



Newsletter of the CandleRidge Homeowners Association

June 2020

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. Our homeowners have always kept their yards looking nice, and this has been a big factor when buying or selling a house here. Please, if you see a code issue, especially illegal dumping, high weeds/grass, street issues, or street lights out, call 817-392-1234 and let someone know.

The City of Fort Worth has requested projects to be considered for the May 2022 bond election, and we submitted several ideas. One item submitted was the dredging of the lake which is now only six inches deep in places. We hope to hear that it made the list. We will keep you posted on this.

We want to give a big thank you to our City Councilman Jungus Jordan and his assistant Tara Holt for helping our association when we do not know whom to call at City Hall. Jungus.Jordan@fortworthtexas.gov.

Your help is much appreciated and if there is any way that we can help you, please contact us. The contact information for all board members is on the back page of this newsletter. Visit our website for information and our Facebook page for announcements! www.candleridgehomeowners.com.

Lastly, I hope to see you all at our annual meeting this September 24th! 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...



There is no doubt that the park has been the "GO TO" place these past few months during the Coronavirus quarantine. Park visitors have been in great abundance, many of whom are new visitors. While visiting the park, the city has asked that citizens practice social distancing by keeping 6 feet away from those who are not in your household and that you refrain from using the drinking fountain and playground equipment. Our park hours remain 5 AM to 9 PM, even during summer months, and FWPD officers do patrol after hours to assure compliance of park hours. Remember too that smoking is prohibited in all city parks, that children must remain supervised at all times, and no motorized vehicles, including ATV's which are not allowed in the park and greenbelt areas or on public streets.

We have requested a revised update and the start date has been requested for the erosion project since the scheduled start date of early spring has passed.

During the summer, PACS (Parks and Community Services) and the city maintenance contractors are back in full swing mowing, weeding, collecting trash, removing fallen limbs, and keeping debris removed from the lake. We are especially thankful for their hard work and efforts during this time.

Currently there are no reports of coyote sightings, but be aware of their presence and protect your pets.

It has been confirmed that there are two beavers living at the park and surrounding lake area and which have already destroyed two trees. The city will be contracting with someone to have them trapped and removed from the lake. In the meantime, the city forestry division has installed wire caging around all of the smaller trees in order to keep the beavers from destroying them.

With the heat of summer upon us, we want to keep loose dogs to a minimum, so be sure to provide your pets with an escape free environment and keep them leashed while walking in the park or in the neighborhood. Repair fences if needed so that their safety will not be at risk. Also, we have had lots of poop in the park. Please remember to clean up after your pet. Bag dispensers are available should you forget to bring a bag.

Your continued contributions and compliance will help keep our park a safe and beautiful place to visit. We want to say "thank you" to those who are consistent in doing their part. If you are interested in helping with our neighborhood park or have other inquiries about it, please email parcs@candleridgehomeowners.com.

Dana Wells, Park Coordinator



Code Concerns

The code compliance office remains open, and we are still receiving normal calls. If you see something, please say something. Don't hesitate to call code or the neighborhood police officer for any issues that might arise. Because of Covid-19, please still use the measures that have been in place to play it safe for not only your safety but for the safety of others as well.

Mosquito season is also approaching. Please report any and all standing water.

Observe parking regulations too. No parking in yards/grass, and no trailers or big rig cabs on the street.

If you are planning a new addition such as a shed, a roof replacement, or a new fence, you will need to comply with your deed restrictions as well as the city codes.

Bridgett Fleming, Code Compliance Officer
 Cell (682)774-7287 Office (817)392-5096



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

Stay up to date with announcements and issues concerning Candleridge, Ft. Worth, and Tarrant County. Please be patient as we do verify that members joining the page actually do live in Candleridge!

Candleridge Garden Club Summer/Autumn 2020

Candleridge Garden Club followed Covid-19 guidelines for group gatherings, and suspended the monthly meetings for March, April, and May. There are no regular meetings from June - August. At this time, we hope to be able to resume our regularly scheduled meetings in September.



We will continue to adhere to group meeting guidelines and welcome everyone, living in Candleridge or not. Come expecting to learn about gardening 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 Rd and Welch. Dues are \$16 per person per year. Our president is Faye Youngblood. For additional information, email Barbara Ford at cdt.bford@gmail.com

See you in September!



Citizens On Patrol

Thank You Citizens on Patrol Volunteers

From a Citizen on Patrol point of view, we were grounded starting mid-March with no patrolling, no base operations, and no access to police stations. Even though patrolling in your own vehicle and basing from home would seem to employ all the safety rules of social distancing, it was felt that closing down completely was the most health-affordable way to go. As the city authorities started to ease up on our restrictions, COP activities were allowed to resume, again in the safest way possible. Traffic patrols started up in mid-April, and I hope that you have seen the cars with placards back on your streets. We all still base from the safety of our homes, and submit our reports via the internet. Access to our police substation on McCart is still not allowed.

Human nature being what it is, the bad guys have lots of time to find ways to get to you. Of course, since most of us are residence-bound more than normally, you have a much better chance of defeating home burglaries, but they ARE STILL OCCURRING! Even car burglaries are just as liable to continue. It is amazing how many of our neighbors use their garages as storage facilities and park in the driveway or on the street. This allows more availability for thieves to find accessible, UNLOCKED car doors, whether there are valuables or not, and the results of shopping in full view on the seats. Please continue to maintain your diligence and protect yourselves, your families, and your possessions.



Remember too that while you are driving that the speed limit on neighborhood streets is 30 mph and the park area and alley ways are 20 mph.

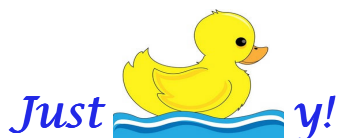
Something well beyond Citizen on Patrol jurisdiction is the increase in Scam activity. Whether over the phone or theft from your mailbox, there is a real upswing in the numbers of swindlers, liars, and even tricksters who want to get their hands on your needed support income. BE AWARE.

Last year, Wedgwood South had an area overrun with egrets. This year they have selected Candleridge for their home. The egrets are protected by law during their nesting season which will last until October. Residents of Francisco, Perry, Fuller, and Johnstone daily struggle the destruction and mess that the egrets have gifted them. The City of Fort Worth sends its street sweepers daily to these streets to help not only with the clean up but the smell that the droppings leave behind.

We have been facing a much harder year than we normally have to face, but let us continue to do so as a neighborhood, working together for the overall good.

Marty Moskowitz
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Acting COP Captain





In early spring, we said goodbye to our visiting migratory ducks. They provided much added life to the park with their soothing sounds and uniform swimming habits. Even our Canadian goose that stayed with us some months has finally moved on.

Our resident ducks have been off to a pretty good start providing offspring which will increase our duck family long term. Our mallards tend to venture out more into the neighborhood to find their nesting spots while our domestic ducks tend to stay closer to the lake.

Although our ducks enjoy the visitors that come out to see them and feed them, they also prefer a bit of social distancing too. Keep in mind that the park and lake are their home, and we must be respectful of our city ordinances by not disturbing them or their nests. They do provide entertainment and add to the park's serenity for those who visit the park. Being chased by people or pets can result in harm or injury to them as they try to escape from these situations.

QUACKY FACTS: Ducks have an array of impressive eye features, and they can see in color! They have excellent vision, and since their eyes are on the sides of their heads, they have a field of vision of almost 340 degrees. Because of the shape of their eyes, they can see objects near and far simultaneously.

Dana Wells, The Duck Lady

Officer Horton's Haven

Hello to all. I hope you are all doing well. This is Randy, your Neighborhood Police Officer (NPO).

We have been through some trying times this year, even in our J16 beat. Recently, an argument in a parking lot between two males ended with one shot being fired. This was unfortunate, and things like this are few and far between in J16 beat. We have also had a few auto burglaries and a couple of home burglaries back in the south west part of the beat. I am not seeing any trends, and these were random burglaries. I would like to send a friendly reminder to everyone to remember to lock all vehicles and doors and keep any valuables out of sight and out of a vehicle if at all possible. Keep garage doors closed when the garage is not occupied.

In closing, I would like to thank everyone as I have had texts and calls from folks letting me know that they are praying for us, and checking on me to make sure I am staying safe. I thank you all!!! I could not be working with better citizen's.. This beat change to J16 beat for me was a well needed change and long overdue. I am here with all of you now, and I thank you all for having me and supporting me.

Thank you again,
Randy Horton, NPO



Welcome New Neighbors



It is great to see new residents in our community. It must be difficult to move during this pandemic time and while dealing with the stress of moving. I would like to bring a CandleRidge Welcome Bag to your home and have a chance to meet you. I have not been delivering bags during the quarantine time so that everyone could practice safety.

I hope you have found our beautiful park and walking trails as places to get exercise and to offer the opportunity of a chance to meet some new friends. CandleRidge has a neighborhood association to help us keep this area a pleasant place to live. I would like a chance to tell you about it.

Karen Hunn
New Neighbor Chairman

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 24, 2020
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 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 the same month!

Your board voted to have one collection time for dues and 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: At P.O. Box 331871, Fort Worth, TX 76163-1871. Contact membership@candleridgehomeowners.com

If you haven't joined for 2020, please do so as soon as possible.

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.

Pay Dues



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