



Newsletter of the CandleRidge Homeowners Association

June 2019

From the President's Desk...

Dear CandleRidge Residents,

A big thank you to all our homeowners for keeping CandleRidge a very nice place to call home. All the yards and landscaping look so nice. A shout out goes to the City Parks and Community Services department for keeping the park looking great too. Let's help PACS keep them looking nice.

I want to take a moment to say thank you to all of you who are using the new electronic method for payment of homeowners' association dues. It has helped tremendously, and in the future, we plan to initiate a one due date for all dues rather than have them spread out throughout the year. We will have more on this later.

A thank you to our City Councilman Jungus Jordan and his assistant Tara Holt for helping our association when we do not know who to call at City Hall. Jungus.Jordan@fortworthtexas.gov.

A "welcome to the neighborhood" goes out to all the new neighbors who have moved here in the last few months. The contact information for all board members is on the back page of this newsletter. Please let us know how we can help you.

Lastly, I hope to see you all at our annual meeting this September 19th! If you would like to serve on our Board, please contact me. We still need an attorney in an advisory capacity, one that can answer a question for us from time to time.

Sincerely,
Steven Roebuck, President
 President



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In the Park...



The city is currently reviewing its chosen consultant's proposal for our upcoming erosion project at the lake and will begin the design of the proposed improvements in July. The proposed schedule has the construction beginning in May 2020.

Daytime patrolling by COP and FWPD has been in full force. Speeding cars have become a serious and dangerous problem in the neighborhood (30 mph) and especially around the park area and in the alley ways (20 mph). The mounted police recently visited the park and actually stopped speeding vehicles along French Lake Drive. As residents, we must set good examples by complying with the posted speed limits. Remember to stop for people, leashed pets, and ducks crossing the street. Proceed once they have safely crossed but be mindful that any person or animal could dart into the street from between cars at anytime. Being careful, respectful, and courteous prevents problems.

We appreciate that PACS (Parks and Community Services) and the City maintenance contractors have resumed the regular park maintenance schedule. Workers are busy mowing, weeding, collecting trash, removing fallen limbs, and keeping debris removed from the lake, especially debris after rain.

Our lake fountain has been removed for some needed warranty repair work and should be back soon.

Even though coyote sightings have not been reported in some time, always play it safe and be aware of their existence. Keep your pets out of harms way by supervising them and leashing them when they are outside of a fenced area.

Many need a refresher on animal code compliance laws since there have been an enormous amount of loose dogs in our park/neighborhood these days. We know how important your pets are, so make sure they stay safe and do not harm other people and other pets. Provide pets with an escape free yard and keep them on a leash while walking in the park or neighborhood. Make repairs to fences when needed and don't put pet safety at risk.

Remember that the park is not a drop off spot for children. Children should remain supervised by an adult at all times; otherwise, child abandonment laws will be enforced.

In order to keep our park a safe and beautiful place to visit, we must all contribute and comply. A special thanks to all who regularly maintain consistency in doing their part. If you are interested in helping with our neighborhood park or have other inquiries, please email parks@candleridgehomeowners.com.

Dana Wells, Park Coordinator



Code Concerns

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, suspicious vehicles or people, and code violations (standing water, high grass, abandoned vehicles, off-leashed pets, shed placement, and non-permitted construction in particular). We ask your help in reporting any of these issues to the city.



Have limbs or brush that need picking up or have not been picked up? Individual tree and shrub limbs up to 8 feet long and 4 inches in diameter can be stacked for weekly pickup as long as there is less than 10 cubic yards of limbs. You will be charged for amounts over 10 cubic yards. Brush needs to be stacked and can be no more than 8 feet long, 6 feet high, and 6 feet wide.

Please remember that standing water breeds mosquitoes. If you know of areas that put Candleridge at risk, please call or text our code enforcement officer, **Bridgette Fleming** at 682-774-7287.

Label Library—You or Current Resident?

Please let our membership secretary know if your newsletter mailing label is not correct. Send corrections to membership@candleridgehomeowners.com or mail: CHA ~ P.O Box 331871 ~ Fort Worth, TX 76163

Candleridge Garden Club

We welcome experienced and beginner gardeners!

The Candleridge Garden Club is one of the oldest, continuously meeting garden clubs in Fort Worth. Candleridge Garden Club meetings are open to anyone interested in gardening. Come and learn, meet new people and plants, visit private gardens, and enjoy the fun of free plants.



Meetings are held on the 3rd Tuesdays of the month at 7 PM from September through May at St Matthews Lutheran Church located at the corner of Granbury Road and Welch. We have a speaker each meeting. Dues are \$16 for a year.

We welcome everyone, living in Candleridge or not, to join our friendly and active garden club

Contact Barbara Ford. 817-980-1430, cdt.bford@gmail.com

See you in September!

BLUE CODE

Citizens On Patrol

Thank You Citizens on Patrol Volunteers

We have a new Neighborhood Patrol Officer! His name is Brent Meredith. If you have any neighborhood concerns or just have a general police question, you can contact him at 817-992-0190.

The National Insurance Crime Bureau (NICB) strongly advises drivers to:

- Lock your vehicle, set the alarm, and take all keys or fobs.
- Take all openers with you. Do not leave a manual gate or garage door opener in a parked vehicle.
- Keep a picture of your registration on your cell phone. Do not leave the registration or other papers with personal information in the vehicle.
- Lock your vehicles. Never leave a vehicle unlocked and running to warm it up or while stopping for a quick cup of coffee. It only takes a moment for an opportunistic thief to jump in and drive off.
- Close your garage doors. Garage doors should never be left open whether your garage is located on the side or back of your home. Would-be thieves are constantly looking for items that they can resell.

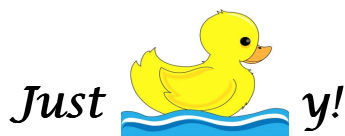


Are you betting that you can leave your mower in the front yard and go inside to get a cold beverage faster than someone in a pick-up can pull up to your yard, load your mower in it, and scam out of there? Well, you will lose that bet! Thieves are fast. The chances of people looking for something to take is great, and YOU can help by not tempting them and by being observant of your surroundings. SEE SOMETHING, REPORT IT. Don't be shy, you are a concerned citizen who wants to live in a peaceful neighborhood and not have to worry about things disappearing from your home, car, and yard.

Are you interested in being a COP member? If you'd like to become a member of our Citizens on Patrol team, please call David Melton, at 682-472-0450 or by email at dmelt@sbcglobal.net or contact Marty Moskowitz at 817-727-1959 or by email at lumarmos@sbcglobal.net. If you see a COP member on patrol, stop and ask about the program. Once training is completed, the minimum commitment is only four (4) one-hour time slots a month by driving, bicycling, or walking in CandleRidge. We would love to have you join us.

David Melton
COP Captain





Our visiting migratory ducks stayed a bit longer with us this year but have finally moved on. We will certainly miss their company and anticipate their return in the fall. Our remaining resident feathery friends look forward to all the visitors that come to see them over the summer. These shade-hoggers will be roaming from the lake area to seek shelter and nesting spots during the day, so watch for them as you drive. Evening is their most favorite time for swimming during the summer months.

Be kind and respectful to our feathery friends. While we had several new mallard families this spring, our population of domestic ducks is fairly low, so we remain hopeful that we will get some offspring this summer, though that is off to a slow start. The park is their home, and they add to the beauty and serenity of your park experience. Remember to please respect our city ordinance by not chasing the ducks or allowing your pets to do so. This can be dangerous for all animals involved especially when those involved try to escape towards the street. These encounters can possibly even lead to leg injuries to the ducks and geese. Remember, too, that bread is not a healthy choice to feed to the ducks.

To all of our faithful folks that show their endless support for our feathery friends in many ways, QUACK QUACK (THANK YOU) to you!! A special wish from our feathery friends... have a HAPPY and QUACKY summer!

Dana Wells, The Duck Lady



Your Homeowners Board has targeted January 2020 to be the date for its last mass-mailed newsletter. The Board encourages you to help it be better stewards of the organization's money by switching to an electronic newsletter as soon as possible. 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**. We thank those of you who have already signed up for this. Homes without Internet access will have another option available to them, and details will be in our next newsletter.

You can stay up to date about issues concerning Candleridge, Fort Worth, and even Tarrant County by joining our CHA Facebook page at **<https://www.facebook.com/groups/172430886475729/>**.

Be patient as we do verify that members joining the page actually do live in the neighborhood!



Welcome New Neighbors



On behalf of the CandleRidge Homeowners Association, I would like to welcome you to our community and congratulate you on the purchase of your home. Over the next few weeks, I look forward to meeting you and giving you a "Welcome Bag" from our association. I know you will find our neighborhood a great place to live. I encourage you to meet your neighbors as you are out working in your yard, walking in the park, or walking on the park sidewalks.

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 Chair

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



Our Candleridge Annual Meeting will be here before you know it. Please mark your calendars now!

When: Thursday, September 19, 2019
Time: Meeting starts at 7:00 PM
Refreshments will be served starting at 6:00 PM
Location: Christ Lutheran Church
4409 Sycamore School Road
Fort Worth, TX 76133
(Next to Ace Hardware)



See You There!

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+ Senior 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*?

Currently, dues can be mailed in anytime during the year but will soon go to a common due date. 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. Dues are either only \$25 per household per year or \$15 per year for Senior households with at least one person of age 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 or P.O. Box 331871, Fort Worth, TX 76163.



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