



Newsletter of the CandleRidge Homeowners Association

From the President's Desk...

Dear CandleRidge Residents,

Our annual neighborhood homeowners meeting was held on September 22, at Christ Lutheran Church and was well attended with over 60 residents present. We heard from Officer Brandon Morris, our Neighborhood Police Officer. He spoke to us about how to go about reporting speeders and gunshots that you hear. Please report these to 911. Code Enforcement Officer Bridgett Roden spoke about coyotes in our area and asked that we should report coyotes and foxes to code enforcement if we see any of them on the streets or in the park.

We also heard from others regarding different topics. Sean Penn from Fort Worth Parks Department. spoke about the upcoming playground improvements to CandleRidge Park and the impending dredging project at French Lake. The residents attending the meeting voted to spend \$18,000.00 on three new swing sets. We will work with Mr. Penn to determine a location for those swing sets this spring. Mr. Terrance Hamilton from Fort Worth Community Engagement spoke about the workshops the City is sponsoring.

Please see page 3, for the proposed calendar of events for the next 12 months. Our next event is the neighborhood Christmas lighting and decorating contest.

If you get this newsletter and have not yet joined CandleRidge Homeowners Association, please consider joining by going to our website and joining there. The membership fees are only \$25.00 per couple or \$15.00 if someone in your household is over age 65. We depend on having an active membership in order to maintain our website and the activities that we sponsor. So, please consider and sign up if you have not done so.

Lastly, we want to thank all homeowners for making CandleRidge a great place to live and for keeping your property looking so nice. If you have any issues, you can contact Code Enforcement or a Board member. We will endeavor to help in whatever way that we can.

Steve Roebuck,
President



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In the Park...



Your CandleRidge Homeowners Association Board is currently seeking a volunteer to serve as its Park Coordinator. If you're interested in this position, please contact president Steve Roebuck by email at president@candleridgehomeowners.com.

Have you noticed the fabulous new CandleRidge Park signs at some of our street corners? Make a note to watch for them if you have not seen them!

The erosion project underway near Misty Meadow and Weatherwood is coming along and looking nice. Drive by and have a look at it!

Remember that the park hours are 5 AM to 9 PM year round. FWPD does after-hour patrols in order to help assure compliance with the curfew. Remember, too, that the park and greenbelt areas are considered to be a city park and that the city's NO SMOKING ordinance applies to all areas surrounding French Lake, the park itself, and the greenbelt.

Coyotes continue to be seen on the streets and in the park and with more frequency. Many appear to be living in the abandoned house on Crossbow Court. Though uninhabited, the home is a private residence, and the city has not stepped in to deal with the situation. If you see coyotes on the streets or in the park, please call 911 and report the citing.

Remember to always keep your pets on a leash and to clean up after your pets while visiting the park or taking walks. This is for their safety, waterfowl safety, and the safety of other pets and their owners.

We continue to have people parking on the streets at the park and greenbelt areas after park hours and watching "not so appropriate" videos on their computers. If you see cars parked outside of park hours, report them at 817-335-4222.

As mentioned in the President's letter on page 1, those attending the annual meeting in September voted to spend money to provide additional park playground equipment which the City will install.

As residents, we all strive to keep our park safe and beautiful, so let's all do our part to keep it this way. Thank you for your continued efforts to maintain this goal. If you are interested in helping with our neighborhood park or have other inquiries, please email president@candleridgehomeowners.com.





Calendar Corner

Mark your calendars for the remaining events of the 2022-2023 CandleRidge HOA!

Dec. 15th General Board Meeting

Dec. 20th Judging of Holiday Decorations

Dec. 23rd Announce winners of Decorating Contest and deliver awards

Jan 1st - Jan. 31st Dues payment month

Feb. 16th General Board Meeting with Egret Plan

Feb. 23rd Crime Prevention Meeting

March 25th Great American Clean up Day

May 18th General Board Meeting and selection of July 4th planning committee

June 1st July 4th Planning Committee Meets

July 4th Parade at the Lake

August 17th General Board Meeting and Select Officer Search Committee

Sept. 28th Annual Board Meeting and Election of Officers

Oct. 3rd National Night Out at The Lake

Oct. 15th Great American Clean Up Day

YOUR CANDLERIDGE BOARD





Have you planned your decorations?
 You'll want to get started if you have not!
 Judging will take place on the evening of December 20th!

We hope to have heavy participation and a great outcome!



Welcome elected Board Officers for the next year!

President—Steve Roebuck
Vice President—Martha Earngey
Treasurer—Glenn Williams
Secretary—Matt Maxwell
Membership Secretary—Michael Zamarron

Thank you to everyone who attended the annual meeting.

Candleridge Garden Club Spring Program Schedule

We welcome everyone, living in Candleridge or not, to join our friendly and active garden club. Our president is Faye Youngblood.. Dues are \$16 per year. Our upcoming programs are as follows:

Jan. 17—Weather Forecasting: Understanding Climate Changes (Ashley Coles)

Feb. 21—Grow “Bagging”: How, What, and Where (Project)

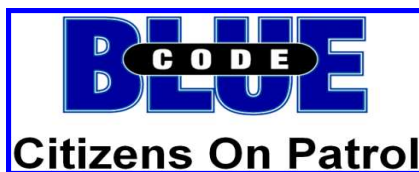
March 21—”Spring”ing into Summer: Soil Preparation and Planting (Robert Faires)

April 18—”Staying Alive”: Growing, Pruning, Troubleshooting (Robert Faires)

Come and join us! Candleridge Garden Club meets at 7 PM on the 3rd Tuesday of the month from September through May at St. Matthew’s Lutheran Church at Granbury and Welch gardenclub@candleridgehomeowners.com



See you there!



Thank You Citizens on Patrol Volunteers

Handle with Care Program

Everyday law enforcement officials respond to traumatic scenes where children are present. FWPD has partnered with Education Service Center Region 11 and the Fort Worth Independent School District to launch the Handle with Care program. The Handle with Care program connects student and families with appropriate interventions. This program allows officers to be more proactive identifying students who are involved in potentially traumatic events, events that can lead to academic, behavioral, or even attendance issues. These traumatic events could range from being involved in or witnessing a fatal accident, witnessing or being victim to a violent crime, or the witnessing the arrest of a loved one. Trauma in children can manifest itself in ways that can often interfere not only with their ability to learn but also lead to academic, behavioral, or attendance issues.



The Handle with Care program promotes not only law enforcement but also school and community partnerships aimed at ensuring that children who are exposed to trauma receive the appropriate interventions to help them achieve academically in spite of whatever traumatic circumstances they may have endured.

Here's how the program works: Officers who encounter a child during a traumatic police scene will send the child's name and age to Education Service Center Region 11, the intermediary educational agency for the area. Region 11 personnel will then send an email to an administrator at the child's school with the simple phrase, "Handle [student's name] with care." No other information or details is provided by FWPD. The email simply gives the school a heads-up that the child has been exposed to trauma and that any unusual behavior should be met with support and appropriate interventions at the child's school. When ESC Region 11 personnel receives notifications for children enrolled in schools outside of FWISD, the official there will still make notifications to the schools so that the children can receive support. The FWPD plans to work toward expanding the program into other ISD's and private schools.

We welcome new people to our Citizens on Patrol team. If you are interested in being a part of our group, please contact Marty at patrollers@candleridgehomeowners.com so that he can get you the materials that you will need.

Marty Moskowitz
COP Captain





Join or Renew
Membership

Membership Magic

Why join as a paid member of the CHA?

Did you know all adults (18 and older) who reside in a residential homestead within the CandleRidge Homeowners Association are considered members of the association; however, only paid households can vote on propositions. Voting allows you to have a voice in the decision process and on proposals made by the officers and board of directors. As a paid member, you can also serve as an elected officer or appointed committee chair or committee member.

What does the CHA do?

The CHA is a great way for the neighborhood to interface with the city and keep CandleRidge a great place to live and raise a family. The association's purpose is to promote a sense of unity, civic spirit, and good will in our neighborhood. Recent major achievements include pushing for the important dredging of French Lake to make our lake clearer and more beautiful, promoting erosion control throughout our community, and purchasing new swing sets to be installed for the children.

What new ideas are coming before the CHA?

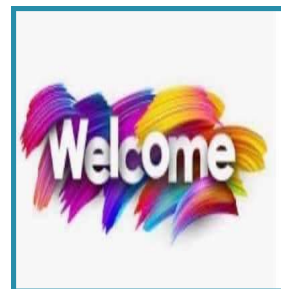
Community engagement ideas are always at the organization's forefront: These can include topics such as sharing important crime prevention news, home security issues, or community activities like the 4th of July Parade. Now is an exciting time to join a planning committee to get your ideas considered.

How do I Join?

See page 8 of this newsletter for more details! You can also contact me, Michael Zamarron, by email at membership@candleridgehomeowners.com. Additionally, you can go to our website and join there. That address is <https://www.candleridgehomeowners.com/>. Be sure to include your email address so that you can get the most up-to-date information sent to you. Make sure and tell your neighbors about us so that they can add their voice too. Visit us on our Facebook group at: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/172430886475729/about/>

Thank you and hope to see you at our next function.

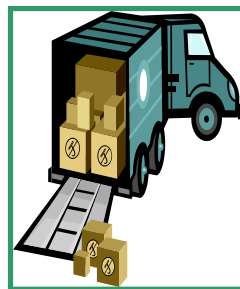
Michael Zamarron
Membership Chairman



Welcome New Neighbors

On behalf of the CandleRidge Homeowners Association, let me welcome you to our neighborhood. If you know of a new neighbor on your street or if you are a new resident, please let us know so that you can receive a "Welcome Bag".

In order to fill our bags, we are looking for donations from local businesses that would help introduce new residents to their stores and businesses. Items such as mugs, coupons, pens, etc. would be appreciated. Please let us know if you are aware of businesses with items to contribute.



Do you have new neighbors?

Reminder! You Can Pay your Dues Online with PayPal

PayPal™ Did you know that you can pay your annual dues on our website?
To do so, go to www.candleridgehomeowners.com

Don't forget our Facebook page too!
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/172430886475729>



CITY AFFAIRS

We have been working with the city regarding bad street curbs in our area, and it appears that the city has softened its position on fixing curb issues. The policy had been that if you had a curb problem (cracked, chipped, raised, busted, etc.) that the repair cost was on you, the homeowner. Thanks to a Candleridge homeowner, we recently submitted two embarrassing and unsafe curbs issues in Candleridge, and the City has included these types of the repairs in its 2023 budget. We shall see!

Several of us on the Board continue to believe that the street needing the most repair is Brandingshire Place east of Hulen. We have expressed this concern to the city and received a tepid response so far.

Residents report that they are getting pretty good responses from the City with issues they report on the MyFW app, and I suggest that you give it a try. Candleridge street maintenance and routine repairs are done out of the city yard located south of us on Columbus Trail. Late last spring, I visited the man in charge for our area, and he said they were extremely short staffed. He said that though authorized for 14 workers, it currently only has 4. He said that most quit for higher paying construction jobs.

We have new information on how to contact the office of Jared Williams, our city councilman. While no numbers for the councilman himself are being shared with Candleridge, something we truly miss from our former Councilman, the city has budgeted for two people to now serve as aids for councilmen. These council assistants have new titles and are his District Director Davia Johnson 817-372-1138 and his new Constituent Services Director Joshua Rivers. 682-269-4075 Davia.Johnson@fortworthtexas.gov and Joshua.Rivers@fortworthtexas.gov.

Bill Atkins, City Affairs

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, please do so!

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.

**Thank you,
Your CandleRidge Board**

Pay Dues



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