

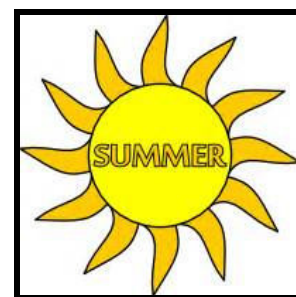
Newsletter of the CandleRidge Homeowners Association

From the President's Desk

Summer 2017

Hi neighbors,

As your president of the CandleRidge Homeowners Association (CHA) and as a homeowner, I wish to take this opportunity to say congratulations to Jungus Jordan on his re-election as our District 6 City Councilman. He has served the city with distinction and dignity for many years. He has always been helpful and responsive to the CandleRidge neighborhood's concerns, needs, and welfare. As Homeowners, we need to vote in our City Elections in order to be certain to elect the best candidate that we feel can represent our neighborhood on the City Council.



You should have already received information in your mailbox on the street maintenance scheduled for CandleRidge. A thin layer of asphalt as well as skid resistance will be added to the existing pavement in order to prevent street deterioration. The majority of the streets will be affected. You can find a map of the streets on our official CandleRidge Homeowners Facebook page and our website located at <http://candleridgehomeowners.com/> and <https://www.facebook.com/groups/172430886475729/>

Inside this issue:

Many of the new homeowners that Karen and I have met while delivering our CHA welcome bags have stated an interest in helping in some capacity with our CandleRidge Homeowners Association. I want to encourage all homeowners to get involved in our association; this is your neighborhood! We need you whether you are a long time homeowner or a new homeowner. Please join with the Board in working for the welfare of our neighborhood. You may contact me or any of the CHA Board members by using the contact information provided on the last page of the newsletter.

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I hope you all are enjoying the warmer weather.

Bill Hunn
President



In the Park...



Candleridge Park News

1. The American Flag was replaced in May.
2. The latest update from the city on the footbridge erosion project is that its plan/goal is to start on the construction this summer (July timeframe) and finish by this fall (October timeframe). This is subject to change, of course, and is not 100% finalized or approved. The city still has to estimate some costs and work through some other details.
3. The flagpole stone wall is in need of some repair/rework due to stability issues (loose and missing stones). We are seeking options and getting estimates on getting this done. Keep in mind that the stone wall surrounding the flagpole is not meant to be sat upon, so please use the provided park benches instead.
4. Cowtown Cleanup took place April 1st and volunteers from the neighborhood and McKinney Bible Church gathered to pick up trash around the lake and greenbelt areas. We collected 21 bags of trash. Thanks to all who participated in this event.
5. The city maintenance contractors are back in full swing mowing, weeding, and trimming. The PACS team still remains busy with other regular maintenance around the park such as collecting trash and fallen limbs and removing debris from the lake which is especially a problem after heavy rain. Hope many residents made it out to the park to enjoy the beauty of the primrose wildflowers this spring.
6. Coyotes continue to roam the neighborhood, so be sure to play it safe by keeping your pets on a leash and in fenced areas at all times.
7. Continue to comply with Animal Control laws by keeping your pets in an escape-free fenced yard and on a leash at all other times.
8. The summer months always bring more park visitors and plenty of heat. Keep safety a priority by complying with posted speed limit signs around the park and neighborhood (30 mph). 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 to area residences to seek shady resting and nesting spots. Always expect the unexpected when driving in the park area. Children and ducks are at play, so keep in mind that one could dart in the street from between parked cars at anytime. Drive like you live here...oh wait, you do.

We like to keep our park a safe and beautiful place to visit, so we say a special thank you to all those who contribute regularly to keep it that way. If you are interested in helping with our neighborhood park or if you have other inquiries, please email parks@candleridgehomeowners.com

Dana Wells, Park Coordinator



History Highlights French Lake in Candleridge

How many neighborhoods have an oasis? Here in Candleridge we enjoy the greenbelt's biking and walking trails which lead to French Lake in Candleridge Park. French Lake opened to the public in June 1981. The American flag proudly flies every day, welcoming us into this oasis. At the flagpole base is a flowerbed of blooming, drought-tolerant, perennial plants. The city park around the lake is mowed by the City of Fort Worth, but volunteers maintain the flowerbeds. While walking or biking on the wide walkway around the lake, we see the park benches, picnic tables, playground equipment, ducks, geese, turtles, and fish in the lake. The lake's aerating fountain in the water is a cooling feature and helps maintain water quality.

In the beginning, the lake was created from a little creek on treeless prairie pasture land. With the city planting the trees and citizens watering them the first year, we now enjoy the large shade trees. French Lake is fed by a small intermittent creek that starts just west of Hulen Street. There are also several large drainage culverts that empty into the lake. Water flows northeast out of French Lake where it is joined by another small creek soon after it crosses Wind Chime Drive. The creek continues northeast, passing through Edgecliff Village and finally joining Sycamore Creek just east of Edgecliff Village. Sycamore Creek flows north through Carter Park, Cobb Park, and Sycamore Park to reach the West Fork Trinity River near I-30 and Riverside Drive.

The partnership with the City of Fort Worth and the Candleridge Homeowners Association (CHA) makes this leafy, green, outdoor space so enjoyable. Thank you to the neighbors who walk your dogs and pick up after them; and thank you to neighbors who pick up any trash left behind by unthinking visitors to the park. This is our neighborhood lake park, and we like it green and clean. Thank you to Dana Wells, our elected Park Coordinator, for overseeing our oasis. She, like all the CHA Board members, are volunteers in our great community.

Jane Austin Bruckner,
Candleridge Historian



Candleridge Garden Club

Where: St Mathew's Lutheran Church, Old Granbury Road and Welch

When: 3rd Tuesday of the month, 7 PM, from January through May

What: We have a speaker for every meeting to educate us with programs relating to all aspects of gardening. We have fun field trips and off site meetings too. Refreshments are served at each meeting, and there are two potluck meetings.

Next meeting: September 19, 2017

Have a lush summer and join us this fall for our informative programs, pass-along plants and companionable garden people.

For more information, contact **Barbara Ford**, 817- 980-1430 or gardenclub@candleridgehomeowners.com



7:00 PM–
3rd Tuesday



Citizens On Patrol

Thank You Citizens on Patrol Volunteers

This group of members (Male/Female-eighteen or older) helps patrol the streets of CandleRidge and surrounding neighborhoods in your community. These members accomplished this by driving their car, riding a bicycle, or walking with a neighbor around the block. These volunteers are from all walks of life and are dedicated and trained to act as the eyes and ears for the safety of this great community.

Who are your neighbors that volunteer to be a Citizen On Patrol?

ACTIVE PATROLLERS	Call Sign	Service Date	# Years Involved
WINSTON SEAMAN	Candle 01	Apr 94	23
LU MOSKOWITZ	Candle 17	Dec 96	20
MARTY MOSKOWITZ	Candle 18	Dec 96	20
AL DIRNBERGER	Candle 22	Jul 08	9
DONNA MELTON	Candle 23	May 10	7
CHRIS SOUTH	Candle 26	Oct 12	5
DELLA SOUTH	Candle 28	Jul 13	3
CHRIS EARLEYWINE	Candle 30	On Leave	<1
PETER FOLKS	Candle 33	May 17	<1
ROSEMARY FOLKS	Candle 34	May 17	<1

Approximately 89 Years of Total Service

You should be proud of them!

Would you be interested in joining them?

The training and certification is provided by the Fort Worth Police Department in a four hour class usually held on a Saturday morning. If you have ever thought about the security and safety in your neighborhood, then now would be a good time to step up and join this growing group of volunteers. If you need more information or have questions, please contact CandleRidge COPs Group Captain Chris South at 817-542-9004 or by email patrollers@candleridgehomeowners.com.

We would love to have you join us.

Chris South
COPS Captain
patrollers@candleridgehomeowners.com



Citizens On Patrol

Voter Apathy?

There are 55,393 registered voters in City of Fort Worth District 6 (our district) and only 4,635 voters participated in the May 2017 the election.

Only 33,036 votes were cast in the entire City of Fort Worth in the May Mayors election!!!!

Although you may be aware of these statistics, a reminder may be a good thing because voter and citizen apathy is the main ingredient in the recipe for change which may or may not be for the best. As you can tell by looking around our city and state, North Texas, in particular, is growing rapidly. Rapid population and community growth invites development both desirable and undesirable.

In addition to many other responsibilities, CandleRidge Homeowners Association monitors development around us because part of what gives value to any home and community is the nature and character of the surrounding property. There is an expectation of stability and continuity that is built into the value of a home and community. In fact, that's part of the reason why many people have chosen CandleRidge as a place to live and raise their children.

The issues of zoning, residential restrictions, and commercial development are inherently a local issue; however, in the absence of vigilant monitoring, regulations and restrictions are ignored or bypassed through legislation.

Vigilant monitoring is just one part of what is necessary to prevent the undesirable changes in regulations, restrictions, or property use. Citizen apathy provides an unchallenged easy path for regulation, restriction, and zoning changes—some good and some not so good. Citizen awareness and willingness to participate in the decisions regarding proposed changes is essential in maintaining the quality of our community and property values.

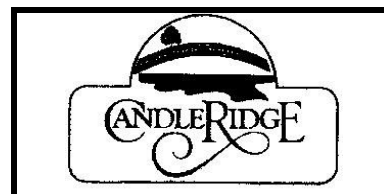
If you're not already a member of the CandleRidge Homeowners Association, please join. We need your financial support (a bargain at \$25.00 a year) to continue to adequately serve our community, and perhaps most importantly, we may need to call upon you for assistance in defending or defeating proposed zoning changes and/or regulations that could have an affect on our community. Assistance could come in the form of signing a petition, attending a meeting and/or discussion, or going to a City Council meeting in order to demonstrate support for or against proposed legislation.

In addition to inviting you to become a member of CandleRidge Homeowners Association, we would also like to encourage your recommendations, suggestions, and concerns—anonymous if you prefer, at email: vice-president@candleridgehomeowners.com or feel free to call or send a note to a board member.

Please see your membership invitation on the back of this newsletter!

Thank you.

Tom Green
Vice-President



Candleridge Homeowners Association



Welcome New Neighbors

Welcome to the neighborhood!! The houses in CandleRidge are continuing to sell very well. Now that the weather is warmer and more neighbors are outside and walking on the trails, it will be a good time to make some new friends. We want to be sure all new homeowners receive our great "Welcome Bag " from the Candle Ridge Homeowners Association. We will be knocking on your door to give you your welcome bag soon!



If you know of a new neighbor on your street or if you are a new resident, please let us know so that you can receive a "Welcome Bag".

Karen and Bill Hunn
New Neighborhood Chairmen

Do you have new neighbors?

Just  *y!*

With spring and summer upon us, our visiting migratory ducks bid farewell until their return in the fall. Our resident ducks roam more this time of year, so drive slowly and cautiously. Their favorite past time during the day is shade hogging wherever they can find it in the day and swimming in the evening time. There have been some new mallard duck families this year, so we are waiting to see if our domestic breeds are going to follow suit. Our happy quackers would like to thank those who continually show their support with monetary contributions to purchase supplemental food or by providing food directly to them. Our feathery friends wish all a QUACKY and HAPPY summer!

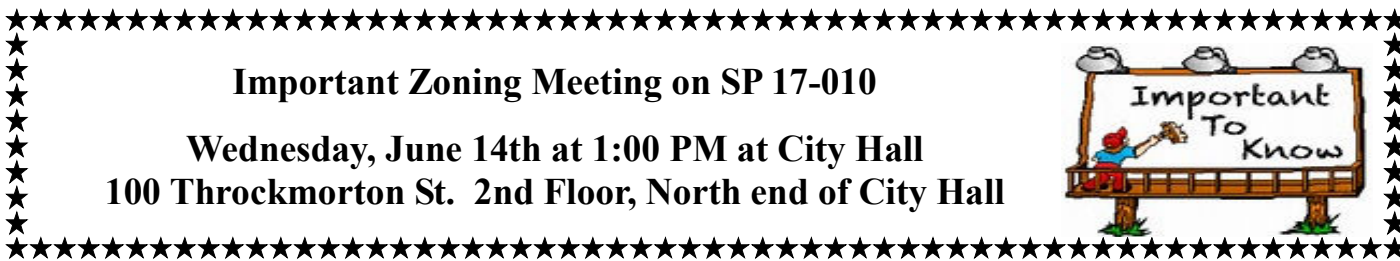
Hope you have a QUACKY HAPPY SUMMER!



Dana Wells
"The Duck Lady"



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Important Zoning Meeting on SP 17-010
Wednesday, June 14th at 1:00 PM at City Hall
100 Throckmorton St. 2nd Floor, North end of City Hall



CandleRidge Homeowners Association Membership Form

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: (Home) _____ (Cell) _____ (Other) _____

Email address: _____

I am willing to help with:

 Park maintenance Gardening Greeting neighbors _____ 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 email 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. Box 331871, Fort Worth, TX 76163-1871

Your canceled check will serve as your receipt.

When are my dues *due*?

Dues can be mailed 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 (16)
 1234 CandleRidge Drive
 Fort Worth, TX 76133



We gladly accept your subscription any time of the year. Dues are either only \$25 per household per year or \$15 per year for Senior Households 65+.

Aside from efforts to inform you about important news and events for our neighborhood, board members work to keep our neighborhood the great place it is: from Old Glory waiving above French Lake to the beautiful flowers at her feet, from bench painting projects to exercise and playground equipment and smart looking signs, and from maintenance to zoning issues. We regularly keep in touch with the city and other neighborhoods. Your dues fund these projects, so please join.

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.



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of the topics in this issue and
much more. [http://
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