



Newsletter of the CandleRidge Homeowners Association

From the President's Desk...

Hi Neighbors,

I hope everyone has a wonderful summer filled with great vacations or even staycations. Fall is right around the corner, and soon it will be time for our holiday lighting contest. To enter, be sure to have your lights and decorations up by December 20th.

According to our CHA bylaws, we are required to have a General Meeting in September to elect new Association Officers. The General Meeting will be on Thursday, September 20th at Christ Lutheran Church on Sycamore School Road next to the Ace Hardware. A social time with sandwiches and drinks will begin at 6:15 PM with the meeting starting promptly at 7:00 PM. I encourage you to attend. Councilman Jungus Jordan will speak about issues concerning our neighborhood, possibly about the new development at Sycamore School Road and Chisholm Trail Parkway called Tavelo Park. Also speaking will be Ruth Barajas, our Community Engagement Liaison with the City; Cynthia Holt, a Fisheries Biologist with Texas Parks and Wildlife who will address some of the issues at French Lake; and Richard Martinez and Juan Cadena from Transportation Public Works.

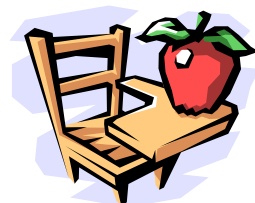
I wish to thank everyone for the opportunity to serve this Association and the neighborhood these past two years as your president. It has been an interesting and rewarding experience, and I encourage each of you to participate in our neighborhood association.

I also want to thank each of the other members of the board for their work and efforts to enhance and improve our neighborhood. Each member of the board is a volunteer who spends many hours of their own time working toward the betterment our neighborhood.

Sincerely,
Bill Hunn
 President



Fall 2018



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In the Park...



The City Council voted to expand the city's smoking ban to include city parks with City Ordinance 29.5 which went into effect August 15th! A sign about this is posted near the footbridge.

Due to the extreme heat and lack of rain, some of our plant and tree life around the park has suffered. The area around the flag pole and the bald cypress trees in the park have been especially impacted.

It's been much easier for the PACS contractors to keep up with mowing and weeding this year since we did not have as many rainy periods as last year. Fortunately, crews were even able to treat the lake wall for weed growth. Our regular city crew has done a good job of keeping debris and trash out of the lake.

On June 29th, DPS installed speed limit monitoring signs on French Lake Drive near the cross street of Fuller Drive in order to conduct a six week speed study of cars driving along this section of the road. On a rotating basis, the speed limit study discretely monitored and recorded speeds for one week and visually displayed speeds to alert drivers of their current speed. The goal was to help drivers comply with driving the speed limit along French Lake by Candleridge Park. We will be notified of the study's results which will indicate if further steps should be taken to obtain observance of speed limits. As usual, be aware of your speed and drive safely.

Coyotes are already on the hunt again and will remain that way thru fall and winter. Some pets have fallen victim to them over the past few weeks. Residents, take preventative measures to protect your pets.

I am pleased to report there is better compliance with our Animal Control laws lately. Because of mended fences, fewer stray dogs have been reported. Outside temps have been brutally high for dogs to be on the loose without access to shelter and water. Park visitors have also been more obedient about keeping their dogs on leashes. However, there remains some laziness regarding cleaning up after your dogs, so please remember to scoop their poop! To assist you with this, volunteers maintain and stock bag receptacles for your convenience. Keep up the good work complying with animal control laws.

This summer, the excessive temperatures kept park visitors somewhat scarce during the day with increased visits taking place during the evening hours. To beat the heat, park visitors tend to arrive early morning to get in their regular exercise programs. Back to school time usually means fewer park visitors, and park visitors will be plentiful once cooler temperatures set in.

Keeping our park beautiful takes much effort which our faithful residents and non residents provide. Thank you to those who contributor by consistently picking up trash, etc. Keep those eyes wide open and promptly report any unusual or suspicious activity that you see going on in the park and neighborhood. If you are interested in helping with our neighborhood park or have other inquiries, please email parks@candleridgehomeowners.com.

Dana Wells, Park Coordinator



Open Positions!



At our annual meeting, we will be electing our officers for the upcoming year. We still need two volunteers for positions. If you are interested in joining our board as treasurer or vice-president, please contact Bill Hunn at president@candleridgehomeowners.com or call him at 817-832-5077. We would also like to have an attorney who could advise us from time. Board meetings are held every other month and as needed when something comes up.



CandleRidge Homeowners Association Annual General Membership Meeting

7:00 PM Thursday, September 20, 2018
Dinner and Social time begin at 6:15 PM

Christ Lutheran Church
400 Sycamore School Road
(By Ace Hardware)

Candleridge Garden Club

We welcome experienced and beginner gardeners!

Candleridge Garden Club meets the 3rd Tuesday September through May. Our first meeting this season will be held on September 18th at 7:00 pm. The program is "Pet Friendly Plants" and will focus on people, pets, and poisoning precautions. October 16 will feature "What's Bugging You? Plant Pathology". November 20 our program is "What's the Buzz?" with the Bee Charmer giving us the information we need to encourage and protect these essential insects. December 18 will our holiday party potluck and garden gift exchange.

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 gardening is new to you, we are happy to share ideas, suggestions, and pass-along plants.

We welcome everyone, living in Candleridge or not, to join our friendly and active garden club led by President Faye Youngblood. Come learn and enjoy meeting fellow gardeners. We meet at St Matthew's Lutheran Church at Granbury Road and Welch. Dues are \$16 per person per year



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

For additional information, email Barbara Ford at Cdt.bford@gmail.com



Citizens On Patrol

Thank You Citizens on Patrol Volunteers

Hello Candleridge Homeowners,

I hope everyone is doing well and enjoying the somewhat cooler weather. My name is David Melton, and I am the new captain of the Candleridge Citizens on Patrol group for our neighborhood with another brief report.

The Citizens-On-Patrol groups have been actively patrolling not only our Candleridge area but also the special detail patrols assigned by the Neighborhood Patrol Officers (NPO) in the South Division of the Fort Worth Police Department. We coordinate at different times and days to present a visible deterrent to crime. We focus on various criminal activities that have been reported in different areas. The police count on us to be additional eyes and ears for them when they are busy elsewhere. Our placarded vehicles are a deterrent to the casual thief checking for unlocked car doors or open garages.

If you notice people or things in your neighborhood that look suspicious, don't hesitate to call 911. It could be nothing more than someone not realizing that our neighborhood is patrolled and monitored, so please be vigilant. Watch your surroundings and keep your garage doors closed, your car doors locked, and your valuables out of sight, especially with the soon to be upcoming holiday shopping season.

Also, if you'd like to become a member of our Citizens on Patrol teams, please call me, David Melton, at 682-472-0450 or email patrollers@candleridgehomeowners.com. You may also contact Marty Moskowitz at 817-292-4959 or by email lumarmos@sbcglobal.net. If you see a COP member on patrol, stop and ask about our program. Once training is completed, the minimum commitment is only four (4) one-hour time slots monthly driving, walking, or bicycling in Candleridge. We would love to have you join us.



Per City Code 25.5

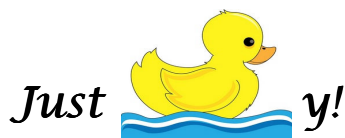
WE ARE NOT the "Smoking" police, but you should be aware of the following:

Smoking ban in city parks began Aug. 15th. Earlier this year, the City Council voted to expand the city's smoking ban to include city parks. Smoking will still be allowed in outdoor areas of municipal golf courses and the Will Rogers Memorial Center. The City's Parks and Recreation Department director will be allowed to create rules to permit smoking in designated areas of parks for special events.

Thanks for Reading,

David Melton
COP Captain





Ducky life was definitely overheated this year...I think I actually saw them sweat! Their method for beating the heat was to shade hog during the day and swim during the evening when temps were cooler. Many of our migratory mallards even stayed this summer...imagine that! The egrets were in abundance around the lake this year as well. It was exciting to see the occasional Canadian geese fly in for their rest period and spend time at our lake before continuing on their flight.

My favorite visitors this year were an amazing species called Black-Bellied Whistling-Ducks. The Black-Bellied Whistling-Duck is a large, goselike duck with a long neck, long legs, and a short tail. In flight; they have broad wings and a hunched back. You can listen for their high-pitched whistles at night as they travel from feeding fields to roosting sites. They often perch in trees and on logs which extend over the water and nest in the logs' cavities. They are dark in color with a chestnut breast, and their black bellies are set off by a bright-pink bill and legs, grayish face, and broad white wing stripes, all of which are visible as they fly. As ducklings, they are very small and are often known as the "bumble bee" duck (yellow in color with black stripes). ADORABLE to say the least.

A few ducklings survived this year, but most fell victim to our Double Trouble Duo hunters—predatory turtles and hawks. Our star goose, Newgoosa, tried for months to bring us new goslings, but she was unsuccessful in her efforts. Our "Full House" will be the October timeframe when our migratory ducks arrive and settle in until next spring. Our feathery friends appreciate being treated with kindness and respect since French Lake is their home. Many contributors provide food or monetary contribution so that we can purchase supplemental food for them. Thanks for your continued support. Our feathery friends wanted me to QUACK you a question.... HEY YA'LL, IS IT FALL YET? Well, guess they really are OVERHEATED!! Quack at cha later!

Dana Wells, The Duck Lady

Stay Informed Electronically

Did you know that our printed newsletter costs a little over \$2,200 a year to send out? Your CHA board would like to continue to be good stewards of your dues by switching over to an electronic format. Saving money by decreasing our newsletter costs would provide more money for enriching, neighborhood projects. We thank those of you who have already signed up for this.

To start receiving your CHA Newsletter electronically, simply switch your current mail subscription to an email subscription by emailing your name, address, and email address to **subscriptions@candleridgehomeowners.com**. In addition to receiving each issue by email, you will receive our E-News Blasts and other updates that affect Candleridge and the City. Help us to help you!

You can also keep informed by joining our Candleridge Homeowners Association Facebook page at **<https://www.facebook.com/groups/172430886475729/>** Please be patient when you request to join this page as, for your privacy and safety, we verify that you do live in Candleridge. Website **www.candleridgehomeowners.com**





Welcome New Neighbors

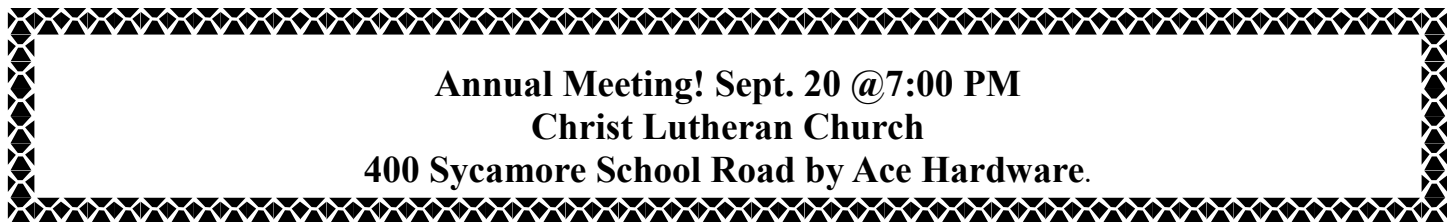


Welcome to the Candleridge neighborhood! We will be coming by your new home with a “CHA Welcome Bag” which contains a few gifts and information about the neighborhood. As your new neighbors greeters, we always enjoy meeting new friends. CHA is a registered neighborhood association which strives to help keep this area a pleasant place to live. We hope you will want to join our organization. See page 7 for a membership form.

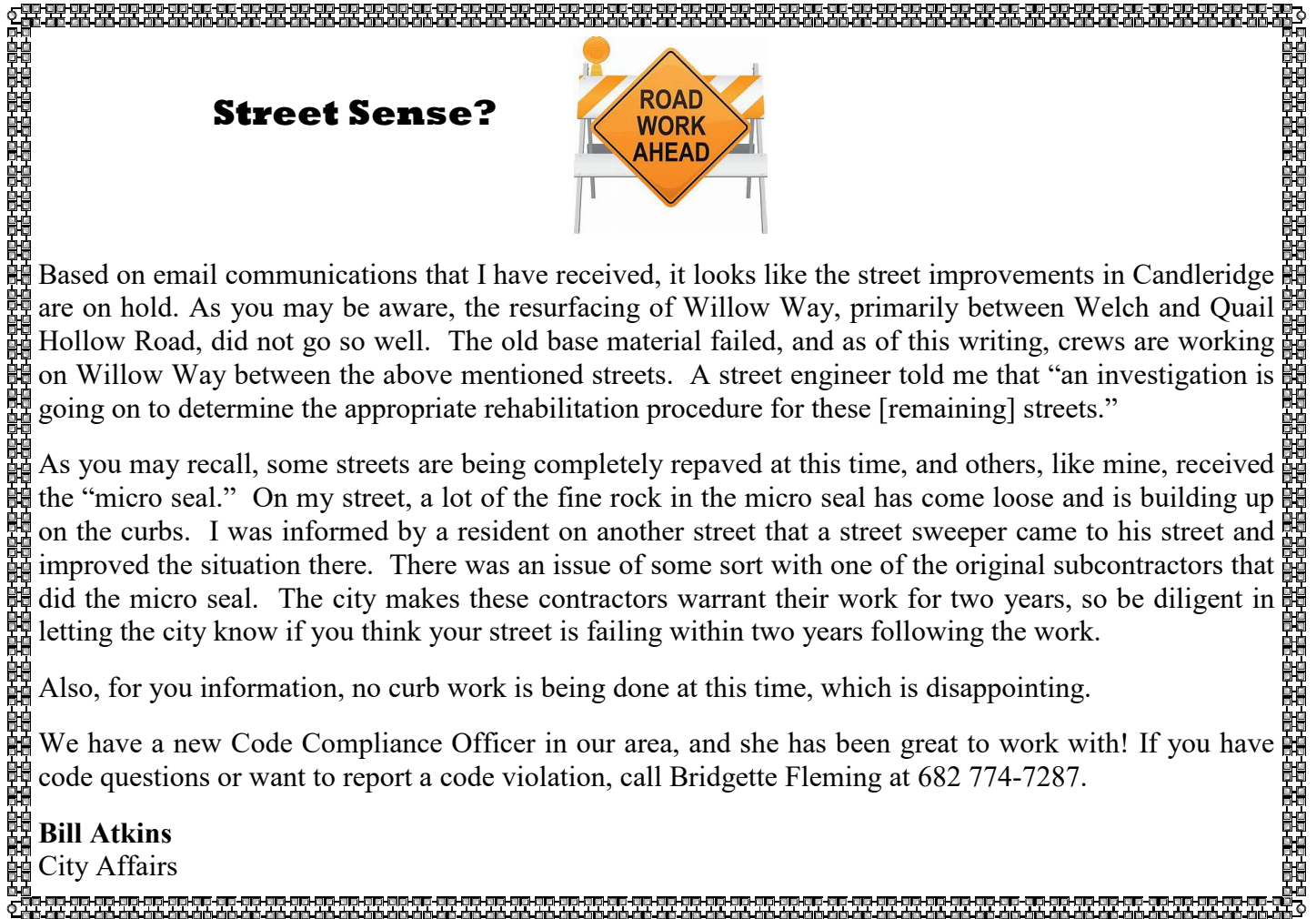
We encourage all CHA residents to welcome new neighbors and help them learn where local schools, stores, and churches are located.

Do you have new neighbors?

Bill and Karen Hunn
New Neighbors



Annual Meeting! Sept. 20 @7:00 PM
Christ Lutheran Church
400 Sycamore School Road by Ace Hardware.



Street Sense?



Based on email communications that I have received, it looks like the street improvements in Candleridge are on hold. As you may be aware, the resurfacing of Willow Way, primarily between Welch and Quail Hollow Road, did not go so well. The old base material failed, and as of this writing, crews are working on Willow Way between the above mentioned streets. A street engineer told me that “an investigation is going on to determine the appropriate rehabilitation procedure for these [remaining] streets.”

As you may recall, some streets are being completely repaved at this time, and others, like mine, received the “micro seal.” On my street, a lot of the fine rock in the micro seal has come loose and is building up on the curbs. I was informed by a resident on another street that a street sweeper came to his street and improved the situation there. There was an issue of some sort with one of the original subcontractors that did the micro seal. The city makes these contractors warrant their work for two years, so be diligent in letting the city know if you think your street is failing within two years following the work.

Also, for you information, no curb work is being done at this time, which is disappointing.

We have a new Code Compliance Officer in our area, and she has been great to work with! If you have code questions or want to report a code violation, call Bridgette Fleming at 682 774-7287.

Bill Atkins
City Affairs

CandleRidge Homeowners Association Membership Form

Name: _____

Address: _____

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

Email address: _____

I am willing to help with:

Park maintenance Gardening Greeting neighbors Legal Advice (licensed attorney)
 Code Issues _____ 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

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 (17) ← 1234 Candleridge 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 neighborhood associations. 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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