



Newsletter of the CandleRidge Homeowners Association

## *From the President's Desk*

This was a busy quarter in CandleRidge. As President of this Association, it has been a privilege to see the members of this Board work so well together and with the City of Fort Worth and its officials such as Councilman Jungus Jordan, zoning officers, police representatives, city finance office members, and representatives of code enforcement and animal control. Thank you board members.

Here in the community of CandleRidge, our logo is a foot bridge spanning over a portion of French Lake. This bridge is a memory site for many of the residents who have lived here many years and is a fun place for many of our newcomers and visitors.

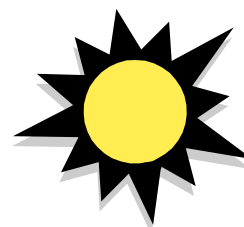
The park bridge at French Lake is almost 40 years old. Soon, work on it and the nearby embankment will begin. The beloved bridge will undergo stabilization and reinforcement work by the city engineering staff, and the shoreline will receive embankment work. The cost of the job will be funded from two accounts—\$52,000 from the gas-related funds from CandleRidge Park and an additional \$40,000+ from the City of Fort Worth gas-related funds. We are looking forward to the completion of the foot bridge work this summer.

We all look forward to a summer filled with wonderful activities here in CandleRidge. Thank you for making it such a wonderful community. As always, I look forward to your continued involvement.



**Chuck Bosworth, PhD**  
President

Summer 2016




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## *In the Park...*



1. We continue with anticipation and look forward to the footbridge erosion project which will begin this summer. This stabilization and reinforcement of the footbridge as well as the shoreline area of the adjacent creek area will cost \$95,000-\$150,000. Part of the funding for this project will come from the remaining \$52,000 Candleridge gas related funds reserved for park improvements. The city will provide the additional monies needed to complete the renovation.
2. As part of our park improvement project and idea contest, we have now purchased five new park benches which will be placed at the greenbelt entrances to Foxfire and Cinnamon Hill as well as at locations along Willow Way and Weatherwood. The city agreed to provide the pads for them, and installation efforts are currently underway.
3. Our 31st Annual Cowtown Clean-up on April 2<sup>nd</sup> was a huge success. We had a great time, and I enjoyed the fellowship with all the participants. This year we had 50 volunteers who participated and collected a total of 42 bags of trash. Participating volunteers were Candleridge residents, two Girl Scout troops, and our faithful volunteers from McKinney Memorial Bible Church. A HUGE THANK YOU to all that participated.
4. The PACS team is in full swing doing their regularly scheduled maintenance at the park. These city workers are busy keeping up with mowing, weeding, trimming, and picking up limbs. Because of all the frequent rains, they have been putting in extra efforts to help remove lake debris.
6. Remember to comply with our Animal Control laws by keeping your dog on a leash at all times. Our park is not a dog training facility, and loose dogs can be a threat to people, to other dogs, and to our feathery residents. Recently, a child bitten by a dog resulted in the child having to receive a series of rabies shots. It is always wise to keep your dogs annual shots current and to exercise caution when approaching non-familiar dogs.
7. Fort Worth Mayor Betsy Price and Councilman Jungus Jordan visited Candleridge Park as part of the Rolling Town Hall on Wednesday, May 11<sup>th</sup>. Participants from several area neighborhoods enjoyed their no-drop bike ride with the Mayor. Those who chose to walk enjoyed a stroll around the park while the bike ride was underway. Many citizens visited with our council member and stayed to ask questions or address neighborhood concerns. A representative from North Central Texas Council of Government was also on location promoting a campaign for LookOutTexans.org, a program which offers specific tips on bike, walk, and drive safety. The group also provided complimentary bicycle safety accessories to participants as a part of the campaign.
8. Coyotes are still present around the park and neighborhood. Keeping your pets on a leash and in fenced areas are good preventative measures in keeping them safe from a coyote attack. Recently, Animal Control officials spent many day and night hours in our area looking for the coyotes and monitoring their habits. Animal control officials successfully removed and relocated some of them from the neighborhood.

We want to keep our park a beautiful and safe place to visit. Thanks to those of you who help with your contributions to keep it that way. If you are interested in helping with our park or have other inquiries, please email: [Parks@CandleRidgeHomeOwners.com](mailto:Parks@CandleRidgeHomeOwners.com).



**Dana Wells, Park Coordinator**

## Speed Bumps: Love 'em or Hate 'em?

Not far from my home is a speed bump. The reflective striping on the bump no longer reflects, and frequently I find myself forgetting that it is there and find myself braking hard.

Since speed bumps dramatically slow the response time of emergency vehicles, particularly fire trucks and ambulances, the city has indicated to the CHA board that it will no longer maintain the current speed bumps and prefers to see them all removed.

If you have strong feelings on keeping or replacing speed bumps near your home, please contact me at [cityaffairs@candleridgehomeowners.com](mailto:cityaffairs@candleridgehomeowners.com)

**Bill Atkins, City Affairs**



## CandleRidge Website and Mailing List

Do you stay informed by checking the CandleRidge website [www.candleridgehomeowners.com](http://www.candleridgehomeowners.com) ?



The CandleRidge website has a wealth of information on our community. You'll find the latest CandleRidge news, contact information, park news, greenbelt news, Citizens On Patrol news, French Lake news, maps, historical documents, Fort Worth events, our blog, Covenants and Deed Restrictions, the By-Laws of the homeowners' association, and news that impacts CandleRidge.

You can also sign up to receive notifications for special events that might be of interest to you as a homeowner and member of our community.

You can sign up to receive our E-Blasts by going to:  
<http://candleridgehomeowners.com/email>

## Candleridge Garden Club

**We welcome experienced and beginner gardeners!**

**Where:** St Mathew's Lutheran Church, corner of Old Granbury Rd. and Welch

**When:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month at 7 PM from September through May

**What:** We have a speaker for every meeting to educate us on anything and everything to do with plants and the soil they grow in. Our program for Fall 2016 is in the planning stage and will be announced in the fall newsletter. Our email flashes will keep you abreast of special plant sales, garden tours, and other fun things related to the garden.

Candleridge Garden Club is a growing, friendly group, and we welcome all who are interested in gardening. Living in Candleridge is not required.

For more information regarding Candleridge Garden Club, contact Barbara Ford, 817-980-1430 or [cdt.bford@gmail.com](mailto:cdt.bford@gmail.com) .



7:00 PM–3rd Tuesday  
St. Matthews Lutheran



## Citizens On Patrol

Do You See Suspicious Activity In Your Neighborhood?

**Call 911**

Call Your Neighborhood Patrol Officer (NPO) Ruben Montelongo 817-991-8473

Let your Citizens-On-Patrol (COP) Captain Chris South know 817-542-9004

Do you know how to find the crime in your area? Go to: <http://www.crimemapping.com/>

Are You Concerned About Your Neighborhood?

Call Code Compliance 817-392-5143

### Recent Reports Received in CandleRidge:

- Car Burglary – Doors Unlocked – Computer / Garage Door Opener
- Car Burglary – Doors Unlocked – Billfold / Purse / CD's
- Car Burglary – Doors Unlocked – Tools / Gun & Holster / sunglasses
- Dog Kidnappers – Attempted Theft / Black Truck with Dog Crates
- Solicitor – Un-wanted salesmen who could not read or ignored “No Solicitation” signs
- Solicitor – Persistent Salesman who continued to ring doorbells
- Speeding above residential speed limit – Kids playing in the area
- Abandoned Vehicle on the street
- Un-Attached Trailer parked on the street

Wear Reflective Clothing at night when outside – walking / jogging / riding, so that people can see you!

If you see a Citizens on Patrol vehicle, wave to the driver. These drivers have volunteered to help our neighborhood by making people aware that they are looking and reporting suspicious behavior or activity in the area. Would you like to help in this capacity? Minimum requirement after training is four – one hour shifts a month at any time of the day. Contact Chris South at [patrollers@candleridgehomeowners.com](mailto:patrollers@candleridgehomeowners.com).

**Chris South**  
COPS Captain

Greetings to all the good residents in CandleRidge:

It seems like there is always someone on the phone, something in the mail, or someone at our front doors asking for money. So, another year, and here is a community letter from CandleRidge reminding you about dues. But think of it like this, dues here are still as low as they were last year, and as low as they were a decade before, and still the same as they were a score ago. That means dues are only \$25 for each household or \$15 for a household with a senior owner or spouse (65 or older).

During the last year since you read about the Board, this group has been very active for you, here is a bit of the action carried on by these members:

Bill Atkins, City Affairs, has continued to work with improving bench quality with studying style, placement, and spacing for such new items which will arrive in the park any time now.

Karen and Bill Hunn have updated the greeting gifts for New Neighbors and keep the hellos timely for our new move-ins.

Our treasurer, Rhonda Watson, watches carefully over our finances and keeps us in good advisement and leadership regarding our banking.

The Gas drilling Committee is still led by Glen Estes and Bill Atkins. We will see if there are any additional funds gained from the legal suit filed by a private firm and now being settled.

The Newsletter is collated and mailed out at least three times a year with Mellanie Clay being the editor. Mellanie was noted this year as a finalist for her contribution to our news by the Fort Worth communities at the December awards.

Membership Secretary Max Watson capably keeps us on-key on a month-to-month basis. It is very helpful to be able to have numbers of members based on criteria when needed.

Jane Bruckner is keeping us aware of the present as it was built on the bones of the past. This helps us arrange plans accordingly to “nows and thens”.

Dana Wells works with local experts and the City of Fort Worth to be sure that CandleRidge Park is carefully maintained and to see that some of the best arrangements of time and talents are given to us. The new fountain in the lake is an item to note. She was a finalist for the city’s highest award this year.

Serving as the Secretary for a year now, Debra Coward, keeps up with the Board’s minutes and all other filings and send-out communications.

Chris South continues to be our Citizen on Patrol rep and not only alerts us of any items of crime or concern but also keeps the “remember to lock up” vigilant on us.

David Coke, Garden Club, is a new Board member and has already begun a new program working with some garden sites in the park.

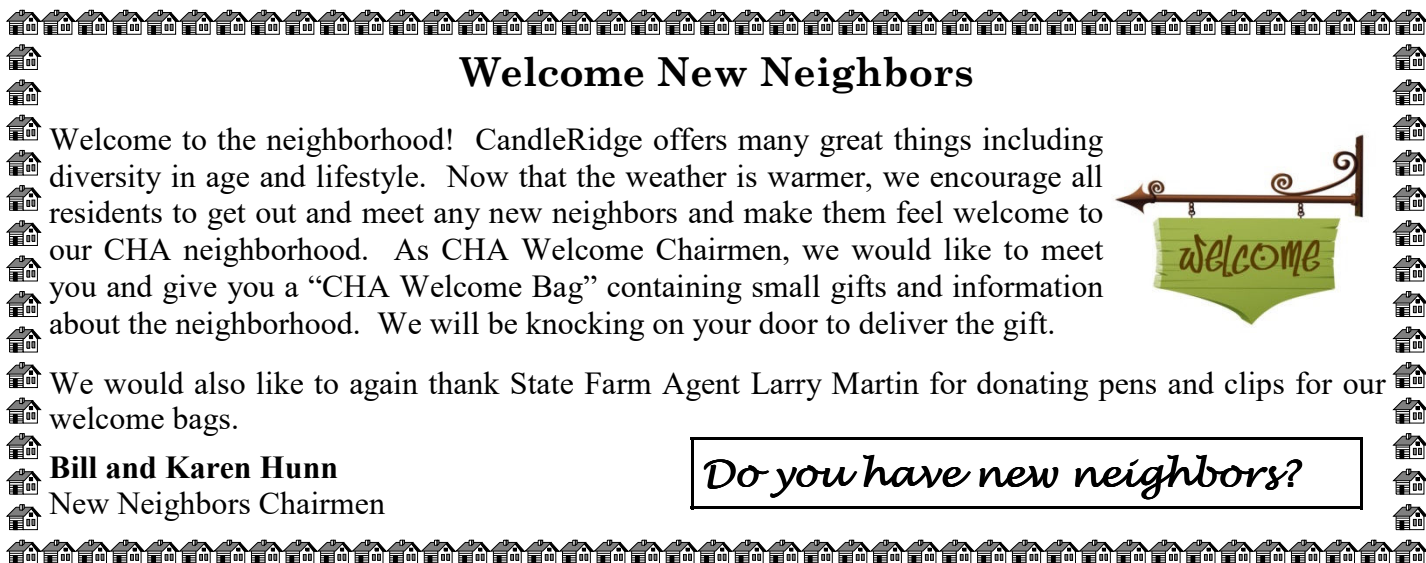
Lastly, vice president Ron Thompson, is always at the meetings to listen to those attending, to help each of the Board members, and to update the Board on community questions.

As your president, I have been so fortunate to work with a wonderful Board and, hopefully, to help this neighborhood retain its manner and form. Please see page seven to join or rejoin our organization.

Sincerely,  
**Walter C. Bosworth, Ph.D.**  
President



CandleRidge Homeowners Association



# Welcome New Neighbors

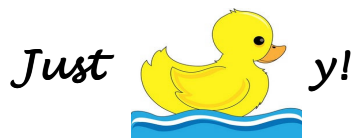


Welcome to the neighborhood! CandleRidge offers many great things including diversity in age and lifestyle. Now that the weather is warmer, we encourage all residents to get out and meet any new neighbors and make them feel welcome to our CHA neighborhood. As CHA Welcome Chairmen, we would like to meet you and give you a “CHA Welcome Bag” containing small gifts and information about the neighborhood. We will be knocking on your door to deliver the gift.

We would also like to again thank State Farm Agent Larry Martin for donating pens and clips for our welcome bags.

**Bill and Karen Hunn**  
New Neighbors Chairmen

*Do you have new neighbors?*

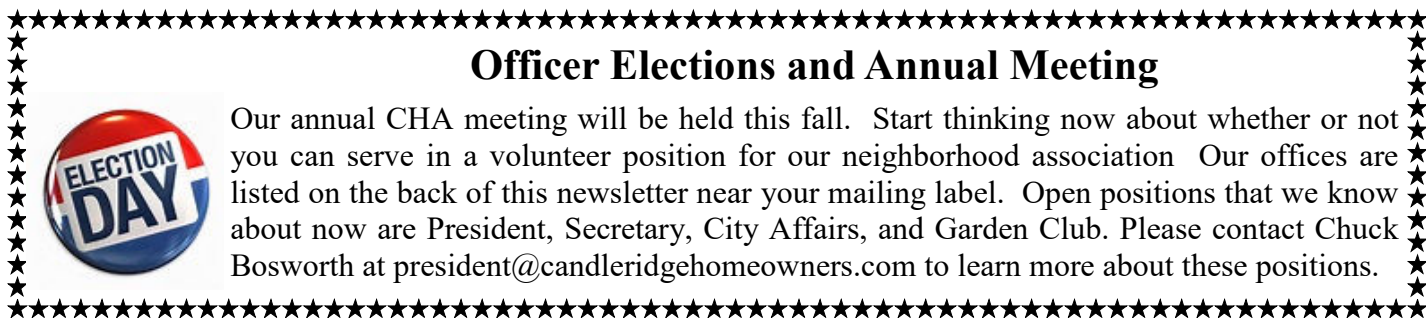


Ducky life is off to a good start this spring. In fact, the ducks did not seem to even miss not having much of a winter. As usual, our visiting migratory ducks moved on in mid-March, so we are back to just our resident ducks. With the warmer temperatures upon us, you will usually find most of our feathery friends chillin' under a shade tree during the day and swimming in the lake in late evening. We already have some new duck families, but most can only be seen in the more remote areas of the creeks and greenbelt areas. As always, we are very appreciative to those faithful folks who continually show their generosity by giving monetary contributions to purchase supplemental food and those who provide food directly to our feathery friends. Wishing all a QUACKY and HAPPY summer!

School ending and summer beginning means that there will be more park visitors over the warmer months. Please keep safety a priority by complying with posted speed limit signs around the park and neighborhood (30 mph normally and 20 mph on French Lake). Also remember to maintain slow speeds in our alleyways (20 mph) as this is becoming increasingly problematic. Be aware of duck crossing signs and slow down or stop for our feathery friends as they cross the road, and remember that they do not know what it means when you blow your car horn.

Wishing all a QUACKY and HAPPY summer!

**Dana Wells**  
“Duck Lady”



## Officer Elections and Annual Meeting



Our annual CHA meeting will be held this fall. Start thinking now about whether or not you can serve in a volunteer position for our neighborhood association. Our offices are listed on the back of this newsletter near your mailing label. Open positions that we know about now are President, Secretary, City Affairs, and Garden Club. Please contact Chuck Bosworth at [president@candleridgehomeowners.com](mailto:president@candleridgehomeowners.com) to learn more about these positions.

## CandleRidge Homeowners Association Membership Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: (Home) \_\_\_\_\_ (Other) \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

I am willing to help with:

 Park maintenance     Gardening     Greeting neighbors     COPS Program     Duck feed

 I am interested in volunteering for a board position \_\_\_\_\_ (indicate position)

*The Candleridge Homeowners Association never sells or otherwise shares its membership list. Providing your email address to this form will allow you to receive urgent updates from CHA. Please complete this form and return it with your annual \$25 dues (\$15 for 65+ Seniors household). Mail to:*

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

**Your canceled check will serve as your receipt.**

## When are my dues *due*?

Dues can be mailed in anytime during the year because CHA membership is on a calendar year basis. To the right of your name on your mailing label, you will find the year that you last paid dues.

John & Jane Doe      (14) ← 1234 Candleridge Fort Worth, TX 76133
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We gladly accept your subscription any time of the year. We send out a reminder in May for those who have not yet subscribed. Dues are \$25 per household per year or \$15 per year for Senior Households 65+.

Aside from efforts to inform you about proper gas lease payments for our neighborhood, board members work to keep our neighborhood the great place it is: from Old Glory waving above French Lake to the beautiful flowers at her feet, from bench painting projects to 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.

## Is my name correct? Is it there at all?

If the name on your mailing label is not correct or if your name is not there at all, please help us update our records and keep our files accurate by sending the correct information to our membership secretary at [membership@candleridgehomeowners.com](mailto:membership@candleridgehomeowners.com).



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