



Newsletter of the CandleRidge Homeowners Association

June 2021

From the President's Desk...

Dear CandleRidge Residents,

On behalf of the CandleRidge Homeowners Association, we sincerely want to thank all the neighbors and the City of Fort Worth Animal Control Department that have aided in our Egret deterrent plan. The Egrets are almost gone, but we still see many birds each day trying to stop and nest in our area. With the tree trimming and noise makers as well as consistent watching, we have had success in deterring the Egrets from making a home here. The Animal Control Officer said the Egrets will be nested somewhere else by the end of June. Until then, keep a look out and notify Animal Control if you see them nesting. The phone number for Animal Control is 817-392-1234.

After switching the CandleRidge Homeowners Association dues date last year from being due any time of the year to an annual pay date of January 1, and with the ability to pay from an electronic source, we have seen an increase in income and membership. We sincerely thank you for being a member and for paying your dues on time. Your dues go to maintain the CHA website, pay for the annual meetings, and recently to help with the Egret defense situation. Additionally, we are working on some expenditures for park improvements at CandleRidge Park. We will have more on that with the next newsletter.

Remember, this is a community homeowners association; membership is totally voluntary. We are here to help the community and make CandleRidge a great place to live. We are active in code issues, Code Blue/Citizens on Patrol, crime issues, zoning issues, park improvements and maintenance, newsletters, welcome committee, historical records, and city affairs. If you see a need and don't know who to call, reach out to a board member at the contact information listed on p.8 of the newsletter or at www.candleridgehomeowners.com. Connect with us on Facebook too at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/172430886475729>

Sincerely,
Steven Roebuck,
 President



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In the Park...



1. Park maintenance is a BIG JOB! PACS and the city maintenance contractors are fully underway mowing and weed eating to keep our park beautiful. PACS will continue with regular trash pickup and keeping the lake clean. However, with all of the recent and continual rainfall, keeping debris out of the lake has been a challenge
2. Thanks to the City of Fort Worth, our non-repairable lake fountain has been replaced with a new one and is fully operational. THANK YOU CITY OF FORT WORTH!!
3. Our primrose wildflowers were a delight to see this year. Hope many residents made it out to the park to enjoy their beauty.
4. Currently, we have one nutria present at the lake.
5. Some old habits are back into play by owners letting their dogs roam leash free around the park and lake. For the safety of your pets and people, comply with current animal control laws by keeping your pets on a leash at all times. Animal control is consistently in the neighborhood watching for egrets nesting; there is a high risk for consequences for non-compliance. Leash free environments can be found at the City's dog parks. Remember that bag receptacles are provided around the park and green belt areas for your use to clean up after your pets.
6. Speeding cars are a serious and dangerous problem in the neighborhood (30 mph), especially around the park area and in the alley ways (20 mph). As residents, we must set good examples by complying with posted speed limits rather than being our biggest violators. Stop for people, leashed pets, and ducks crossing the street. Proceed once they have safely crossed over and be mindful that people or animals that could dart into the street from between cars at anytime. Being careful, respectful, and courteous prevents the unexpected from happening
7. Keep an eye out for suspicious activity such as people driving through the neighborhood shooting squirrels, the hunting of ducks/geese, or people carrying pet crates. Report by calling 911 AND call an HOA board member so that additional investigations can be done.
8. Always remain cautious regarding coyotes who roam the neighborhood. Protect your pets.
9. To comply with child abandonment laws, we remind you that the park is not a drop off spot for your children. They must be supervised by an adult at all times.
10. We have one of the nicest and most visited parks in Fort Worth, so we must all contribute and comply with rules in order to keep it a safe and beautiful place to visit. A special thanks to all who 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



New Neighborhood Police Officer! Brandon Morris



Meet our new Neighborhood Police Officer—NPO
Welcome Officer Brandon Morris
Cell-817-988-1031
Office-817-392-3712
Fort Worth Police Non Emergency-817-335-422

Contact him with any questions or concerns that you have.

Erosion Project Update

Phase I is now complete, and Phase II awaits a starting date. Phase I included the planting of new grass which is currently really looking great. The City is aware that heavy rainfall has caused some of the new concrete blocks in the creek bed intersection to buckle, and we hope that those repairs will be made soon. Phase II focuses on the area adjacent to the bridge at French Lake Park and will include relocating the monument and benches, adding a nice landscape bed, and providing additional work with the drainage. No date has yet been set for the start of Phase II.

Candleridge Garden Club

The past year was hard on all organizations, including our CandleRidge Garden Club. Most of our meetings were held by Zoom or cancelled due to circumstances beyond our control.

That is behind us now! We have had our first meeting back at the church, and we look forward to a normal schedule beginning in September.

We welcome everyone, whether you live in CandleRidge or not, and invite you to join our friendly and active garden club. Come learn and enjoy meeting fellow gardeners. This is great place to find new plants to try as our members share their extras. We generally meet at St Matthew's Lutheran Church, corner of Granbury Road and Welch. Our president is Faye Youngblood. If you have any questions or would like any additional information, email Barbara Ford. cdt.bford@gmail.com.



Meetings are at 7 pm the 3rd Tuesday of the month, September – May

BLUE CODE

Citizens On Patrol

Thank You Citizens on Patrol Volunteers

Most of us have a contractual arrangement with a Security Service to protect our homes from break-ins and other unwanted developments. Have you ever stopped to realize that you have another device at your disposal which also is readily available to help protect your home and family? It's your car's ignition fob alarm button. Many of us have inadvertently pressed that button and set off a very loud embarrassing alarm. Now think how it can be used as a helpful tool!

If you keep your car keys by your bed at night, it is readily available to press should you become aware of someone attempting to break into your home. The horn will BLARE until you turn it off. Even if your car is garaged, there is a good chance a neighbor will hear the noise, and a better chance that the potential burglar won't hang around to find out if someone did. It could well give you the chance to dial 9-1-1!



When walking to your car in a parking lot, it is a good idea to have the keys in your hand. Many shoppers, especially women, have been accosted between the rows of cars, and a sudden blaring horn might well chase away a potential robber.

Another potentially dangerous situation can occur while performing yard work or using tools in a home work-shop. If you have that fob readily available, you can attract assistance should you need help.

The park hours of 5 AM to 9 PM remain in effect during the summer and in alignment with other City parks. Our COPs patrollers and the FWPD do patrol our park after hours to assure compliance with the curfew. Remember too that smoking is prohibited in our city parks and citations can be issued for it.

Citizens on Patrol would like to welcome its newest CandleRidge COP patroller, Elizabeth Lowe. She's lived in CandleRidge for about ten years and graduated in April from the latest COP training class.

Are you interested in becoming a COPs patroller? Members drive, walk, bike, or jog through the neighborhood at random times using varying routes and watching for anything suspicious or unusual, ANYTHING THAT DOESN'T SEEM NORMAL. The minimum commitment for a COPs member is four days a month in the CandleRidge area. The Fort Worth Police will train you at no cost! All COP members do NOT confront, but they WILL report. We need more good neighbors to really accomplish more than the bare minimum coverage.

Marty Moskowitz
Acting COP Captain



Just Ducky!

Due to the arctic winter weather, our visiting migratory ducks said their goodbyes a little early this year. Park visitors enjoyed watching their swimming habits and listening to the soothing sounds they made. Our resident ducks were lucky ducks because they survived the brutal winter. They all flocked together at the top end of the lake, swimming vigorously and taking turns resting in order to keep that portion of the lake from completely freezing. The ducks are in a second phase of nesting this year since many of their eggs did not survive the freezing temps. We have been fortunate to have some offspring already this year, and we stay optimistic that many more will survive. Domestic ducks will not venture quite as far to nest like the wild mallard ducks do. While our feathery friends love to entertain visitors, they like to be respected just like people do. Be kind to our feathery friends, and they will be kind to you! Our feathery friends have a special request that you PLEASE DRIVE SLOWLY AND WATCH OUT FOR THEM CROSSING THE STREETS AND PUDDLIN' IN THE ALLEYS! If they are in a roadway, don't expect that they will fly off once a car approaches them as that is not likely to happen. Winter kept the turtles in hibernation a bit longer this year, but they appear to be active and healthy. Our feathery friends wish all a QUACKY and HAPPY summer; stay COOL! An extra QUACK QUACK goes out to those who provide never ending support in many ways. Our feathery friends want to give special recognition to one special lady they call "MAMA JUDY". She takes special care of them and their environment in many ways. THANKS MAMA JUDY!!

Dana Wells, The Duck Lady

**NEW
City
App**



While walking the dog in mid-May on a street east of me, I noticed a sad and bad situation in front of one residence. Where the driveway met the asphalt of the street, it looked as though the driveway had sunk and the asphalt had risen. There was a good 5" vertical wall between the curb portion of the driveway and the street. A low to the ground car would have trouble driving over the thing. I took a few photos, and sent in the photos to our city councilman to have them forwarded to the correct department.

About five days later, eight city workers with \$300,000 worth of city equipment were on that street trying to fix the problem. Although the crew worked diligently, they weren't able to completely fix it because too much water was running down the curb. They told the resident that when it got dry that they would come back and fix it.

During this process, I learned of other quick ways to notify the city of a problem. One is to go to the city website, www.fortworthtexas.gov. Towards the top of the page there will be a block that reads "Report a Problem." Click on it. Just about any issue you can think of is there. By far, the easiest way to report something is to download the "MyFW" app on your phone or tablet. All that you need to do is snap a photo, upload, and the situation is reported! Simple!

Bill Atkins, Contributing Neighbor



Welcome New Neighbors



Welcome to CandleRidge!

We are delighted to have you as new neighbors in our community. We take great pride in our neighborhood and are always glad to see new families move in. Now that it is warmer and neighbors are back out walking in the park and along the trails, it is a great chance to make some new friends.

I would like to bring a CHA Welcome Bag by your home and get to meet you. I also would like to tell you about our non-mandatory homeowners association and how it supports our community. Contact me at neighbors@candleridgehomeowners.com.

Karen Hunn
New Neighbor Chairman

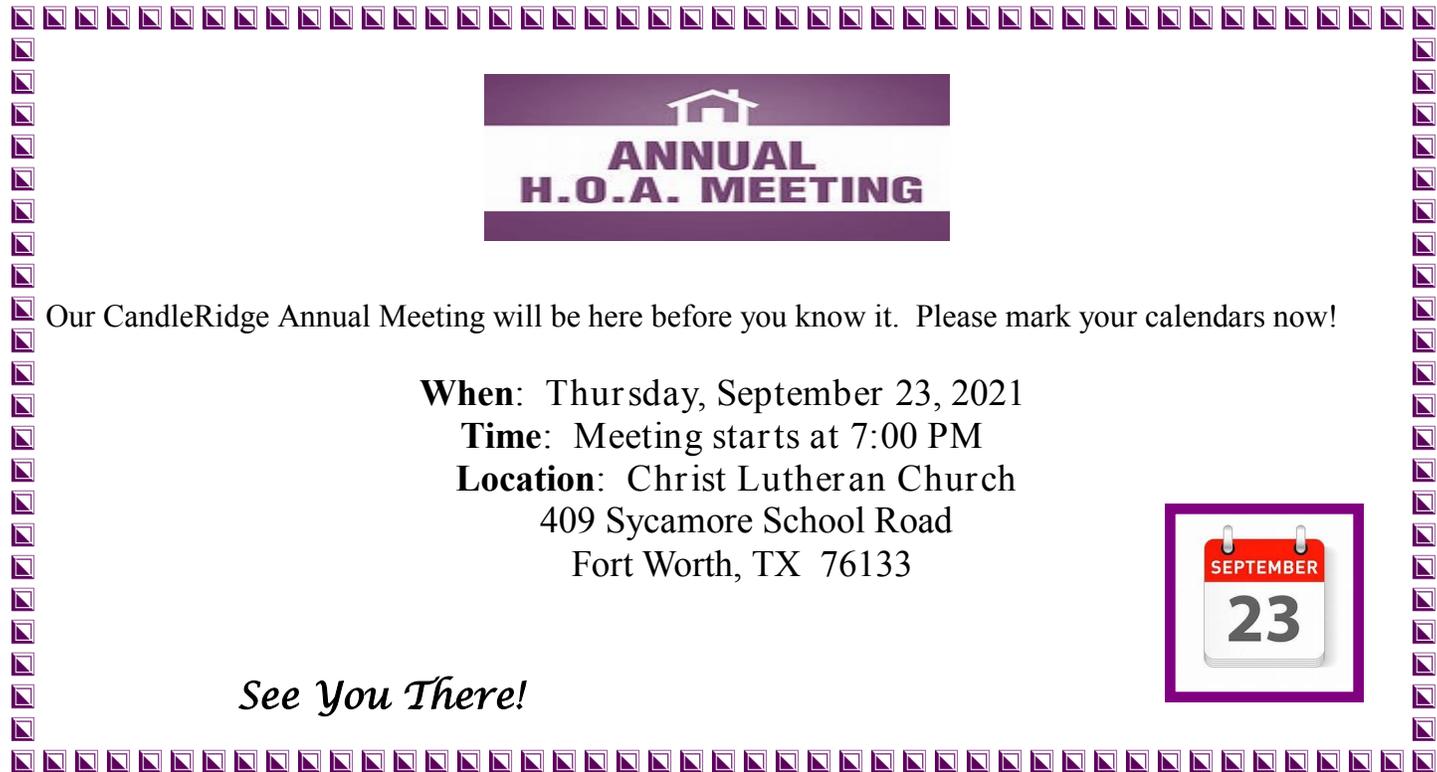
Do you have new neighbors?



Reminder! 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

Don't forget our Facebook page too!



ANNUAL H.O.A. MEETING

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

When: Thursday, September 23, 2021
Time: Meeting starts at 7:00 PM
Location: Christ Lutheran Church
409 Sycamore School Road
Fort Worth, TX 76133



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
 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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