



Newsletter of the CandleRidge Homeowners Association

January 2019

From the President's Desk...

Dear CandleRidge Residents,

I am Steven Roebuck, your new CandleRidge Homeowners Association President. I follow Bill Hunn who served your Board and Community for many years. I want to thank Bill for his great service and for showing me the ropes of CHA. Many thanks to the community for placing your trust in me and the board. We will strive to do our community service in a manner that will meet with your approval.

Our Board works toward helping to resolve issues as they develop and needs your support to aid in keeping the board functioning. One way you can help is by being a member of our Association. (See page 7). Your dues help by paying for the maintenance of our website, the printing and mailing of the newsletter, and sending email blasts about important issues. On a voluntary basis, members coordinate the Citizens on Patrol; our New Neighbors committee greets new homeowners; the historian keeps up with the past history and current events; our treasurer keeps accurate financial records, pays the bills, and yearly files our IRS papers; the park coordinator keeps watch over issues at the park and stays in contact with the city's Parks Department; our secretary keeps accurate minutes of meetings; and our quarterly newsletter gets compiled. We also maintain the CHA Facebook page and represent you at City Hall during zoning and variance hearings.

We will always strive to notify the community of any items of concern or interest. We do need your input, so please notify us of issues that need the Board's attention. Email me at president@candleridgehomeowners.com.

In closing, I want to thank each resident for doing your part in keeping our neighborhood a great place to live and a place that we can enjoy coming home to.

At Your Service
Steven Roebuck, President



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In the Park...



Remember that the new smoking ban in Fort Worth city parks (City Ordinance 29.5) is in effect.

The DPS speed monitoring study on French Lake is still ongoing. Study signs on French Lake Drive near the cross street of Fuller Drive going both directions are still actively monitoring vehicle speeds of cars driving along this section of the road. Speed limit compliance along French Lake and Candleridge Park is our goal, so please be aware of your speed and drive safely.

In November, the dam received its scheduled five year inspection. All was good and operational.

A safety inspection of the playground equipment was recently conducted. It passed the inspection.

The bridge erosion project which is currently in the planning phase is still on target for a 2020 completion date.

Although the mowing and weeding of the park and greenbelt areas are at a halt during winter months, PACS has still been busy with maintenance items such as picking up trash, keeping debris out of the lake that the rain brings in from the creek beds, and picking up broken tree limbs. Workers have also been doing some needed tree trimming along with removing a few diseased trees from the park. The regular maintenance schedule will resume in the springtime.

Although I have no reported sightings of coyotes in the neighborhood, this doesn't mean they are not present; so always play it safe by supervising and protecting your pets from falling victim to them.

Keep up your continued practice of our Animal Control laws by keeping your dogs on leashes while in the park and remembering to clean up after them. Make sure your pets are safe from the frigid temps that the winter months bring by bringing your pets indoors or providing shelter and blankets for them if they remain outdoors.

There are always less park visitors during the winter months. For those who wish to brave the cold by taking a stroll, remember to bundle up or wear a few extra layers. Better yet, bring your favorite hot beverage along; it will warm you from the inside out.

Many residents contribute in various ways to help maintain the beauty of our park. THANK YOU for these efforts as they show how much you care about the neighborhood you live in. Also, our residents come together providing watchful eyes and reporting suspicious activities in the neighborhood. Keep it up! Our combined efforts keep our neighborhood a safe place to live. If you are interested in helping with our neighborhood park or have other inquiries, please email parks@candleridgehomeowners.com.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Dana Wells, Park Coordinator



Holiday Light Contest winners

- 1st Place: Craig Ducas at 7121 Windchime \$100.00
- 2nd Place: Paul Blevins at 7213 Johnstone \$75.00
- 3rd Place: Hosea Beaty at 4633 Cinnamon Hill \$50.00



City Code: All outdoor lights need to be down 90 days after being put up!

Help the Board Help You



There are many issues that face our neighborhood. Our streets, street lights, and infrastructure are aging and often need reported to the City. We also have some crime that we need to be vigilant about reporting. We can all watch and report litter issues; people poaching ducks at the lake, and code violations (high grass and non-permitted construction in particular). We ask your help in reporting any of these issues to the city. You can find all City of Fort Worth contact numbers at www.fortworthtexas.gov.

Candleridge Garden Club

We welcome experienced and beginner gardeners!

Garden Club meetings will run from January through May 2019. We meet at 7:00 PM the third Tuesday of the month. We meet at St Matthew's Lutheran Church at Granbury Road at Welch.

January 15: Renea Karl: "Get Set, Be Ready." A long time Botanic Garden employee, Renea has all the inside information. What's new, what's special, what's the best loved?" Renea knows!

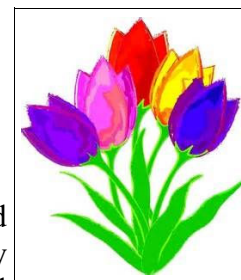
February 19: Kit Van Nostrand & Barbara Ford: "Tea Party." It's a hands on project with pretty, dainty tea cups, saucers and small plants. Put them all together and you are ready for a Tea Party.

March 19: Ashley Coles and Patti Brunnert: "Taming Wild Flowers" for your Garden. Wild Flowers, native plants.

April 16: 6:30: OFF-SITE MEETING! The Great Indoors at Into the Garden 4600 Dexter (corner of Hulen and Camp Bowie Blvd). Guests are welcome.

May 21: 6:00 PLANT EXCHANGE and potluck, Location to be announced.

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 are happy to share ideas and suggestions and pass along plants. Dues are \$16 per person per year



3rd Tuesdays

For additional information, email Barbara Ford at gardenclub@candleridgehomeowners.com



Citizens On Patrol

Thank You Citizens on Patrol Volunteers

HAPPY NEW YEAR CandleRidge Homeowners,

Safety Resolutions for the NEW YEAR!

Keep the following safety tips in mind and make these small changes in the New Year to help you lessen your chances of becoming a victim of criminal activity.

RESOLVE TO....

Personal Safety

1. Pay attention to your surroundings. (Be aware of people and occurrences near you).
2. Be aware of distraction crimes. (One person gets your attention while another may victimize you).
3. Don't open your wallet/purse in public. Have a few dollars ready for making street donations.
4. Avoid carrying large amounts of cash and only carry the credit cards you will need.
5. Keep copies of the front and back of credit cards for your personal records.

Winter Preparedness (Home)

1. Check the weather forecast before leaving home.
2. Build a 72-hour emergency kit in case of a power outage.
3. Do not use an oven or charcoal/propane grill inside your house for heating.



Automobile Safety

1. Do not leave items in plain view in your vehicle. --- Take. Lock. Hide!
2. If you feel you're being followed, go to an occupied area instead of going home.
3. Have your keys out and ready when returning to your vehicle.
4. Lock your doors when driving.

Winter Preparedness (Vehicle)

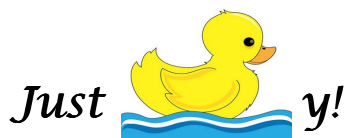
1. Place gloves, blanket, stocking hat, energy sacks, and bottled water in your vehicle's trunk.
2. Carry kitty litter which can help you with spinning tires on ice and with preventing falls.
3. Carry an ice scraper, first aid kit, flashlight, cell phone charger, and jumper cables.

Also, if you'd like to become a member of our Citizens on Patrol teams please call me at 682-472-0450 or email me at dmelt@sbcglobal.net. You may contact Marty Moskowitz at 817-292-4959 or email him at lumarmos@sbcglobal.net. If you see a COP member on patrol, stop and ask about the program. Once your training is completed, a minimum commitment is only four (4) one-hour time slots a month driving; bicycling, or walking in CandleRidge.

We would love to have you join us.

David Melton
COP Captain





QUACK QUACK, who's there? It's our visiting migratory widgeons, shovelers, scaups, and occasional sea gulls who have arrived for a short term stay and will depart sometime in March. They bring much joy to our park visitors who watch the ducks work together swimming in circles to stir up the water which releases trapped food and insects from the water and mud. There is the common wisdom of safety in numbers, so our resident ducks even enjoy the benefit of their visitors. Our feathery friends love the colder weather and usually swim more this time of year, unlike in spring and summer when you find them roaming the neighborhood. Bigger appetites prevail in colder temps as well, so with their down feathers along with additional supplemental feeding, they will have all the warmth they need to survive the winter.

Most people are unaware that bread is not a healthy diet for ducks, but we know the experience and joy it brings to park visitors who like to indulge the ducks. I might mention that wheat instead of white bread is a better and healthier choice to feed them. I would like to express my sincerest gratitude to those who show thoughtfulness by showing up lakeside in their warmies (as I call it) to bring additional supplemental food for the ducks during the cold spells. Also, we greatly appreciate all of our continued supporters who provide monetary contributions so that supplemental food can be purchased.

Always take precaution and obey posted speed limit and duck crossing signs in the neighborhood. Our feathery friends wish all a HAPPY AND QUACKIE NEW YEAR!

Dana Wells, The Duck Lady

Stay Informed Electronically Help us help you!

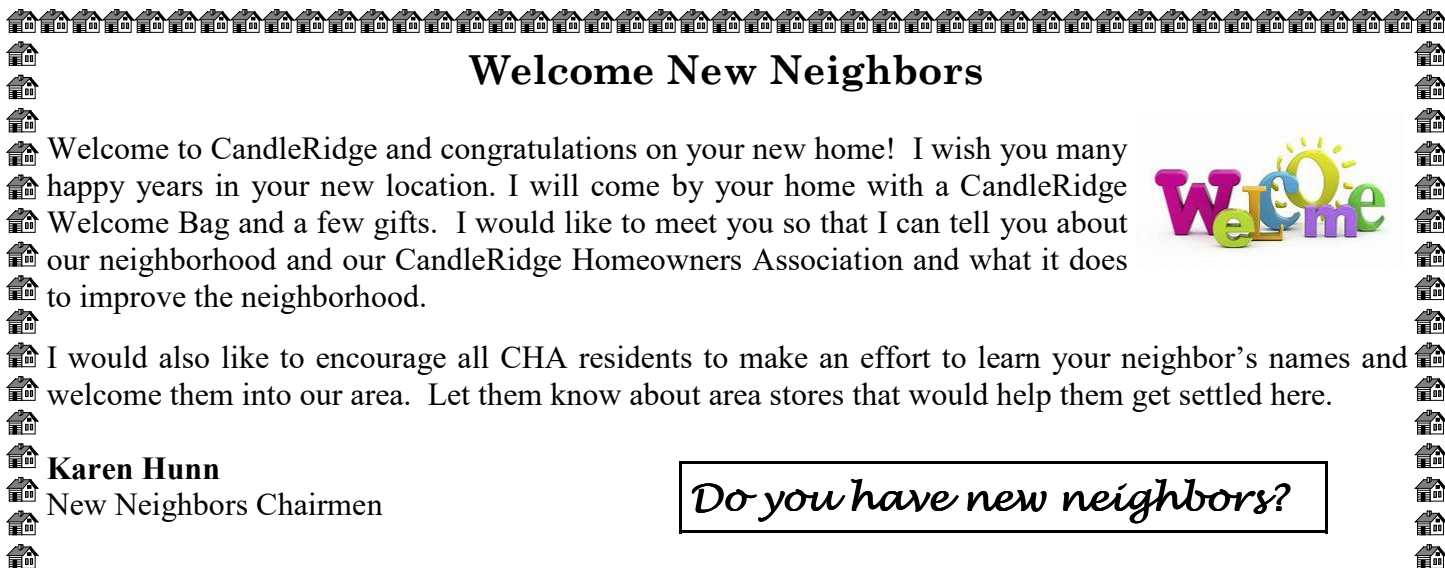
Did you know that our printed newsletter costs a little over \$2,200 a year to send out? Your CHA board would like to continue to be better stewards of your dues by switching over to an electronic format by the end of this year. Saving money by decreasing our newsletter costs will free money for enriching,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

In addition to receiving each issue by email, you will receive our E-News Blasts and other updates that affect Candleridge and the city of Fort Worth. 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**.

You can also keep informed about announcements and events by joining our Candleridge Homeowners Association Facebook page at **<https://www.facebook.com/groups/172430886475729/>**. Be patient as we do verify that members joining the page do live in the neighborhood!

You can now pay dues at **www.candleridgehomeowners.com** also.





Welcome New Neighbors

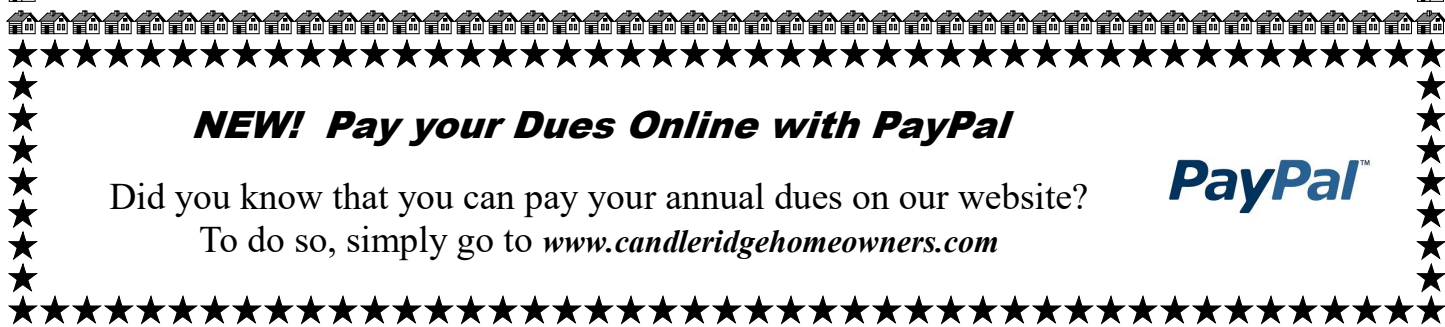


Welcome to CandleRidge and congratulations on your new home! I wish you many happy years in your new location. I will come by your home with a CandleRidge Welcome Bag and a few gifts. I would like to meet you so that I can tell you about our neighborhood and our CandleRidge Homeowners Association and what it does to improve the neighborhood.

I would also like to encourage all CHA residents to make an effort to learn your neighbor's names and welcome them into our area. Let them know about area stores that would help them get settled here.

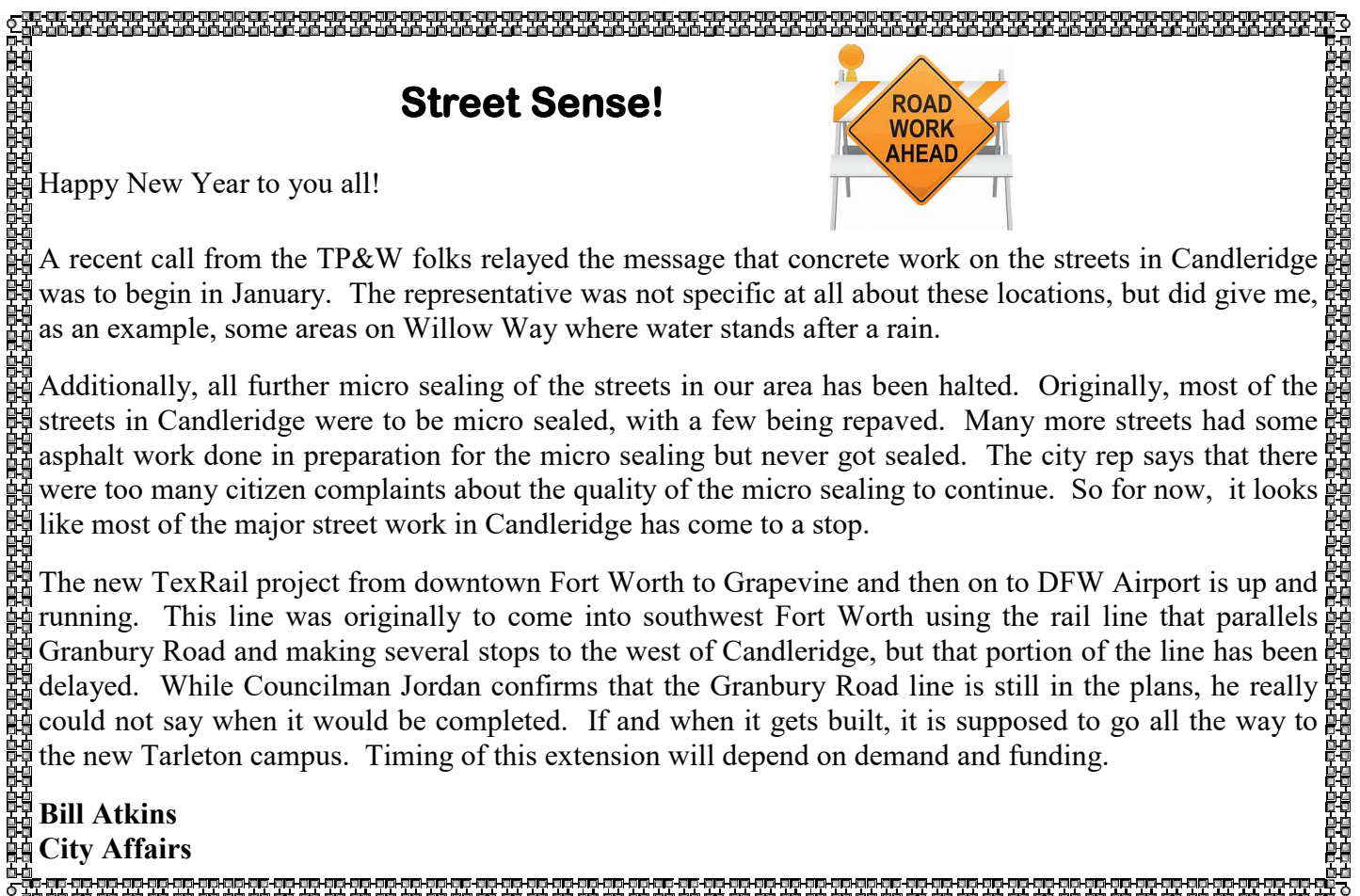
Karen Hunn
New Neighbors Chairmen

Do you have new neighbors?



NEW! Pay your Dues Online with PayPal

Did you know that you can pay your annual dues on our website?
To do so, simply go to www.candleridgehomeowners.com



Street Sense!



Happy New Year to you all!

A recent call from the TP&W folks relayed the message that concrete work on the streets in Candleridge was to begin in January. The representative was not specific at all about these locations, but did give me, as an example, some areas on Willow Way where water stands after a rain.

Additionally, all further micro sealing of the streets in our area has been halted. Originally, most of the streets in Candleridge were to be micro sealed, with a few being repaved. Many more streets had some asphalt work done in preparation for the micro sealing but never got sealed. The city rep says that there were too many citizen complaints about the quality of the micro sealing to continue. So for now, it looks like most of the major street work in Candleridge has come to a stop.

The new TexRail project from downtown Fort Worth to Grapevine and then on to DFW Airport is up and running. This line was originally to come into southwest Fort Worth using the rail line that parallels Granbury Road and making several stops to the west of Candleridge, but that portion of the line has been delayed. While Councilman Jordan confirms that the Granbury Road line is still in the plans, he really could not say when it would be completed. If and when it gets built, it is supposed to go all the way to the new Tarleton campus. Timing of this extension will depend on demand and funding.

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.

Use PayPal on our website or Mail checks 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 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 (18)
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 waving 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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