



From the President's Desk

I have been trying to remember the summer of 1980 and whether it felt as hot as it has this summer. I think time and youth must soften the blow of such memories because the months of July and August have seemed so much more brutal! Despite the near-record breaking heat, your Candleridge Homeowner's Association Board has kept the business of the neighborhood cool and well in hand.

My term as your president concludes with the **General Membership Meeting on September 19 at the Trinity Cumberland Presbyterian Church, 7 p.m.** I have enjoyed this year and meeting many of you. My board really deserves immense credit for keeping Candleridge as the premier community it is and I want to thank them from depths of my heart for their hard work and friendship.

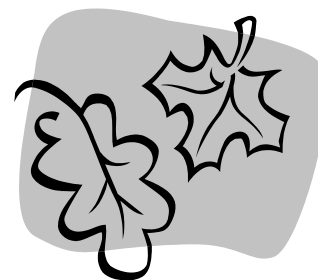
I am pleased that many of the current board plan to return and we welcome some new leadership. Martha Earngey is slated to succeed me as president. Martha, a long-time resident of Candleridge, the executive director for the Arthritis Foundation and someone I have known for many years, will do a terrific job. She has the support of the board as well as Glen Estes and me as former presidents.

At the meeting we will not only elect our new officers and thank those retiring but we will hear updates from our District 6 **Councilman Jungus Jordan** and **Chesapeake Energy Corporation**. Please join us for the membership meeting and do let us know if you have any questions or ideas. Take a moment to get involved too. There are opportunities in many ways to serve and we hope you will take some time to keep Candleridge a wonderful place to live.

Kimberly M. Britton
President
Candleridge HOA

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Public Libraries and E-books, Who Knew?

By Mindy Dyer, Newsletter Coordinator and CandleRidge Resident

I was recently visiting my grandmother in the hospital (no worries, she's perfectly fine now), and her sweet, 84-year-old self had something to teach this 35-year-old gal (me) about modern technology. Yes, that's right, SHE taught ME!

My grandmother and I were casually talking about books and her work with her hometown library board. I was telling her how I LOVE my new e-book reader. I must say, I was reluctant to get one simply because there is something about holding a book and actually turning the pages rather than touching a button to do it for you. I love books. But this nifty little mini-computer fits right in my purse and can go wherever I do. And it holds multiple books. Talk about efficient!

Anyway, back to our conversation...My grandmother told me about her local library system and how you can "check out" books by downloading them to your e-readers. What? Seriously? How did I not know about this? I think I have already spent at least \$50 on e-books downloaded from the world wide web stores and my own library has the SAME books available for download? FOR FREE??

I left her room excited and determined to find out more once I returned home. After tucking my kids into bed that night, I sat down at the computer and went to Fort Worth Public Library's website. And voila! They also have a digital library available to library card holders! Brilliant! So, my tip for all of my fellow Candleridge homeowners is to check out Fort Worth Public Library's website (www.fortworthgov.org/library) and click on the digital library link. Then click on the overdrive link. This will take you to the FWPL's digital library catalog. You can also view a tour of how to navigate the system. Three words: This is FANTASTIC! Check to see if your e-reader is supported and/or your mobile device. Yes, even your phone might be able to support this system! The possibilities are endless; books, audiobooks, even videos. So, check it out... *literally!* I am off now to write my grandmother a thank you note and I think I will address it, "To The Coolest Techie Grandmother Ever."

CandleRidge Garden Club

Come join the Candleridge Garden Club which meets at 7 PM, the third Tuesday each month at St. Matthews Church, 4709 Granbury Road.

The next meeting's program, "The Best of Fall Gardening" will be Tuesday, September 20, to be followed by question and answer period, as well as refreshments.

Come and bring a friend. You will be welcome. For more information e-mail Barbara info@countrydaytravel.com or call the Candleridge Garden Club President Faye Youngblood, 817 346-0054.

Come and Join Us!





In the Park...

CandleRidge Park News



- Because mowing and trimming has been light due to the drought, the Parks Department has had some manpower available to cut down a few dead trees and limbs and remove them from creek beds. However, there is still a majority of the work remaining and we continue to remind them of this need.
- The City has installed a lake level monitoring system at French Lake, which they are doing for all lakes in their system. This device measures the lake level and rainfall (remember what this was?) and reports data over a radio transmitter. The device is powered by a solar panel. The device is located above the storm drain near the aerator fountain in the lake.
- The Parks Department has accomplished several tasks at the request of the Association. They moved up the start time for the aerator fountain from 7:30 to 6:00 AM. Many of the lake walkers are out early, particularly in this summer's heat, and are now enjoying the fountain on their morning walk. The spot light that illuminates the American flag at night (required by protocol to fly the flag in hours of darkness) was replaced twice this year. The aerator fountain was re-tethered. A vertical park sign was constructed and installed at the entrance to French Lake off of Misty Meadow.
- The heat, lack of rain, tree roots, and park truck traffic have caused some damage to sidewalks in the park. The Parks Department was prompt in repairing these areas in July.
- Some of the trees in the park need trimming, but this is a low priority for the maintenance crews. The Parks Department has given permission for individuals to do minor trimming, as long as they do not use power tools (an injury liability issue), and to stack the cuttings near the base so they can pick up on their next round. If you are interested in trimming a tree or two of your choice, contact our Parks Coordinator.
- We have done a few of the painting projects, but are holding off on the benches and tables in hopes of replacing these within the next year. We still have a few other paint projects on the list that we hope to complete after the weather cools a bit.
- The City has a sizeable fund designated for capital improvements to city parks. The money was provided by gas leases for city property. We are told \$275,000 has been allocated for Candleridge Park improvements. We are working with the Parks Department to formulate a list of improvements. Some of the initial ideas include: replacement of wooden benches and tables with metal ones, widening and strengthening of sidewalks, addition of sidewalks in areas where they do not exist, solar powered lights in dark areas of walking trails, trees for areas that do not have any plus water lines in those areas, fill in areas where creek banks are eroding, playground improvements, addition of larger pavilion near playground, bushes to create a duck/geese nesting haven, a turtle sunning barge on the lake. If you would like to make other suggestions, contact our Parks Coordinator, Mike Nipper at mjnipper@aol.com.

Notes from City Affairs Committee

- Marty Harnish, Chairman -

Several times in February, trash and recycling pick-up was delayed or cancelled due to ice and snow. Did you know, or did you leave your bins on the curb several days?

I had the street light in front of my house go out a few months ago. Do you know who to notify if the street light in front of your house goes dark?

Can you do anything about the feral and stray cats that seem to roam the yards of you and your neighbors?

If a water line suddenly cracked and started flooding in the street, would you know who to call?

- ◆ Find the answers at the City Page – Fort Worth’s website for everything Fort Worth - **www.FortWorthGov.org**.

- ◆ Subscribe to “City News” and get emails sent to you by selecting “Subscribe” in the blue bar at the bottom of the of the www.FortWorthGov.org page. They will notify you directly of news and events, including trash and recycling delays and changes.

- ◆ Almost all of the city services departments have forms that will let you ask a question or file a complaint right from their page. Some will contact you if requested. Others will simply complete the task you request and close the action. You can also download brochures and fliers about common code issues.

<u>Services:</u>	<u>Common Violations:</u>
Water	1. High Grass & Weeds
Garbage & Recycling	2. Illegal Dumping
Streets & Infrastructure Projects	3. Junk Vehicles
Animals	4. Substandard Structures
Code Violations	5. Trash & Debris
Health Inspections	6. Too Many Animals
Public Safety & Courts	7. Open & Vacant Structures
Library	8. Zoning Issues
Permits	9. Oversized Commercial Vehicles
Parking	10. Front & Side Yard Parking

- ◆ Transportation & Public Works: Request TPW services or repairs online or by phone through their Customer Service Center at 817-392-8100. To report flooding or dangerous street conditions such as trees or other obstacles on city streets, hazardous potholes, traffic signal malfunctions, damaged street lights or traffic signs, call Customer Service.

- ◆ Another great reference, the 2011 City of Fort Worth “Frequently Called Telephone Numbers” pamphlet was in your January or February water bill. A few helpful numbers from this pamphlet are:

- * City Council District 6 – 817-392-8806
- * City Manager’s Office – 817-392-6111
- * Code Compliance – 817-392-1234
- * Planning and Development – 817-392-8000
- * Animal Care and Control – 817-392-3737
- * Garbage/Recycling – 817-392-3279
- * Tarrant County Offices – 817-884-1111

**CandleRidge Homeowners Association General
 Membership Meeting
 Monday, September 19, 2011, at 7:00 p.m.
 Trinity Cumberland Presbyterian Church
 7120 W. Cleburne Road**



The following is a proposed slate of candidates for the next fiscal year:

- * President: Martha Earngey
- * Vice President: Ron Thompson
- * Secretary: Chuck Bosworth
- * Treasurer: Tim Tatom
- * Membership: Mary Lou Tatom

Come join your fellow Candleridge residents for this meeting and learn more about our community and how you can add your time and talents to support it! We will also hear from **Councilman Jungus Jordan** and receive an update from **Chesapeake Energy Corporation**.

- * A big thank you goes to Mary Lou Tatom, our treasurer Tim's wife, for agreeing to take on the role of Membership from Tim Davis who has served us all so well for so many years
- * We are also in need of a newsletter coordinator. If you are interested in this, please come to the meeting or contact the board president for more information. Thanks Mindy Dyer for some wonderful issues this year.



UPDATE ON NATURAL GAS ACTIVITIES
 August 2011



PIPELINE: The pipeline that will serve both the Pear and the Valkyrie pad sites is now under construction and is planned to be completed in September 2011. It will run south in the right of way of McCart Street, then east along Sycamore School Road to connect to an existing pipeline near Crowley Road. When completed, gas can flow to market and the "first sale of gas" will occur. Chesapeake is not required to make the first royalty payment until 120 days after they achieve a commercial level of production. Therefore, it may be late winter or spring of 2012 when you receive your first royalty payment.

OFFERS TO BUY YOUR LEASE: Some Candleridge leaseholders have received offers from H & H Land Management Co. to buy the rights of their lease. Their representative said they would pay about \$400 to \$600 for a quarter acre lease, depending on the royalty rate of the lease. They said their offer is based on royalties for seven years based on the NYMEX futures price of gas. It appears that their offer is based on the number of wells already drilled, not the greater number expected to be drilled which may significantly increase the gas production and therefore the royalties. If you take this offer, you are selling all of your leasing mineral rights forever. We believe this is a low ball offer. You should consult a knowledgeable gas attorney before considering this offer.



~Glen Estes, Chair, CHA Gas Drilling Committee

Welcome Home New Neighbor!

Do you know any newcomers who have moved to Candleridge since September 8, 2010?

If so, please contact Marian Haber, Newcomers Chairman, at Neighbors@CandleRidgeHomeOwners.com, with their address and name if you know it. We want to welcome them with a Candleridge newcomers kit.



Citizens On Patrol In CandleRidge

By Marty Moskowitz

If you have noticed fewer COPs patrollers passing by your homes this July, it is because we only have about 11 patrollers active at any time, and it was a period of vacations for many of us. We could sure use an infusion of interested residents. The August training date was Saturday August 13, and then there won't be another for a couple of months, so contact me for applications and class dates.

I thought I would incorporate information from two articles which appeared in the July Crime Watch Newsletter. The first concerns a rise in copper thievery, and the second will be a new anti-crime initiative which has already shown very positive results right here in South Division.

Theft of copper from air-conditioning units, especially from new construction homes and empty For Sale residences, has been with us for a while. But of late, they have raised the stakes by snatching compressors out of their housings at residences where the families are inside, asleep. A small unit of thieves can access it and throw it into the back of a pick-up and be gone in a matter of minutes. In addition, neighborhood community centers and libraries have been hit.

On a larger scale, they are now accessing the underground copper cables from street lights. Recently, this was done at the corner of Hulen Street and I-20, disabling four mast lights on the South side of that major intersection. Fort Worth is experiencing about one theft of this type per week. They are replacing the copper wiring with aluminum and posting notices on the poles to discourage the thefts. Residents are encouraged to report unusual activity around street-lights and traffic signals. Transportation and Public Works Department personnel drive city-marked vehicles and will be wearing uniforms bearing the City of Fort Worth logo. Contractors approved to work on city equipment will be in trucks marked with company logos.

The new police initiative is called Blue Tsunami. A large wave of plain-clothed and uniformed police officers from the South Division Zero-Tolerance force, the Neighborhood Police Officers, and some SWAT team members sweep through a series of known drug hot-spots in force. After the first spot had been swept, they then proceed to the next target on their list. After allowing some time for the dust to settle, several COPs patrollers are sent through the same location to see whether activity has been re-activated. The COPs volunteers are carrying police radios set to a pre-arranged frequency and can recall some of the uniformed police. This has already resulted in drug-busts, weapon confiscations, and apprehension of many actors with multiple outstanding warrants.

As you can see elsewhere in this publication, we are shortly going to get together for the annual Candleridge Membership Meeting. A primary order of business will be election of some new officers. I will continue to be your contact with the Citizens on Patrol and look forward to chatting with as many neighbors as I can about the program.

When are my dues *due*?

It depends on what's most convenient for you. Our membership is on a calendar-year basis, and your mailing label will indicate the year last paid to the right of your name.

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We gladly accept your subscription any time of the year. We send out a reminder in the spring for those who have not yet subscribed. Dues are \$25 per household per year—\$15 per year for Senior Citizens 65+ . Please send your payment along with your name, address, phone number and email address to

CHA Membership Chairman, P.O. Box 331871, Fort Worth, TX 76163-1871

Your Canceled check will serve as your receipt.

Aside from noble efforts to arrange a gas lease for our neighborhood, board members of the CandleRidge Homeowners Association work to keep our neighborhood the great place it is: from monitoring neighborhood crime incidents (CandleRidge is always one of the lowest in incidents!) and working with Citizens on Patrol, keeping parched flowerbeds watered as best we can at this time of year, to bench-painting projects and obtaining exercise and playground equipment and smart-looking signs. We also keep in touch with the city and other neighborhoods to foster good community relations. Your dues fund these projects, so please subscribe.



CANINE CORNER

Hi, my name is Candy. I am a...well we are just not certain about my origins but I don't have to know my breed to know my parks!

I love our Candleridge Park. My dog parents walk me there all of the time. It is wonderful. There are all kinds of smells and sights to see but lately there has been an overwhelming smell and the sight is none too pleasant.

It seems that other dog parents are letting their canines leave their uh well, it rhymes with scoop, all over the place, even on the walking path! They don't pick it up in those little bags that Park Coordinator Mike Nipper leaves for everyone at the entrances to the park or bring their own. It is just gross! I mean, I will roll in dead stuff but this is nasty not to mention unsanitary.

On a related topic, there are some dog owners spotted letting their dogs leave their "gifts" in their neighbors' yards. Do I really have to explain why this is wrong?

I have also noticed other dogs off their leashes in the parks! I wish I could get off leash and run around. One time, though, I heard that our neighbor and my dog buddies were attacked by some mean dogs that were let off-leash. My dog mom says you just never know what someone else's pet will do even though your dog may be perfect when off the leash.

Well, that's the straight scoop from your Canine Advisor and please pardon a little dog humor.

~Candy

Candleridge Canine Board Advisor



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