



Newsletter of the CandleRidge Homeowners Association

March 2023

From the President's Desk...

The CandleRidge Homeowners Association wants to extend its appreciation to all who have paid your 2023 annual dues. It is a great thing when we all come together and support the local neighborhood. We have collected around \$3,500.00 so far!! This association is totally voluntary as well as the board of directors and committee chairpersons. If you are new to the area and are thinking of joining, we wanted to take this space to promote the association and tell you about some of the things we do with the money you pay.



Some of the things we do are: maintain the website and send email blasts; write this newsletter 3 times a year, support the egret defense team, support and communicate with Citizens on Patrol, communicate with animal control, code enforcement, neighborhood police officer, city council, office of economic development, planning and zoning, transportation and public works, and the parks department. We support the holiday lighting contest each year and the July 4th parade at the lake. New things we are supporting this year will be an upcoming crime prevention meeting with Fort Worth Police, a clean up day this spring, and in October we are planning on having a get together for neighbors down at the park on National Night Out, October 3rd.

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We have had many calls about coyotes recently. We have been communicating these concerns to animal control as well as two of our members who are patrolling twice daily looking for these guys. If the problem persists, the last option we have is to hire a wildlife trapper to set traps on private property. Keep reporting any sightings.

Be sure to see page 2 of this newsletter, we have an article regarding the proposed Alta Mesa/McCart Corridor Reinvestment Zone and how this will be accomplished by the creation of a Public Improvement District. We have been attending weekly meetings concerning this, and we will keep you informed of the progress.

We also want to ask all of you to keep an eye out for the egrets this year as these birds seem to have a built-in GPS and will most likely try to settle in here again. See our website for more info on that: candleridgehomeowners.com.

Thank you for allowing me this spot to give my spill on things, and I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Sincerely,
Steven Roebuck
President



City Affairs

City elections are upon us again! This year we have three people running for city council for our district. As you may know, the city voted to expand our district to include the Como community which is almost three miles from the rest of District 6 and is not contiguous.

Candidates for City Council, District 6:

1. Jared Williams, incumbent, according to *Ft. Worth Report*, has become employed as vice president of advocacy at the Tarrant Area Food Bank.
2. Tonya Carter lists her occupation as Customer Service, runs a Facebook page called the *Como Action News Today*.
3. Italia de la Cruz is a Mother of three and a Small Business Owner.

Mayor Mattie Parker has drawn four opponents:

1. Adrian Smith, Veteran
2. Alyson Kennedy, Cashier and Activist
3. Jennifer Castillo, Entrepreneur and Realtor
4. Ken Bowens Jr., Entrepreneur

Important Election Dates To Remember:

April 6-Last date to register to vote

April 24-Early voting begins

May 2- Early voting ends

May 6-Election Day

Bill Atkins

City Affairs

What is a Public Improvement District (PID)?

Your Board is sharing the following information from the City's website because it involves businesses on or near our neighborhood. This type of district has been proposed for the Altamesa and McCart corridor. You can go to the CandleRidge website to see the exact map of where this is proposed. If approved, a tax would be levied on all businesses on the streets involved. Please help inform the businesses of this proposal.

Authorized by Chapter 372 of Texas Local Government Code, PIDs are districts created by property owners within their defined geographical area who agree to levy an assessment (fee applied to their property value) across the district in order to provide public improvements or maintenance within the district.

PIDs provide the municipalities with a tool that allocates costs according to the benefits received. A PID can provide funding for supplemental services and improvements that meet the needs of the community, that could not otherwise be constructed or provided such as security, maintenance and beautification of common-areas, promotion of the district, and economic development initiatives.

To create a PID, property owners must petition the City. To qualify, a petition must be signed by:

- Owners of taxable of real property representing more than 50% of the appraised value of taxable real property liable for the assessment and
- Record owners of the property who constitute more than 50% of all record owners of the property liable for the assessment or record owners who own taxable real property that constitutes more than 50% of the area of all taxable real property liable for the assessment.



We had a great turn out for the Christmas lights contest and winners were awarded their awards right after the 1st of January. Competition was fierce. Many thanks to all who decorated their property.

Winners:

- 1st Place : 7121 Wind Chime—\$100
- 2nd Place: 4700 Foxfire—\$75
- 3rd Place: 7120 Sparrow Point —\$50
- Honorable Mention: 6901 Winchester—\$25

****City Code: All outdoor lights need to be down 90 days after being put up!**
Because of the fire hazard, all decorative lighting should be removed**

DRONE DEFENSE



**Do you own a drone?
We need your help!**

If you own a drone and could fly a couple of missions over the lake and a suspected coyote den, your HOA could sure use your help. Volunteering to do this would be greatly appreciated.

Contact president@candleridgehomeowners.com to learn more!

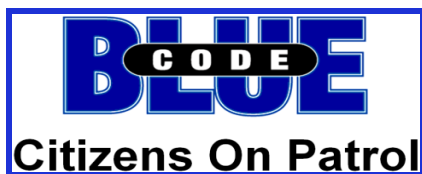
Pay your Dues Online with PayPal

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

Like us on Facebook too!



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



Scammers

What do the model of your first car, your favorite hobby, and the name of the high school you attended have in common? If you said they're questions commonly used for online account security and online quizzes, you're correct! Before you take a quiz to find out which Marvel character you are, ask yourself: Do I know who's gathering this information about me or what they plan to do with it? Personality tests, quick surveys, and other types of online quizzes seem to ask seemingly harmless questions, but the more information that you share, the more you risk it being misused. Scammers could do a lot of damage with just a few answers that reveal your personal information. We have heard about some scammers phishing for answers to security question data through quizzes. They use quiz answers in order to try and reset your accounts, something that can let them steal your banking and other account information. Some scammers hack social media accounts and send malware links to friends of the hacked account holder under the guise of sharing a quiz. One major way to protect your personal information in addition to maintaining strong passwords and using multi-factor authentication is to steer clear of online quizzes...or just don't answer them truthfully! As for accounts that require actual security questions, treat them like additional passwords and use random answers, preferably long ones, for those too. Asked to enter your mother's maiden name? Don't do it, say that it's something else: Parmesan or another word you'll remember. Use a password manager to store a unique answer. This way, scammers won't be able to use information that they find to steal your identity.

Citizens Police Academy

The Fort Worth Police Department is currently accepting applications for the Citizens Police Academy Class #60. These 12 weeks of classes take place on Tuesdays from 6-9 pm starting March 7th and ending May 25th. Classes are held at 1000 Calvert. The objective and intent of the program is to familiarize and educate the community on how different units within the Fort Worth Police Department operate. In order to participate, people must be 21 years old or older with an interest in learning more about the nature of police work. For more information contact Officer Tamelia Carroll at Tamelia.carroll@fortworthtexas.gov or call 817-392-6225. Citizens Police Academy applications are at fortworthtexas.gov and will be accepted through March 1.

Interested in being a COP Patroller?

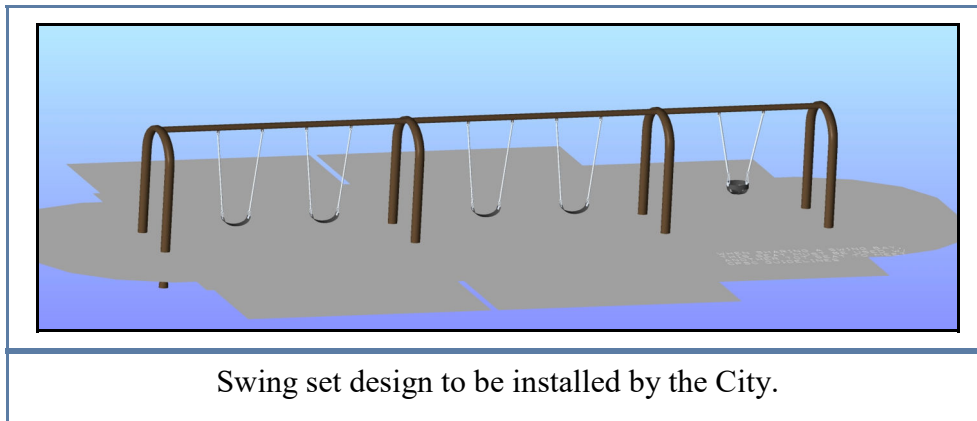
For additional information regarding the COPs program, contact me, Marty Moskowitz, by email at patrollers@candleridgehomeowners.com.

Marty Moskowitz,
COP Captain



Swing Sets are Coming to Willow Way!

As voted on in our September 2022 community wide CandleRidge Homeowners Association meeting, we have ordered 3 new swing sets to be placed in the linear park along Willow Way Drive. The swing sets should be up by late May or early June. The City Parks Department will be doing installation concurrent with the installation of the new playground equipment at the park at French Lake. Have you noticed the work that is currently underway? Yes, we are getting new playground equipment at the playground by the lake!! Thank you City of Fort Worth!!



Swing set design to be installed by the City.

CandleRidge Garden Club

Did you know that we have a Garden Club? We do! 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:

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

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

May 16—To Be Announced

No meetings in the summer.

Mark your calendar and attend one of our upcoming events. Candleridge Garden Club meets at 7:00 PM on the 3rd Tuesday of the month from September through May at St. Matthew’s Lutheran Church at the corner of Granbury Road and Welch
gardenclub@candleridgehomeowners.com



**3rd Tuesdays
7:00 PM**

See you there!



Welcome New Neighbors

It's spring and people are out and about. It's exciting to see so many new families move into the area. Your Homeowner's Association presents each new household with a bag containing material on the area and a CandleRidge mug! Help us identify any new additions to the area!

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:

Last year was the first in 3 years that we had no egret rookeries (a breeding colony of birds, typically seen as a collection of nests high in a clump of trees) in the CandleRidge neighborhood. This was due in a large part to the excellent support we received from our neighbors in trimming trees, patrolling the neighborhood, and diligently reporting sightings to Animal Control and/or our local egret support team. Thank you for your assistance!

- Trees should be trimmed by now (Nov – Mar)
- Be looking for Blue Herons or Yellow Crowned Night Herons. These are the Scouts
- Herons nest and establish rookeries from March thru April
- Eggs are laid April thru May
- Full rookeries and hatchlings and fledglings are from April thru October
- Egrets and herons leave from September thru October
- Clean up trees and remove any nests from October thru January
- Nests can be removed anytime if it does not contain eggs

Please review the CandleRidge HOA Website (<https://www.candleridgehomeowners.com/>) and look for the Egret Information Center for material on how to identify egrets and herons, preparations/timing for their coming migration/nesting, damage egrets can do to our property, and contact information should you need assistance or questions.

If you do have questions, you are welcome to reach out to Animal Control at 817-392-1234 or me, Matt Maxwell at mattmaxwell777@hotmail.com or 817-929-8867. I have experience, a close relationship with Animal Control, and am in possession of the necessary bird deterrent noise maker devices.

Sincerely,

Matt Maxwell

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 2023, 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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