



Newsletter of the CandleRidge Homeowners Association

From the President's Desk

Hi neighbors,

I hope that each of you is enjoying a great summer.

It is Fall, and you know what that means, don't you? According to the CHA bylaws, we are required to have our General Meeting each year to elect the next year's officers. This year's meeting will be on Thursday, September 21st. We will have a social time from 6:15 PM to 7:00 PM in which you can enjoy pocket sandwiches provided by "PAC-A-Pocket," chips, and soft drinks. The meeting will begin at 7:00 PM. The meeting location is Trinity Cumberland Presbyterian Church, 7120 W. Cleburne Road, 76133.

We have several items on our meeting's agenda that you will not want to miss. You will hear reports from each of this year's officers so that you can be updated on everything from our park to our finances. Additionally, you will receive a list of the Board's recommendations for nominations for the next year's officers, and you will have the opportunity to nominate other candidates for positions. After the nomination process, we will have the elections for next year's CHA officers. You will want to be a part of this!

Jungus Jordan, our Fort Worth District 6 City Councilman, will also be at the meeting and will provide us with important information pertaining to our neighborhood as well as the rest of Fort Worth. He will be available to answer any questions that you might wish to ask after his presentation.

This is "Your" Homeowners Association. As your president, I encourage you to attend and to participate in the Association.

Sincerely,

Bill Hunn
President



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In the Park...



Candleridge Park News

New park signage referencing park hours and important city ordinances are now located on Misty Meadow, Francisco, and King Richards. Watch the signs and our website because the hours may be changing soon as the city moves to standardize hours to maintain consistency with all city parks.

The footbridge erosion project did not start in July as planned, and we are waiting to learn about the revised timeline for this to be done. Some temporary erosion repair around the monument and benches just below the footbridge is underway.

The flagpole stone wall is still in need of some repair/rework of loose and missing stones impacting its stability. We have contacted the city for a second time to see if it will provide the needed repairs so that we do not have to pay for the repairs.

This year's change to a 21-day schedule for mowing, weeding, and trimming parks combined with the unusual late-summer precipitation has contributed to higher growth of grass and weeds. PACS continues to remove debris from the lake brought in from heavy rains, collecting trash, and picking up fallen limbs. We have requested to have some additional low limb tree trimming done. See the CHA website for the complete mowing schedule.

The trash cans are currently being evaluated by the city for replacement throughout the park and greenbelt areas, and a few have been replaced already.

Because we have experienced some super hot days, the lake remains an inviting place for cooling off. Please remember that the lake is not a swimming pool for people or pets.

Coyotes will become more active when cooler temperatures arrive, so take precautions to protect your pets.

Back to school time usually means we will have fewer park visitors until cooler temperatures prevail. Please drive safely and comply with posted speed limit signs around the park and neighborhood.

Thank you to our faithful contributors who keep our park beautiful by consistently picking up trash or who are keeping watchful eyes and reporting unusual or suspicious activity. If you are interested in helping with our neighborhood park or if have other inquiries, please email Parks@candleridgehomeowners.com.

Dana Wells
Park Coordinator



Animal Issues

Again, we are experiencing some unlawful squirrel and duck hunting (poaching) in the park. Please call 911 to report any individuals shooting at animals from inside a vehicle or retrieving the animals. According to Fort Worth Game Warden, these acts violate several laws: discharging of a firearm within the city limits, shooting from a vehicle, shooting across a property line, shooting across a road way, shooting without a proper license or approval, and wasting of a game animal.

Non-compliance of Animal Control laws has been severe over the summer months. We have had an over abundance of stray dogs has been present, and many park visitors are not keeping their dogs on leashes. Please keep your dogs on a leash AT ALL TIMES and repair your fences if needed to make sure that your yard is escape free. Put a lock on your gate for additional protection.

CandleRidge Homeowners Association Annual General Membership Meeting

7:00 PM Thursday, September 21, 2017
Social time begins at 6:15 PM

Trinity Cumberland Presbyterian Church
7120 W. Cleburne Road, Fort Worth, 76133

Mark your calendars and plan to attend!

Candleridge Garden Club Autumn 2017

UNDER THE BIG TOP is the theme for Candleridge Garden Club this year. Our programs run from September 19, 2017, through May 18, 2018. Our first meeting this season will be September 19th at 7:00 pm. Dottie Woodson will speak on fire ants and water conservation. Our October 17th program is "Putting Gardens to Rest." The November 21st meeting will be all about herbs, and on December 19th our holiday party potluck and garden gift exchange takes place.

We hope to have some private gardens to visit throughout the year. If your garden reflects your hard work and creative ideas, please contact one of our members to discuss a visit from our garden club. If you are new to gardening, we are happy to share ideas and suggestions, and to pass-along plants.

We welcome everyone living in Candleridge or not to join our friendly and active garden club. Come to learn and to enjoy meeting fellow gardeners. Our meetings are the 3rd Tuesday of each month between September and May at 7:00 pm. We meet at St Matthew's Lutheran Church at Granbury Road and Welch. Dues are only \$16 per person, per year. For additional information, email Barbara Ford at Cdt.bford@gmail.com



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



Citizens On Patrol

Another wonderful summer is coming to a close, but it is still HOT in Candleridge. No matter what the weather is like, we all need to be vigilant in our surroundings and neighborhoods.

You see something suspicious going on? CALL POLICE NON-EMERGENCY: 817-392-4222

You see something that is an emergency? CALL THE EMERGENCY NUMBER: 911

If you have not seen the latest Crime Reports, then you need to check out this web site:

<http://www.fortworthpd.com/crime-information/Default.aspx> For the 76133 area you will notice the different crimes in the various neighborhoods. For the CandleRidge area, you will see that we have lower crime. Thank you for your awareness and to our many Citizens on Patrol (COP) volunteers that patrol our neighborhood.

Current issues in the area are:

- Garage door open and nobody visible even in the alleyways leaving valuables exposed. Even the pastor of our church has been teased about his golf clubs missing since he left his door open. We sure gave him a hard time, but he closes the door now.
- Valuables remaining inside your car whether it is locked or not: Once the culprit thinks it is worth the risk and his time, he will ransack your car looking for anything of value. Take your valuables inside and lock your car door. It will save you money and frustration.
- The lawn companies have been warned to lock their equipment in their the trucks or attach them to their trailers since we have had a few thefts in this area. Do you leave your equipment out when taking a break? I did, and I lost an expensive gas edger that I only had a short time.
- Are your valuables marked? RAPIDS is a citizen's burglary deterrent program for use in homes, vehicles, and businesses. The program involves the marking of property with an identifying number as a means of discouraging burglary and theft. RAPIDS will label your valuables with your Texas Driver's License number or VIN number in a barcode format so that your property can be traced and identified as yours. This is a free service provided by the Fort Worth Police Department Crime Watch Section.

Want to join Citizens on Patrol? Please contact us. The training and certification is provided by the Fort Worth Police Department in a four hour class usually held on Saturday mornings. If you have ever thought about the security and safety of 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 if you have questions, please contact Chris South at 817-542-9004 or by email at southcr46@yahoo.com, or you can contact Marty Moskowitz at 817-292-4959 or by email at lumarmos@sbcglobal.net

If you see a COP volunteer on patrol, please stop and ask us about the program. Your training and minimum commitment is only four (4) one hour time slots driving or walking in CandleRidge. We would love to have you join us.

Chris South, COPS Captain
patrollers@candleridgehomeowners.com

New Community Garden Being Planned!

There is a new Community Garden being planned in our neighborhood at Trinity Cumberland Presbyterian Church, 7120 West Cleburne Road, Fort Worth 76133. Pastor Randy Hardisty of the church is very supportive and hosted an organizing barbeque dinner July 25, 2017, at 7:00 PM at the church to learn about interest in this. At least fifty people attended.



Willie Redmon, Garden Coordinator of the First Christian Church of Arlington gave an informational presentation which included pointers for starting and maintaining a community garden. Mr. Redmon handed out a booklet of helpful information and told how his church started a garden some years ago called Harvesting Hope Community Garden. He shared what they learned and the enjoyment it has brought. He even told how to reduce vandalism by planting a "Vandals Garden" at the entrance of the garden and marking it with a sign reading "if you must take food, please take it from here." Think about it: 8 hours of sun, good soil and water for growing good food, as well as flowers and friendships. Could you contribute expertise or tools or seeds or plants or simply reserve one of the new garden beds for growing your very own fresh vegetables and/or flowers?

For more information contact Autumn McCarthy at kempautumn@yahoo.com
or

Pastor Randy Hardisty at randycpc@sbcglobal.net

City News

Help keep our neighborhood as nice as it is! Let me again remind you that if you are planning on doing any kind of improvement on your property in CandleRidge such as putting in a storage shed or a deck or even enlarging your driveway, you have two issues that you will need to deal with prior to construction. First, you may need a city permit. Call the City at 817-392-2222 to have someone walk you through this process. My dealings with the City lately have been handled very cordially and efficiently. Secondly, you need to see if what you want to do is in compliance with the CandleRidge deed restrictions. Go to our homeowner's website, www.candleridgehomeowners.com. In about the center of the page is a heading for "Deed Restrictions." Click on "CandleRidge Deed Restrictions Explained" for a summary of our neighborhood deed restrictions.

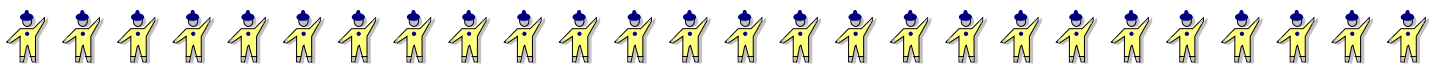
Street light out? Call the City at 817-392-8100. The people are usually very responsive!

Slowly but surely our neighborhood street resurfacing is coming along. Remember that this is the adding of a thin layer of new asphalt designed to make the existing road last longer, not a major reconstruction project. The contractor is supposed to come in and do some leveling work prior to the new asphalt being put down so that when the work is completed, the road should be a lot smoother. As of this writing, the City has put asphalt down on some low spots on my street which appear satisfactory to me. Be vigilant though. If you see rough spots not being done satisfactorily, please call Tariqul Islam with the Fort Worth street department at 817-392-2486.

Bill Atkins
City Affairs



Candleridge Homeowners Association



Welcome New Neighbors

Welcome to our neighborhood! Many new homeowners have discovered our hidden neighborhood with our beautiful park and greenbelt walkways. Bill and I love meeting you and giving you a "CandleRidge Homeowners Welcome Bag." We almost always ask why you picked this neighborhood, and you tell us that you like the trees and the well built homes that are on a good sized lot. Many of you are remodeling the homes and updating them to today's standards. We are excited to see so many new faces.



Bill and Karen Hunn

Do you have new neighbors?



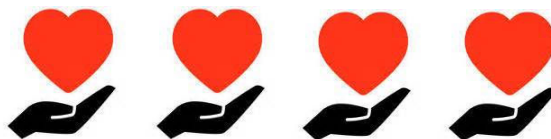
Ducky life has enjoyed the less brutal heat this summer and the additional precipitation. We enjoyed the occasional egrets and the visiting mallards over the summer. Sadly, the repopulation efforts were not that successful this year. Because the turtles were very active over the summer, many of the new waterfowl were lost. Also, park visitors were entertained this year by our newest female goose named Newgoosa. She nested in the open grass at the north end of the lake, and people would literally come to see her several times a day and bring her plenty of food and water. One family even made her a goose down cover that provided her with shade and shelter from sun and rain. She loved the attention and was one spoiled goose! There was much anticipation of some goslings, but unfortunately, her eggs were not fertile. Newgoosa promises to try again next year though. We anticipate the arrival of our migratory ducks in October and will welcome a "FULL HOUSE" once again. Remember the park and lake are the home of our feathery friends, and they appreciate visitors being kind and gentle towards them and keeping their dogs on leashes. Many happy quacks go out to our supporters who directly provide food or monetarily contribute so that we can purchase supplemental food.

Quack, Quack



Park Receives First Dedication Bench

Candleridge Park has received its first dedication bench! The bench, located at the intersection of Arbor Gate and Willow Way, was donated by Wedgewood resident donors of 27 years, Michael and Dianna Smith who love our park and walk it every day. They especially love having their bench located at a crossroad on the trail. The Smiths have spent many hours in the park with their children and with their-grand children over the years prior to deciding that they wanted to add something to it. The dedication for the bench reads, "One Hand, One Heart" from the song in the musical and movie "West Side Story" which was sung at their wedding on June 8, 1973. Michael mentioned that leaving their last name off the dedication stone just seemed like a romantic gesture. The board sends a special "THANK YOU" to the Smiths for their generosity in providing Candleridge Park with this special gift.



CandleRidge Homeowners Association Membership Form

Name: _____

Address: _____

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

Email address: _____

I am willing to help with:

 Park maintenance Gardening Greeting neighbors Other (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 or \$15 for 65+ Seniors households. Mail to:

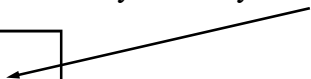
CHA Membership Chairman, P.O. Box 331871, Fort Worth, TX 76163-1871

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 with one resident 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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this issue and much more!!

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