



From the

Newsletter of the CandleRidge Homeowners Association

President's Desk...

Dear CandleRidge Residents,

We wish to extend a huge “Thank You” to all homeowners who put up lights and decorations this year. The neighborhood was well decorated and looked so nice. I believe more homes were decorated this year than ever before. You will want to see page 3 of this newsletter to find out the holiday lighting contest winners.

Are the Egret birds coming back this spring? Well, the answer is maybe yes, maybe no. We will all have to watch for them and warn our neighbors. You will find more information on combating these birds on page 6.

Also, we wish to extend a big “Thank You” to homeowners who have already paid their voluntary dues for 2021. We are trying to get the HOA dues collected at the first of the year rather than paying them at different times of the year.

Your CHA is here to keep you abreast of issues and events pertaining to this area, the City of Fort Worth, and Tarrant County. This includes information regarding city, code and zoning issues, our neighborhood, French Lake, and French Lake park improvements. The board keeps accurate minutes of meetings and historical records for the neighborhood, and sends members to welcome new homeowners when they move into the area.

Code issues are a particular problem in Fort Worth. Whether in CandleRidge or not, if you see a code issue, illegal dumping, high weeds/grass, street issues, burned out street lights, defaced or missing traffic signs, please call the City at 817-392-1234 or use the “**MY FORT WORTH APP**” and report the situation.

Your help is much appreciated, and if there is any way that we can help you, please contact us. If you are interested in serving on our Board, you will find our contact information is on page eight and on the HOA website. www.candleridgehomeowners.com

Sincerely,
Steven Roebuck
 President



1st Quarter 2021



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In the Park...



1. Phase I of the bridge erosion project was completed late fall, and the result looks AMAZING! Phase II will focus on the area just adjacent to the bridge and will relocate the monument/benches, add a nice landscape bed, and improve drainage. The start date for this has not been set yet.
2. Massive tree trimming has just been completed in the greenbelt areas and around the park/lake... Lookin' Good! Springtime will put us back on the regular maintenance schedule.
3. The lake fountain cannot be repaired. The city is making plans for it to be replaced again.
4. Last year a turtle study was performed by UTA on French Lake's sick turtle population. As part of an outside of classroom curriculum, this study was repeated. No sick turtles were reported.
5. Prior to the erosion project, we had one nutria and two beavers present at the lake. One beaver died, and no nutria have been seen in months
6. Call 911 to report suspicious people, vehicles, or activities, especially the shooting of squirrels, the hunting of ducks/geese, or people carrying pet crates. Try to get descriptions of the people, the vehicles, and their license plate numbers. Notify a board member of the incident too.
7. Maintain preparedness for occasional coyotes roaming the neighborhood by protecting your pets.
8. Keep your dog(s) on an escape free leash, not a rope. Many of our ducks fell victim to dogs on rope leashes which came untied or broke. Bag receptacles are provided for your use to clean up after your pets. These receptacles are for CLEAN bags only. Protect your pets from frigid temps this winter by bringing them inside or by providing a warm shelter if they remain outdoors.
9. Warmies, coffee, or cocoa will help with the winter temperatures—SIP and STROLL.
10. To residents whose efforts contribute to the beauty of our park and to those that provide watchful eyes reporting suspicious activity, THANK YOU and KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK. If you are interested in helping with our park or have other inquiries, please email parks@candleridgehomeowners.com.

Dana Wells,
Park Coordinator



Holiday Lighting Contest Winners

1st Place : 7121 Wind Chime—\$100
 2nd Place: 4316 Pheasant Walk—\$75
 3rd Place: 4700 Foxfire Way—\$50
 Honorable Mention: 7420 Fuller—\$25



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

Current Scams—Be Informed

The City of Fort Worth voted on December 1, 2020 to extend the city COVID-19 mandate for face coverings until March 2, 2021.

Avoid COVID-19 Vaccine Scams

- ◆ You can't pay to put your name on a list to get the vaccine!
- ◆ You can't pay to get early access to the vaccine!
- ◆ No one will call about getting the vaccine and request your social security number, credit card number, or bank account number!

Avoid CARES Act/Stimulus Payment Scams:

- ◆ The government will not ask you to pay up front to get your stimulus money.
- ◆ The government will not call, text, email, or contact you on social media to get your social security number, bank account number, or credit card number. This call is a SCAM!
- ◆ There is no such thing as getting your money early. Anyone telling you this is trying to scam you.
- ◆ Report fraud to: reportfraud.ftc.gov

Avoid Apple/Amazon Scams:

If you get a recorded phone call saying there is something wrong with your Amazon account or a phone call from an “Apple” rep saying there has been suspicious activity in your Apple iCloud Account, hang up immediately; the person is trying to get into your bank account and steal your money. Apple or Amazon will only contact you through your registered email.

Please report gunfire, car racing, loitering in the park after 9 PM, suspicious people, Peeping Tom's, or people checking door handles of cars to 911. You can also file an online report at: police.fortworthtexas.gov



Get involved, stay informed, and consider joining our COPs program at police.fortworthtexas.gov



Citizens On Patrol

SIX FINALISTS NAMED FOR POLICE CHIEF POSITION

The City of Fort Worth has selected six finalists to succeed the retiring Police Chief Ed Kraus. They were selected from among 50 respondents to a national search. The details of the interview process and future introductory events will be announced soon by the City Manager’s office. The six finalists comprise four very experienced officers from locations other than Fort Worth and two who hold key positions within the Fort Worth Police ranks.

WENDY BAIMBRIDGE: Since March 2017 she has served as the assistant chief of the Houston Police Department, having been with HPD since 1992. She holds a Master of Arts degree in Sociology from the University of Houston-Clear Lake and a BBA degree from the University of Houston.

TROY GAY: He has been with the Austin Police Department since 1991, serving as Assistant Chief since January 2013. He holds a Bachelor’s Degree from Texas State University, performed graduate work in criminal justice at the University of Virginia, and is a graduate of the FBI National Academy.

CHRISTOPHER C. JONES: He has a BA degree in Criminal Justice from the University of Nevada, Las Vegas and is a graduate of the FBI National Academy. Since February 2020 he has served as the Las Vegas Municipal Police Department’s Assistant Sheriff.

DERICK D. MILLER: He has served 28 years with the Carrollton Police Department where he has been Chief of Police since November 2017. He holds a MA degree in Criminology and Criminal Justice from UTA and a graduate certificate in Criminal Justice Education from the University of Virginia.

NEIL NOAKES: He holds an MS degree in Criminal Justice and Criminology from TCU as well as a Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice Administration from Tarleton State University. His current position is Deputy Chief of the Fort Worth Police Department.

Marty Moskowitz,
Acting COP Captain

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



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



The ducky world has enjoyed much peace and calmness so far this winter. Our visiting migratory ducks returned as usual in late October bringing with them their entertaining habits and soothing sound making. During the winter months, our feathery friends prefer to stay closer to the lake or in the water. Being there provides not only added warmth but also safety from predators which are more prevalent this time of year. Because ducks stay extra hungry during this time, they appreciate supplemental feed to help them survive the season. They were so excited to get to play in the recent SNOW that we got. Since then, a large number of seagulls have been hanging around the lake. They are so pretty to see gathered together. We are very thankful to all of our continued supporters who provide food or make monetary contributions so that nutritional supplemental food can be purchased. Our feathery friends ask that you watch out for them by driving slowly and with caution in streets and alley ways.

HAPPY NEW YEAR QUACKS to all!

QUACKY FACTS: Ducks have an array of impressive eye features. 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. Due to the shape of their eyes, they can see objects near and far simultaneously. Finally, ducks can see in color!

Dana Wells, The Duck Lady

CandleRidge Garden Club

Garden Club meetings will be from January through May 2021. Members normally meet at 7:00 PM the third Tuesday of the month at St Matthew's Lutheran Church located at Granbury Road at Welch. Our current members are meeting on Zoom or meeting where members can be outside and socially distanced.

Our next meeting and topics are :

- March 16—Famous Begonia Houses
- April 30—Historic Gardens of Thistle Hill
- May 18—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 your fellow gardeners. We are happy to share ideas and suggestions and to pass along plants. Dues are \$16 per person, per year.

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



**3rd Tuesdays
7:00 PM**



Welcome New Neighbors

On behalf of the CandleRidge Board, I would like to welcome you to our neighborhood. Many of you may not know that CandleRidge has a non-mandatory Homeowners Association governed by a board of volunteer members. Our association is registered with the city of Fort Worth. We have bimonthly board meetings and have an annual meeting each year for the whole community. I deliver a Welcome Bag to each new homeowner and try to get to meet you. During 2020, I delivered 60 bags to new homeowners. In the bag will be a form to join the association, information about the area, and a few treats!

Karen Hunn

New Neighbors Chair

Do you have new neighbors?

EGRET INFESTATION

All CandleRidge homeowners need to be aware of the destructive Egret infestation that has occurred here for the last two years. If these birds nest in your trees, they will cover your yard, roof, sidewalks, and trees with their excrement, making your home uninhabitable. Be proactive and combat these invasive creatures.



Here are some helpful suggestions to keep an invasion away from your property:

1. Trim your trees to reduce the canopy by 30%. Tell your tree trimmer you want an egret trim.
2. Install bright shiny streamers and/or the odd eye-looking balloons in your trees.
3. Remove all squirrel nests so that you can spot any new egret nests.
4. Remove new egret nests before they lay eggs. Nests cannot be removed if there are eggs in them.
5. Install water sprinklers with a hose lead in the upper branches of your trees so that you can run the sprinkler if they try to roost there. This is a less expensive and excellent way to get the egrets to leave your property. You may not use this method of dealing with them once egrets they lay eggs.
6. Utilize noise making devices such as air canons, air horns, sonic sound wave devices, etc. These will scare them away.
7. Watch and warn your neighbors if you see any egrets or their scout birds (blue herons) from now thru February. These scout birds locate the trees that are suitable for egret nesting.
8. Most of all, thin out your trees as the egrets like trees that are thick and provide shade.
9. Experts in the federal laws protecting these birds are:
 Rachel Richter, Texas Parks and Wildlife, 972-293-3841 ext. 801 or 972-754-4007.
 Barry Alexander, City of Fort Worth Animal Care & Control, 817-994-4525
 Omar Bocanegra US Fish and Wildlife Services, 817-277-1100 ext. 2211
- 10 Contact a tree trimmer. If you need numbers for companies, contact our president.
11. Fort Worth's Animal Care and Control has indicated they will remove nests that do not have eggs.

Please be vigilant and proactive with this issue.

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 ____ COP Program _____ 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 at the first of the year!

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 to:

CHA Membership Chair
P.O. Box 331871, Fort Worth, TX 76163-1871

If you haven't joined for 2021, 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 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.

**Thank you,
 Your Candleridge Board**

Pay Dues

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