



Newsletter of the CandleRidge Homeowners Association

From the President's Desk...

1st Quarter 2022

Dear CandleRidge Residents,

We had a very competitive Holiday Lighting/Decoration Contest this year. The winners were announced on our Facebook page and are listed on page 3 of this newsletter. Thank you to all who decorated and put up such very festive light displays. It says a lot about our neighborhood when we all get together and light up the neighborhood for the holidays.

In other news, we are approaching the time when egrets return to our location, so be prepared and visit our website at www.candleridgehomeowners.com. We have added an egret section to the website which contains several articles about how you can help prevent an infestation in your trees. Please visit those pages and be on the lookout for these pesky birds.

We want to thank all who have paid their dues either by mail or by using the PayPal method located on our website. We appreciate you. Your dues help to maintain the website, support egret defense, complete neighborhood projects, conduct meetings, and more. Remember, January is the month we all need to pay the dues so that our board can plan expenses for the new year. See page 7.

We are still planning on installing some new playground equipment soon. The City of Fort Worth is going to replace the French Lake play structure with a newer and improved model sometime this spring. The HOA Board has also committed to installing two swing sets and two merry go rounds in other park areas where there is no equipment. These will be installed by the City at the same time as the play structure installation.

Thank you everyone for making CandleRidge a great place!

Sincerely,

Steven Roebuck
President



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In the Park...



1. Park maintenance like mowing and weed eating will resume in the spring. PACS will continue doing regular trash pickups and removing debris from the lake. Springtime will put us back on the regular maintenance schedule.
2. The lake fountain is not working and will need to be accessed by boat to diagnose the problem. It will take some time before workers can do this and complete the repair.
3. Three beavers have now been sighted and are present at the lake.
4. Report any suspicious activity, especially people driving very slowly through the neighborhood. This time of year is the time that the park is prone to poachers shooting at squirrels or hunting ducks/geese. Call 911 to report those involved and try to get a vehicle description and license plate number. Additional investigations can also be done if you also report it to your HOA board.
5. Several packs of coyotes have been sighted roaming the neighborhood even in the daytime. Take necessary precautions to protect your pets.
6. Make sure when visiting the park that you keep your dog(s) on an escape free leash. DO NOT use ropes as a means of a leash. We had many ducks fall victim to dogs that were leashed with a rope which easily becomes untied or breaks. Bag receptacles are provided around the park and green belt areas for your use to clean up after your pets. DO NOT place used bags back in these receptacle bins but in trash cans provided around the park.
7. Dogs must be on a leash at all times while in the park. Several ducks have been attacked by dogs recently resulting in either death or severe injury to the ducks. Remember to keep a safe distance between your pets and the ducks as the ducks can't escape quickly, especially if they are resting.
8. Protect your pets from frigid temps by bringing them inside or provide them with shelter and blankets if they remain outdoors.
9. Frigid temps bring less park visitors. Remember to bundle up good or wear a few extra layers while taking a winter stroll. Don't forget to bring your favorite hot beverage along. It's sure to warm you from the inside out.

Thanks to all for your continued efforts and monetary contributions this past year. Your efforts help keep our park a beautiful place to visit. Keep those watchful eyes open so that you can help keep our neighborhood safe. If you are interested in helping with our neighborhood park or have other inquiries, please email parks@candleridgehomeowners.com.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Dana Wells, Park Coordinator



Holiday Lighting Contest Winners

1st Place: 7121 Wind Chime
 2nd Place: 4700 Foxfire
 3rd Place: 4633 Cinnamon Hill
 Honorable Mention: 6901 Winchester Place
Congratulations Winners!



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

Deed Restrictions

The Board wants to send a big thank you to all the homeowners who keep up their property and make CandleRidge such a great place to live. If you see any code or deed issues or violations, you can contact Code Enforcement 817-392-1234 for code issues or you may contact a Board member for Deed Restriction issues. The email addresses are listed on page 8 and on the contacts page of our website. We appreciate your help in making our neighborhood a better place to live.



Candleridge Garden Club

Garden Club meetings will be from January through May 2022. We meet at 7:00 PM the third Tuesday of the month at St Matthew's Lutheran Church located at Granbury Road at Welch. New members are always welcome!

Programs this Quarter:

January 18 - Speaker: Teddi Zonker, Master Gardener and Butterfly Host.

Topic: "From the Ground Up"—Plant now for Butterflies later!

February 15 – TBA

March 15 – "Hydro" Planting. Bring any plants/garden items to share with members – thank you!

IMPORTANT – Remember, Trish with Stone's Throw Farm will have her truck with fresh farm produce in the church parking lot from 3-6 pm on the Tuesday of our meeting. Let's be sure to show our support and appreciation for her time and effort.

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 fellow gardeners. We are happy to share ideas and suggestions and pass along plants. Dues are \$16 per person, per year.



3rd Tuesdays

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

Email gardenclub@candleridgehomeowners.com



Citizens On Patrol

Thank You Citizens on Patrol Volunteers
HAPPY NEW YEAR CandleRidge Homeowners

False Social Security Calls

The FTC is getting reports about people pretending to be from the Social Security Administration (SSA) who are trying to get your Social Security number and even your money. In one version of the scam, the caller says your Social Security number has been linked to a crime, a crime involving drugs or a crime which illegally sends money out of the country. The caller then says that your Social is blocked, and he might ask you for a fee to reactivate it or to get a new number. He will then ask you to then confirm your Social Security number. In other variations, the caller says that somebody used your number to apply for credit cards, and you could lose your benefits. He might warn you that your bank account is about to be seized, that you need to withdraw your money, and that he'll tell you how to keep it safe. These are scams.

Here's what you need to know:

SSA employees will never call and ask for your Social Security number. They won't ask you to pay anything. No one will call to threaten your benefits. While your caller ID might show the SSA's real phone number (1-800-772-1213), it's really not the real number! Computers make it easy to show any number on caller ID. You can't trust what you see there.



NEVER give your Social Security number to anyone who contacts you. Don't confirm the last 4 digits of your number either, and don't give a bank account or credit card number to anybody who contacts you asking for it. Remember too that anyone who tells you to wire money, pay with a gift card, or send cash is a scammer. No matter who they say they are, always just hang up.

If you're worried about a call from someone who claims to be from the Social Security Administration, get off the phone. Then call the real SSA at 1-800-772-1213 (TTY 1-800-325-0778) and report the call.

If you'd like to become a member of our Citizens on Patrol team or if you have questions about becoming a member, please contact Marty Moskowitz at 817-7271959 or lumarmos2@gmail.com. If you see a COP member patrolling, feel free to stop and ask about the program. Once your training is completed, the commitment is only four, one-hour time slots a month driving, motorcycling, bicycling, skating, or walking in CandleRidge.

We would love to have you join us.

Marty Moskowitz
Candleridge COP Representative



Just  y!

Like us, the ducky world is hoping for a less brutal winter this year. Our visiting migratory ducks have arrived as usual but in numbers less than in previous years. However, you know when winter sets in because they get very vocal with their pleasant and soothing sound making.. If you can bare the cold long enough, you can watch them swimming in group circles and group diving patterns which are some very entertaining habits they have. To maintain added warmth and for their extra protection against predators, ducks and geese prefer to stay closer to the lake and in the water during this time of year. Ducks have heavier appetites during this time, so supplemental feed helps them survive during the winter. Some occasional seagulls have been seen at the lake recently. Thank you to all of our continued supporters who have provided food or monetary contributions for the purchase of supplemental food for our feathered friends. HAPPY NEW YEAR QUACKS to all!

QUACKY FACTS: Ducks usually look for a mate or partner during the winter. Males will attract the female ducks by displaying their colorful plumage or feathers. In the spring, the female ducks will lead the male ducks to their breeding ground. A wild duck can live 20 years or more. The world record is a Mallard Drake who lived to a ripe old age of 27 years. Domestic ducks typically live for 10-15 years in captivity. The two most famous ducks in history are Donald and Daffy Duck.

Dana Wells, The Duck Lady

Egrets, Egrets, Egrets!!

Late January/Early February is the time to start looking out for the Egret's. These birds always return to their old nesting grounds, so be on the lookout!! Warning your neighbors about them and making loud noises is the best way to make the egrets move on. Make yourself aware of the problems that they can cause and the proper way to defend your property. If you need help, you can call the City at 817-392-1234 and ask for Animal/Egret Control. You will be connected with the right person. In addition, please visit our website and review our Egret Defense Section. www.candleridgehomeowners.com



Facebook

Have you joined our CandleRidge HOA Facebook Page?

Join our page at

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





Welcome New Neighbors

We are excited to have you as new neighbors in our community. Candleridge has a non-mandatory Homeowners Association governed by a board of volunteer members. We have an annual meeting each year for the whole community and also bi-monthly board meetings.

The park around French Lake is such a beautiful place to walk around, see the ducks and squirrels, visit with friends and enjoy the natural beauty. We all work hard to keep our park clean so that people can come and know that children and pets are always welcome.

If you have new neighbors, please be sure tell them about our organization and have them sign up for the newsletter on our website.

We look forward to meeting you and giving you a Welcome Bag with treats and valuable info in it.

CHA Welcome Committee
Pete and Rosemary Folks

Do you have new neighbors?

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

Bridge Erosion Project



Part of the Phase II bridge erosion project was just recently completed! The improvements consisted of increasing the size of the pavilion concrete pad, adding an additional concrete pad for a future bike rack, removing the deteriorated barbecue grills, and relocating the monument which is now placed between two new benches that were provided by the City. Some other minor improvements are scheduled and yet to be completed. A big thanks to the City workers for the great job that they did on this project. This was a really nice improvement to our park.

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 Citizens on Patrol _____ 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+ Seniors 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 January!

While this newsletter may not arrive in January, your board 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:

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

If you haven't joined for 2022, 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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