



Newsletter of the CandleRidge Homeowners Association

From the President's Desk...

Dear CandleRidge Residents,

Welcome to 2020! As president, I look forward to serving you again. It's going to be a wonderful year for Candleridge.

Your association's board and I sincerely thank all of the homeowners who participated in the Holiday Lighting Contest with festive displays that really showed that you invested your time and energy into making Candleridge look so nice. Congratulations to the first, second, and third place winners of the contest. The winners are noted on page 3. Please keep up the good work next year. We hope to have an even better turn out in 2020.

The September 19th, 2019, annual meeting was well attended with around 100 in attendance. Those present elected the current set of board members and officers which are listed on page 8 of this newsletter. You'll also find how to contact them there. Homeowners are always welcome to attend the annual meeting which is held each September.

Please remember to help keep our neighborhood looking nice. If you see a code issue, illegal dumping, high weeds/grass, street issues, or street lights out or burning 24/7, please call 817-392-1234 and let the city know.

Your help is much appreciated, and if there is any way we can help you, please contact us. Our contact information is on page 8 of this newsletter and on the CHA website: www.candleridgehomeowners.com.

Sincerely,

Steven Roebuck
President



1st Quarter 2020



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In the Park...



1. Mowing and weeding of the park and greenbelt areas are on hold during the winter months. PACS will still be busy with regular maintenance items such as picking up trash, keeping debris out of the lake, and picking up broken tree limbs. There may be some occasional tree trimming if needed. The regular maintenance will resume in the spring.
2. The playground fiber bar was recently replenished and re-leveled.
3. Last fall, many sick and dead turtles were observed at French Lake and were reported to Texas Parks and Wildlife. Scientists from the University of Florida who experienced a similar situation were able to identify a previously undescribed virus which seemed to be the cause of the problem. After losing 70 turtles, Texas Parks and Wildlife partnered with Dr. Corey Roelke at UTA. He and his students conducted a trap, chip, and release program in October and found no additional sick turtles.
4. In early October, a sewer pipe running across the creek bed from the Candletree Apartments was compromised and was leaking sewage into the creek bed adjacent to the footbridge. The City of Fort Worth Water Fields Operations pumped contaminated water out the lake and replenished it with over a million gallons of fresh water. We would like to thank the city crews who came and did an outstanding job in restoring the cleanliness to our lake waters.
5. There was a report of a man shooting squirrels in residence yards and then exiting his vehicle to retrieve them. In past incidences, this behavior led to the hunting of our ducks and geese. If you witness this dangerous, illegal behavior, immediately call 911 and report the vehicle's description and license plate number. Also contact a CHA board member and report it.
6. Compliance with our Animal Control laws is important, so keep your dog(s) on a leash while in the park and remember to clean up after them. Also, keep pets safe from frigid temps by bringing them indoors or by providing proper shelter and blankets if they remain outdoors. Coyotes are still present, so please take measures to insure your pet's safety when they are outdoors.

THANK YOU to all the many residents who contributed to the beautification efforts of our park this year and who provided watchful eyes and reported suspicious activity. These continued efforts indicate how much you care about the neighborhood you live in. Keep it up! If we all do our part, we can keep our neighborhood a safe and beautiful place to live. If you are interested in helping with our neighborhood park or have other inquiries, please email parcs@candleridgehomeowners.com.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Dana Wells, Park Coordinator



Holiday Lighting Contest Winners

- 1st Place: Gary Finnegan-7120 Sparrow Point—\$100.00
 2nd Place: Ricky Saldivar-3429 Pheasant Walk—\$75.00
 3rd Place: Carlos Delaserna-4320 Winchester Place—\$50.00



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

Code Compliance Corner

There are many issues that face your neighborhood. The streets, street lights, and infrastructure are aging and often need to be reported to the City. You also have some crime that you need to remain vigilant about reporting. Everyone can watch and report litter issues, people poaching ducks at the lake, and neighborhood code violations—high grass and non-permitted construction in particular. I 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.

My email is bridgett.fleming2@fortworthtexas.gov. My number is 682-774-7287



Bridgett Fleming, Code Compliance Officer

Candleridge Garden Club

Winter/Spring 2020
 "HIGH SOCIETY"

Garden Club meetings will be from January through May 2020. We meet at 7:00 PM the third Tuesday of the month at St Matthew's Lutheran Church located at Granbury Road at Welch.

February 18-7:00 **IKEBANA SOCIETY**. Sandra Prachyl teaches us how to make a beautiful, but simple arrangement.

March 17-7:00 **BEGONIA SOCIETY**. Taddie Hamilton tells us how to volunteer at the Botanic Garden begonia greenhouses and receive home free plants!

April 21-7:00 **HISTORICAL SOCIETY**. Master Gardener Liz Staples will present the Heirloom Plants of Thistle Hill.

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.

For additional information, email Barbara Ford at cdt.bford@gmail.com or gardenclub@candleridgehomeowners.com



3rd Tuesdays

BLUE CODE

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 MAINTAIN....

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 you return to your vehicle.
4. Lock your doors when driving.

Winter Preparedness (Vehicle)

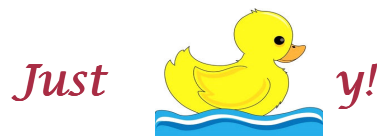
1. Place gloves, blanket, stocking hat, energy snacks, and bottled water in your vehicle's trunk.
2. Carry kitty litter which can help you with spinning tires on ice and with preventing falls.
3. Carry an ice scraper, first aid kit, flashlight, cell phone charger, and jumper cables.

If you'd like to become a member of our Citizens on Patrol team, please contact me at 682-472-0450 or dmelt@sbcglobal.net. You may contact Marty Moskowitz at 817-292-4959 at lumarmos@sbcglobal.net. If you see a COP member patrolling, stop and ask about the program. Once your training is completed, the commitment is only four, 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..... WE'RE BACK!! We have a full house once again because our migratory ducks along with some occasional sea gulls joined us in October. Our feathery friends welcome winter as they spend more time swimming and enjoying the lakeside during this time. Also, a few nutria have joined as well, providing much entertainment to park visitors. It is such a delight to watch all the migratory ducks swimming in circles and working together to release trapped food and insects from the bottom of the lake. Because duck appetites increase during this time of year, the additional supplemental feed and their down feathers provide all they need to survive the winter. It's worth it to brave the cold and come visit the ducks this winter. Our turtles are still active; but as colder temps become consistent, they will go into hibernation mode. Remember to obey posted speed limit and duck crossing signs and take precautions to watch out for our feathered friends as they cross the streets. I would like to say thank you and to express my sincerest gratitude for those who have shown their generosity by providing additional contributions for the purchase of supplemental food for the ducks. If you would like to contribute, contact parks@candleridgehomeowners.com.

QUACKY QUESTIONS: Do ducks and geese have feelings? Did you know that geese have long memories and use familiar landmarks and the stars to navigate during their journeys? Ducks and geese can feel pain and emotions just like our dogs and cats, and just like humans. They deserve the same freedom from cruelty that the animals we love in our home experience.

Dana Wells, The Duck Lady



Thank you for accepting our first all-electronic newsletter into your home! An electronic newsletter saves the association over \$2,200 a year! This savings frees money which can be used on enriching, neighborhood projects. We thank those of you for providing your email addresses for this. Please let your neighbors know that they need to sign up at subscriptions@candleridgehomeowners.com.

In addition to receiving our newsletter, subscribers receive our E-News Blasts and other updates that affect Candleridge and the city of Fort Worth.

You can also stay informed about Candleridge and Fort Worth announcements and events by joining our Candleridge Homeowners Association Facebook page and by visiting our website. Be patient as we do verify that people requesting to be a part of our Facebook page live in the neighborhood!

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/172430886475729/>
www.candleridgehomeowners.com





Welcome New Neighbors

The CandleRidge Homeowners Association would like to welcome you to our little corner of the world and to wish you happiness in your new home! We will be coming by your home with a “CHA Welcome Bag” that contains gifts and information about your new neighborhood. We are really growing in this part of Fort Worth with lots of new homes, apartments, businesses, and shopping areas that are being built close to our neighborhood. We also have a beautiful city neighborhood park for you to enjoy and lots of walking trails for exercise.

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



Jungus' Jungle



Parks and Recreation

- CandleRidge Park erosion control project at the lake on French Lake Dr. will be bid in February; the contracts should be awarded 60 to 90 days later with construction beginning this summer.
- Phase II of Chisholm Trail Park on McPherson Rd. and Summer Creek Dr. will start in late summer.

Police Business

- ◆ Construction on the new police station at Risinger and McCart should start in 12 to 18 months.
- ◆ CandleRidge's new Neighborhood Police Officer (NPO) is Randy Horton. 817-988-1031

Streets, Drainage, Street Lights, Street Signs, Stop Lights, Code Enforcement trash, weeds, grass

- ◆ Report your problems to 817-292-1234, or use the new MyFW app on your cell phone. Install it by searching on the APP Store (Apple) or Play Store (Android).
- ◆ Code Compliance Officer Fleming has cleared out the homeless camp located near McCart and West Cleburne Road (across from Pep Boys). She is now working with the land owner to get the left over trash and sheds removed and will be monitoring the campsite. If you see homeless activity in that area, be sure and report it to her at 682-774-7287.

Jungus Jordan
District 6 Councilman

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 www.candleridgehomeowners.com or mail checks to:
CHA Membership Chairman, P.O. Box 331871, Fort Worth, TX 76163-1871



Dues are now due annually in January!

While this newsletter did not arrive in January, your board wants to encourage you to become a member of our organization. We want you to join so that you can help fund Candleridge projects for this year. Dues are either only \$25 per household per year or \$15 per year for Senior Households 65+. Please pay online with **PayPal** on our website www.candleridgehomeowners.com, or mail a check to our membership chair: membership@candleridgehomeowners.com

If you haven't joined for 2020, please do so now.

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.

Pay Dues



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