



Newsletter of the CandleRidge Homeowners Association

September 2020

From the President's Desk...

Dear CandleRidge Residents,

This summer is almost over! With the heat, egret birds, Coronavirus, virtual schooling, and many other issues too many to mention, we'll be ready for the cooler fall temperatures.

Since we are still having meeting issues with Covid 19, the Homeowners Board has decided to delay our annual CandleRidge Homeowners Association meeting until it is safe to have one.

We did get some information from the City that you might need; it is a website that contains all the locations in Fort Worth where you can get tested for Covid 19. Go to fortworthtexas.gov and put "COVID 19 Testing" in the search box.. This will take you to the page that has all the locations (free and fee paid).

Your Board has also met with City officials and supports the City's application to the Federal Fish and Wildlife Service to obtain a permit that will allow homeowners to remove egret nests from homeowners' trees once the trees has been invaded. We will keep you posted if and when this is in place.

Also, we need to thank the City Park workers for placing those new trash cans along French Lake Drive. Hopefully this will help keep the park cleaner. The city is also making great progress with the erosion control project at the west end of the Park. This should help keep the siltation of the lake to a minimum.

Please, if you see a code issue, illegal dumping, high weeds/grass, street or street light issue, call 817-392-1234 and let someone know.

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

Sincerely,
Steven Roebuck
 President



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In the Park...



The park continues to serve a high number of visitors during the Covid 19 pandemic, but these numbers may decrease with the start of the school year. Extreme high temperatures have set in, so be sure to bring along plenty of water to keep yourself hydrated during your visits. Also remember to continue practicing your social distancing skills while in the park.

FYPD continues to patrol the park frequently in order to help keep our neighborhood safe. The department plans to place an unmanned patrol car at various times and dates near the park in an effort to deter crime and discourage visitors after curfew hours. The park hours are 5 AM-9 PM.

PACS continues to follow its frequent mowing and weeding schedule of the park and greenbelt areas during our hot months. This maintenance schedule will decrease during late fall, but tree trimming services will increase in the fall. Since the extra flow of park visitors has increased, additional trash cans have been placed curbside along French Lake to help promote trash collection and decrease littering on the grass and in the street.

We currently have one nutria and two beavers present in the lake. Since the beavers destroyed two very young trees, the city placed caging around our smaller trees in order to prevent any further beaver damage. We are working with the City about the possibility of having the beavers relocated.

We believe that there may be a return of the hunting of squirrels and ducks in the park. If you notice any suspicious behavior or incidents, please report it by dialing 911 and by contacting an HOA board member.

Remember to keep your dog(s) on a leash while in the park. Please clean up after your dogs!

Residents, keep up the good work with the many ways you contribute to keep our park beautiful and our neighborhood safe. THANKS to all for your beautification efforts and for the pride that you take in our neighborhood. If you are interested in helping with our neighborhood park or have other inquiries, please email parcs@candleridgehomeowners.com.

Dana Wells, Park Coordinator



EGRET (Cow Birds) NOTICE

Just in case you have not noticed all those white Egrets (cow birds) on Fuller, Perry, and Johnstone, you need to be aware of what has happened and become educated on what to do next spring when their migration brings their return. Our neighborhood was attacked this spring by these protected birds who will not leave until their migration resumes in October. What do they do? They destroy trees, wreck yards, and cover roofs and streets with feces. Getting the mail may require your using an umbrella, and their stink alone will be unbearable.



Please trim your trees back to 75% of full canopy this winter. As we move closer to the return of the birds next spring, the HOA will send email blasts to all the email addresses that we have, email which will contain preventive measures that you can take to protect your property. Stick together and join the Neighborhood HOA and employ the preventive measures so that together we can defeat these birds next February. If you are not a member of our CandleRidge Homeowners Association, see page 7 to learn how to join. Fees are \$25.00 per year (\$15.00 if over 65) and can be paid on our CHA website: www.candleridgehomeowners.com.



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

Candleridge Garden Club Backyards Are Back

Candleridge Garden Club is following Covid 19 guidelines for group gatherings, and we ask for your patience and understanding for unexpected changes. At this time, we hope to be able to resume our regular meetings this coming September. We will continue to adhere to group meeting guidelines and be safety proactive at all of our social settings. We are also offering our on-site meetings via Zoom for those members who are not comfortable being in public spaces. Dues are \$16 per year.

Our first meeting of the new season will be held on September 15th at 6:30 PM in the home backyard of Jackie Iversen. New members should send an email to request the address.



We welcome everyone, living in Candleridge or not, at our friendly and active garden club. Come to learn and to enjoy meeting fellow gardeners. We generally meet at St. Matthew's Lutheran Church at Granbury Rd and Welch, and our president is Faye Youngblood. For additional information, email Barbara Ford at gardenclub@candleridgehomeowners.com. We hope to be able to Zoom most of our in-house meetings this year.

Unless otherwise noted, our meetings are monthly at 7 PM on the 3rd Tuesday, September – May.

**Dues must be current to be connected to the Zoom meetings.



Citizens On Patrol

Thank You Citizens on Patrol Volunteers

Here in the midst of a pandemic almost everyone is spending the greater part of their day at home. Some are fortunate to have employers who have encouraged them to work from home. A lot of us are retired from the work-force but are hesitant to spend too much time where there are other people whom we hope are maintaining social distancing. We do our food shopping well-masked and away from shoppers as best we can. Dental exams, doctor, hair dresser, and veterinary appointments are all well orchestrated by the professionals in order to protect themselves as well as their clients. As you read this, I would like to congratulate each of my Candleridge neighbors who have successfully run this race.

Our Citizen-On Patrol members have been allowed to resume patrolling, and we who are base operators are doing it from home. Unfortunately, the rules protecting us from virus infection have also curtailed the addition of COP patrollers from our ranks. We had two Candleridge neighbors complete the academic portion of the check-out program before the onset of social distancing, but they have not been able to complete their ride along training. Though we have 12 members, only 6 or 7 have been able to patrol each month.



In reality, not everyone is staying home and being cautious. I was briefed that in another neighborhood, very equivalent to ours, someone happened to be awake in the middle of the night and saw a group of bicyclists riding down the street. SEE SOMETHING, REPORT IT! That person did not. The next day, at least 10 homeowners found that their cars had been burglarized. None reported broken windows which indicates that the burglars just checked for unlocked doors on cars. In each burglarized vehicle, everything in the glove box was thrown around and anything of value in the car was gone. Typically, garages are storing everything except cars. How many people have a garage door opener above the dashboard? True, many have cameras covering the driveway, motion detector lights there as well; some might even have alarms. The report that I heard was that none of the thieves were apprehended. Simply put, if you park in your driveway or on the street, take valuables into the house, don't leave any items on the seats in full view, don't leave a weapon stored in a car, and LOCK THE CAR! As for the garage, it goes without saying that all the lawn and hand tools you have been using should be securely stored. Lock storage buildings too.

Right now I cannot entreat you to join us in the COPs group, but I do hope you will think about doing so when our lives get back to normal. If you haven't considered joining, remember that of our 12 enrolled patrollers, there are five married couples. Patrolling is often something couples do together whether in a car, on a bicycle, or on foot. That's true togetherness for the betterment of our neighborhood.

Please, STAY WELL.

Marty Moskowitz
Acting COP Captain
patrollers@candleridgehomeowners.com





Our resident feathery friends had a great summer especially since they did not have to worry about social distancing. With French Lake as their home, they appreciated being treated with kindness and respect, and they enjoyed all the new faces that came to visit and watch them swim. Ducky life is beginning to get overheated though, so ducks have become less active during the day and trying to beat the heat by doing lots of shade hogging and swimming during the evening hours when temps cool down. This year, visitor's even enjoyed occasions of Canadian geese stopping by for a rest period before continuing their journey.

We were fortunate to have some mallard and muscovy ducklings survive this year. The female mallards raised their ducklings mainly in the creeks where the water is low and turtle attacks were less of a threat. The female muscovy ducks raised their ducklings on land; and while many were able to survive, I am sorry to report that many were run over in the alleyways. In order to hatch ducklings, a female duck will lay eggs for up to 30 days then sit on them continuously for another 35 days, so it's no easy job to bring ducklings into the world. Let's do our part and be respectful by **DRIVING WITH CAUTION AND SLOWING DOWN IN OUR STREETS AND ALLEYWAYS**. We all anticipate cooler temperatures that will bring our visiting migratory ducks sometime in early October. Your generous monetary support for food and care is greatly appreciated. Lots of happy quacks to all who contribute. Happy QUACKS to all and QUACK at cha later!

QUACKY FACTS: Wild ducks can live up to 20 years or more. The world record for the life span of a duck belongs to a mallard drake that lived to be 27 years old. While these wild ducks can have a long life, domestic ducks typically live to 10 or 15 years.

Dana Wells, The Duck Lady



Bridge Erosion Update

The bridge erosion project for the correction and prevention of erosion damage at French Lake began in mid July. This project is west of the lake's pedestrian bridge and addresses the exposed bridge abutments and the erosion that has been continually moving towards the adjacent apartment complex. The project should be completed mid October and includes:

- Removal of current vegetation and debris to allow access for the project's construction equipment.
- Site grading to re-establish proper channel characteristics, including reestablishing the channel depth and adjusting the side slopes to accommodate better water flow
- Reconstruction of damaged retaining walls to better protect the pedestrian bridge and to reinforce the channel entry into French Lake
- Installation of erosion control devices along the channel, including turf mat which will protect against erosion along the channel slopes and articulated concrete blocks to slow water flow along the bottom of the channel
- Stabilize grading and support soil conditions along the channel by planting vegetation (sod) to aid the channel flow and slow down the water.



Welcome New Neighbors



Greetings and welcome to the CandleRidge Neighborhood! We are so glad that you have decided to purchase a home in our safe and family friendly neighborhood. We have a beautiful park with a great walking trail around the lake that we hope you will enjoy using. There are also wonderful "green belt walking trails" throughout this great community with benches for rest stops and for maybe meeting someone new.

Homes continue to sell well during the pandemic with lots of renovations being done to bring the homes up to current trends. Thirty nine homes have sold since the beginning of the year. I will be dropping by these soon to leave a "CHA Welcome Bag" which will contain a few gifts and valuable information about Candleridge. We hope to get to meet you and share information about our great community.

Karen Hunn
New Neighbor Chairman

Do you have new neighbors?



NEW! Pay your Dues Online with PayPal

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



Our annual meeting is still on the books to be held on September 24th, at Christ Lutheran Church on Sycamore School Road, but a physical meeting on that date is highly unlikely to happen. Because of the Corona Virus and the policies of our meeting place, your Board will probably have to delay the annual Candleridge Homeowners Association meeting until it is safe to have one. This means that our current slate of officers and volunteers will remain in place until we can safely have a meeting. Please watch our Facebook page and your email blasts for updates on this.

If you are interested in running for an office or serving as a volunteer, please notify one of the Officers at the email address listed on page 8 of this newsletter.



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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