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Dear CandleRidge Neighbors,

The CandleRidge Homeowners Association wishes to extend its THANKS to all the Neighborhood Egret Warriors and the City of Fort Worth Animal Control Dept. that have been actively pushing these birds on to greener pastures. I can see these birds steadily coming into this neighborhood each morning before 7:00 AM and at around 6:30 to 7:00 PM each evening. They have been most aggressive in trying to find a home here. I can also hear the loud bangers, whistlers, and various other noise makers which have been effective in pushing them on to some other location. We must continue this defensive action until the Egrets quit returning.

This letter is to encourage this group of egret warriors and support them in whatever way we can. We also ask support from all of those who are not affected by the Egrets. I know some say all the noises and loud bangers are a nuisance. True, any abrupt noise like the bangers can be a nuisance, but consider the alternative if 300 to 600 of these Egrets nested in your trees like they did last year. We need to continue to pull together as a neighborhood, be patient, and help one another until the threat has passed. It won't be long, and they will be gone; maybe by the end of June.

If you see the Egrets starting to nest in your trees or your neighbors' trees, please try to drive them away with whatever noisemakers you have on hand. Hitting wooden blocks or, even banging on old pans with a wooden spoon or stick can easily drive them away. You can also text our local City Animal Control at 817-994-4525. Animal Control has been very supportive and has provided defensive measures beyond our expectations. You can communicate with them on the email chain Laura Rugg started months ago. There are about 80 plus participants on this email chain, and I have noticed Animal Control has been monitoring it and moving personnel in the direction of the egret complaint. If you need the link, please email me, and I should be able to provide that to you. Being as it is not my email chain; I cannot release that without permission from the owner of that email chain.

In the future, we hope to add an Egret Page with a chat room to our CandleRidge Homeowners Association website (candleridgehomeowners.com). This will free up Laura Rugg's email. I hope to have more info on that in the next week or two as that will be an item the Board will need to approve.

Sincerely,

Steven Roebuck, President
CandleRidge Homeowners Association