will be due at this meeting. Contact Erik Frederiksen @ 815-405-8969

Spring Turkey Hunting (archery only)

- Spring Turkey Season will take place during the State of Illinois (North zone) spring turkey season.
- Interested members should send a postcard to the Area Club Office between August 1st and October 1st.
- Refer to the deer hunting by-law for instructions on filling out the card.
- A drawing will be held on the 1st Sunday in October to fill the 8 available hunting spots. It is the selected hunter's responsibility to obtain a spring turkey season permit form the state.
- The permit holders will choose designated hunting area around February 1st.
- Contact Erik Frederiksen @ 815-405-8969

AMENITIES

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Camping

- Camping season runs April 1 through December 1 each year, weather permitting.
- Camping is allowed in designated areas only.
- When registering, all campers will be given a copy of the club camping rules.

Playground/Sports Facilities

- Quiet Hours: 10:30pm on weekdays & midnight on weekends.
- Playground equipment and basketball, volleyball, and tennis/pickleball courts are open for use at your own risk. Please follow posted rules and be respectful of shared spaces.

Pavilion & Sunroom Reservations

- \$25 non-refundable deposit for one day
- Reservations available after January 1 at the Office
- Reservations are limited to one (1) day per membership each calendar year.

Pavilion #3 (Willow)

- Available 2nd and 3rd weekends only
- \$25 non-refundable deposit
- Reservations available after January 1 at the Office

Sunroom (Beach)

- \$25 non-refundable deposit for one day
- Reservations available after January 1 at the Office

Concession Stand

- Open 12 PM–5 PM from May 23 through September 7 (subject to change due to holidays, staffing availability, and weather).
- Credit and debit cards are accepted.
- Unless marked as reserved, the sunroom, located to the north of the concession stand, is open daily for anyone to use.

Ice and Vending Machines

- Ice is available at the guardhouse. Please pay on the honor system.
- Vending machines are available near the main campground bathrooms and ski beach.

We look forward to another safe, fun, and memorable season at the Coal City Area Club. Thank you for helping us care for our shared spaces and for being part of what makes our community special.

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COAL CITY AREA CLUB EVENTS 2026

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Board Meetings (2nd Tuesday of the month)

Beach Opens, Campground Movie - May 23 (MDW)

Kids Fishing Derby - June 20

Summer Solstice Yoga - TBA

Extended Beach Hours - July 4

Swim Lessons - July 6 - July 17

Sandcastle Comp, Venetian Night - July 11 (tentative)

Veterans Picnic - September 5

Rib Cook-off - October 4

Spooky Sunday Funday - October 11