



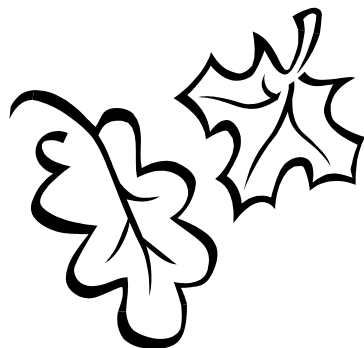
From the President's Desk

I always love the holidays in Candleridge. The air is crisp, the leaves on the trees in the park are changing (and unfortunately dropping in our yards and driveways!). The lights begin to appear on lawns and homes. It is a time to reflect on our gratitude for the past and to look forward to the new year to come. It is with that same anticipation that your new Candleridge Homeowners Association board and I look forward to serving you this year.

You can be confident that we will keep you informed on the happenings with the city, gas well drilling, changes to neighborhood, keep the gardens and the parks in good shape, watch out for crime, make new neighbors feel at home and welcome new members to the association.

Please let us know if you have any questions or ideas and please get involved. 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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ANNUAL HOLIDAY LIGHTING CONTEST!!

WIN CASH!! It's that time of the year again when you can get your creative juices flowing and win a cash prize for yourself. How? By decorating the exterior of your house for the holidays. Cash prizes of \$50 will be awarded to the first place winners in the categories of "Best Lighting" and "Best Religious Theme." Second place winners in these two categories will win \$25. On top of that, there is a \$75 prize to the home that is judged "Best Overall." Contest judges will be out in the area the week of December 13th, so make sure your display is lighted at that time. Votes will be tallied and prizes awarded the week of December 20th—just in time for that last minute gift-buying trip. Everyone is considered an entrant to the contest so there is no need to register; however, **you can't win if you don't decorate.** Here's hoping we have a great level of participation this year.

HAPPY DECORATING!!

CandleRidge Garden Club meetings are held the third Tuesday of the month, 7 PM at St. Matthew's Lutheran Church at Granbury Road and Welch Avenue. Programs this Fall included 1) Gailon Hardin speaking about how to use native plants in our yards and gardens, 2) Bonnie Bradshaw, a licensed wildlife rehabilitator 3) Jim Jones, Audubon Society on how to attract and identify birds in our gardens.

The January 18 program is on Herbs: Companion Planting, the benefits and rewards. For more information call President Faye Youngblood at 817 346-0054.

Come and Join Us!





In the Park...

CandleRidge Park News

Painting Volunteers Needed – The Parks Dept. has provided us with improved paint and the weather is great for outdoor activity, so all we need now are some volunteers. We have several projects – benches, trash barrels, roadside railings, park name signs, and a playground apparatus – that need painting. You can work on your schedule. Contact our Parks Coordinator, Mike Nipper, at mjnipper@aol.com or 817-346-8250 for paint, instructions, and locations.

Grass Cutting Policy Changed – As a budget cutting measure last year, the Parks Dept. decided to reduce edging and trimming of grass to once a year, at the end of the growing season. They have continued to cut grass every two weeks in parks and every four weeks on street medians. Last month they implemented a new policy of reinstating edging and trimming every four weeks, and limiting grass cutting to “pattern mowing” every other two-week period. Therefore, the area skipped in pattern mowing will get a bit long between cuttings, but we think it will be worth it to resume edging and trimming on a regular basis, even though on a four-week schedule. Note – it takes the crew most of a week to complete cutting in Candleridge Park. The CHA Board had considered hiring a service to do regular edging and trimming in the French Lake portion of the park, but this will no longer be necessary.

French Lake Fountain Status – The aerator fountain in the lake failed late last spring. We have been persistent in encouraging the Parks Dept. to repair this. The association purchased repair parts early this summer and we have recently purchased a special lubricating oil for the pump/motor. We were told the fountain will be reinstalled at the end of November.

Creek Bed Maintenance – You may have noticed the brown, dead brush in and along the banks of the creek beds in the park. The Parks Dept. has again sprayed herbicide this fall. We are still a year away from our turn in a 3-year cutting and removal cycle. We are encouraging the Parks Dept. to cut down and remove some dead trees and limbs, along with some down limbs. We are hoping to have this accomplished by this winter.

Duck Feeding – Several residents have regularly been providing supplemental feed at their own expense for the ducks and geese (and squirrels) at French Lake. This is particularly important for the migratory ducks that spend the winter here each year. We thank those who have taken up this mission of providing for our feathered friends.





Our Community

Focus on: ***SOUTHWEST COMMUNITY CENTER***

Where can you find a fitness center, banquet facility, and adult, youth, and senior programs and classes all for a very low annual rate? Right here in your own community. Southwest Community Center, located at 6300 Welch Ave. just off of Alta Mesa and across from Southwest High School, has all of this and more.

You may have been aware of the community center, but were you aware of all that Southwest has to offer? SWCC is a 16,000 square foot facility that features a full size basketball gym, two multipurpose rooms, a dance room, and a full gymnastics gymnasium. Members have access to all of this and much more for an annual fee ranging from just \$6 for youths (17-under) to a mere \$40 for a family plan.

Southwest's friendly staff will help you and your children enroll in both free and fee based classes and programs. The center offers an After School Program, School Break Camps, Karate, Gymnastics, and Summer Day Camps for children. There are also programs in Yoga, Senior Exercise, Pilates, Cardio Kickboxing, Karate, and Tai Chi for adults. Southwest partners with Tarrant County Community College's senior program to provide senior classes each semester in bridge, dominoes, and tap. Many senior classes are free with a Parks and Community Services Membership Card.

Need a large facility to host a party or reunion? Look no further. Southwest Community Center offers various rental packages to fit any need. The gym, multipurpose rooms, and kitchen are all available for rent.

Fort Worth's Youth Athletics Program also runs through Southwest. The Center offers youth teams with excellent coaches in basketball, baseball, softball, and soccer for just \$10 per child.

For more information on Southwest Community Center and its programs, call 817-392-7613 or visit the facility located at 6300 Welch Ave.

Some of what SWCC has to offer:

- Children's camps & sports
- Adult exercise classes
- Senior enrichment classes
- Banquet and party facilities



FYI

Our Area has a new compliance officer. Should you need to file a code compliance complaint or would like to follow up on a complaint, please contact our officer **Cecilia Bell** at 817-392-2354. You can also access complaint history and/or file a complaint by going to the City Of Fort Worth's Code Compliance Department's website at <http://www.fortworthgov.org/codecompliance/>.

Update on Gas Drilling - November 2010

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There are many operational factors that go into Chesapeake's decisions regarding their drilling and fracing schedules. As a result, plans tend to keep evolving. However, the Wedgewood 1H well (West Cleburne Road and McCart) was fraced in early November as scheduled. About 260 homes in the eastern end of Candleridge are within that unit.

Approximately 890 homes in the western side of Candleridge are within the Pear unit. The Pear padsite is at Sycamore School Road and McCart. Previously, two wells were expected to be drilled there fairly soon. That schedule has changed. The Pear 2H well is now scheduled to be drilled in January. The Pear 1H well is not currently scheduled.

The following is a quote from Chesapeake regarding the pipeline construction schedule and payment of the first royalties: "Barring unexpected delays outside of the standard process, the current schedule has pipeline construction starting mid 2nd quarter 2011 with construction completion in 4th quarter 2011. Once the pipeline is installed, this allows for gas to flow to market and be metered accordingly. The lessor can usually expect the first royalty check within 120 days of this first sale of gas."

We will keep you updated on our website as changes occur.

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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.

Tis The Season . . . Holiday Safety Tips

Marty Moskowitz, Citizens on Patrol Chairman, has tips for keeping our homes safe during this festive time.

- ❖ **LOCK UP** - Always keep your home's doors secured and locked, house alarm systems activated and garage doors closed. Also, make sure yard and driveway gates are working properly and secured.
- ❖ **DON'T LET THIEVES SEE IN** - If you do decide to display your Christmas tree prominently in a front window, please use careful discretion as to how much someone can see inside. Those beautiful trees usually have beautiful things wrapped nicely under the tree. We love to see those twinkling trees but make sure we can't see your grandmother's good china too.
- ❖ **HOLIDAY TRAVEL** - The holidays mean trips to visit family and friends but don't forget to make arrangements to protect your home. Make sure to set timers for indoor and outdoor lights to auto-

matically turn on and off. If you have a live Christmas tree, make sure there is plenty of water in the reservoir. Suspend mail and newspaper service. Have a good friend or neighbor lookout for any bigger packages that might arrive.

- ❖ **FIREPLACE SAFETY** - Also, don't forget to make absolutely sure that there are no burning embers left after enjoy that toasty warmth from your fireplace. Never, fall asleep or leave the house while embers are hot.
- ❖ **TELL SOMEONE** - Make sure to let a close friend or good neighbors know you will be leaving town. Make sure they have your correct contact numbers. Another important and often overlooked thing to do is to let your home alarm system company know you will not be home and for what duration. And you can always let the COPs patrollers know too. They will make sure to keep a close eye on your house.

- ❖ **DON'T OPEN THE DOOR** - If someone rings your doorbell, make sure you know who it is. When in doubt, DO NOT OPEN THE DOOR but do make your presence known.
- ❖ **REPORT SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY** - Always report anything out of the usual. It's always better to be safe than sorry.
- ❖ **DON'T BE AFRAID, BE AWARE** - Finally, enjoy the season! Don't let fear dictate whether or not you have a great holiday. Just be aware of your surroundings and of those of your neighbors.



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.

John & Jane Doe ('09) ←
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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+ .

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 Old Glory waiving above French Lake, to the beautiful flowers at her feet, to bench painting projects and exercise and playground equipment and smart looking signs. We also keep in touch with the city and other neighborhoods. Your dues fund these projects, so please subscribe.

2010 CandleRidge Homeowners Association Membership Form

Name _____

Address _____

Telephone: (Home) _____ (Other) _____

E-mail address _____

Please complete this form and return it with your annual dues which are \$25

or \$15 for Senior Citizens (65 + years). Mail to:

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

Your Canceled check will serve as your receipt.



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