



Newsletter of the CandleRidge Homeowners Association

Fall 2023

From the President's Desk...

Hello Neighbors! We have our neighborhood meeting coming up on Sept. 28th at Christ Lutheran Church where we will be voting on amending the purchase of park swing sets as well as voting on officers for the coming year. Councilman Williams will also speak about things going on in District 6 and the City.

We need volunteers! We still having an opening for secretary to take minutes at each meeting, a historian to keep up with our history, and a new Citizen on Patrol Chair to keep us abreast of neighborhood police matters. In addition, most of the current officers and chairpersons have already served multiple years on the board, and we would welcome others to step up and take the reins of these positions. The following positions could use new people: President, Vice President, Secretary, Newsletter, and Citizens on Patrol. Please give it some thought; these are not hard jobs, but there is no pay other than the reward of serving your community. If you have questions or want to serve, please notify me by email or VP Martha Earngey.

president@candleridgehomeowners.com

vice-president@candleridgehomeowners.com.

Remember that this is your homeowners association. Only you can make it great.

The next scheduled event is the National Night Out on October 3rd at the pavilion on French Lake Drive by the lake. Bring some food, your BBQ pits, and cook some burgers. Let's make it an annual community event. With sunset being at 7:15, we'd probably better start between 5:30 and 5:45 pm.

Some homeowners have suggested that we have a spring community garage sale. We will discuss this at the annual meeting. Please be there and have a voice.

Remember to use your MYFW app on your phone to report city code violations, high weeds and grass, potholes, streetlights burned out, dead animals, etc.

Thank you to each and every neighbor for helping to make our CandleRidge neighborhood the best place to live. Connect with us too on Facebook at

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

Steven Roebuck,
President



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In the Park...



It's been warm, but even on those really hot days, people enjoyed the park. Now that it's a bit cooler, bring your water, and come on out and join the fun. Park hours are 5AM-9PM.

The dredging of French Lake has begun. This is part of the bond program that was voted on a few years back. So far, five huge bags of muck have been removed from the bottom of French Lake. They look like submarines! (See the photos below.) The dredging is expected to remove nine of these filled bags. You'll also notice that the turtles have made temporary homes on the dredging crates.

Thankfully, the waterfowl continue their normal routine while the dredging is taking place. They are glad to still have water after the drought that they have been experiencing.

The installation of the additional swing sets for the park that the membership approved last fall was cut by the city. We will need to discuss a new plan at the HOA annual meeting at 7:00 PM September 28th at Christ Lutheran Church which is next door to Ace Hardware on Sycamore School Road.

Please pick up after your dogs. This is becoming a real problem! Bags have been provided by volunteers, so please use one or bring one with you when you walk your dog. Keep your dogs on a leash too!

There have been very few coyote sightings lately which means that the relocation program was a success. The waterfowl at the park are very happy about this!

The recent storm brought lots of wind, lightening, and thunder to CandleRidge. Many of you experienced downed limbs and trees at your house. The city is responsible for picking up the downed limbs at the park. Thank you to everyone who helped with the clean up whether it was in the park or on the streets, especially those who cleared blocked streets.

Sandra Allen,
Park Coordinator





CHA's second annual 4th of July parade was a major success. More than double the number of people from last year participated this year! In addition to being in the actual parade around the flag decorated French Lake and enjoying the patriotic music, participants enjoyed seeing and getting to tour Fort Worth's Engine 26 fire truck and a MedStar ambulance. OH, and let's not forget that free ice cream that was provided! Thank you too to those who made donations for next year's parade.

Thank you again for making the parade such a success!

Positions Open on the Candleridge Board:

Secretary
Historian

Help
Wanted

Let a Board Member know if you are interested in serving.

Candleridge Garden Club

Did you know that our Candleridge Garden Club is the only garden club in Fort Worth that meets in the evenings? The meetings are held on the third Tuesday of each month from September through May. Meeting times are from 7-9 PM, and the annual dues are only \$16. We meet at St Matthews Lutheran Church which is located at the corner of Granbury Road and Welch Avenue. Prior to each meeting, Stone's Throw Farm Truck offers fresh produce and other farm goods from their truck from 3:00-6:00 on a Garden Club meeting night.

CANDLERIDGE GARDEN CLUB

7:00 PM
3rd Tuesday of
the month

St. Matthew's
Lutheran Church
corner of
Granbury Road &
Welch



Candleridge Garden Club's monthly meetings are enjoyed by all and feature a program with a guest speaker. There are also demonstrations, plenty of how-to instructions, and tips on better gardening. In addition, it would be a rare meeting without our pass-along plants from our members. Our first meeting will be September 19th and will be on how to plant seeds for success. There will also be a hands-on workshop called "Seed tape."

We welcome everyone, living in Candleridge or not, to join our friendly and active group. Our president is Faye Youngblood. If you would like more information on our Candleridge Garden Club, send an email to

gardenclub@candleridgehomeowners.com.



Thank You Citizens on Patrol Volunteers

The Fort Worth City Council has established the Office of Police Oversight Monitor to provide the city information on oversight and accountability, intake complaints and commendations, investigate complaints, review policies and procedures, make recommendations, and more. If you need to file a complaint or make a commendation, call 817-392-6535 or email policeoversight@fortworthtexas.gov.

Citizens on Patrol has a new training class starting October 7th. You must register for the class by Sept. 28th. If you are interested, call Warner Filley at 817-392-3418 or email him at Warner.Filley@fortworthtexas.gov.

It is always a good idea to have a community of citizen patrollers so that we can provide a community presence to would-be criminals. Statistics show that a strong well-knit community is the best deterrence to keeping crime from moving into our neighborhood. It is not difficult to become a Citizen on Patrol member —pass a background check and complete the training class.



The patrolling is not dangerous! You will not be put in harm's way. Patrollers are trained to only call 911 when we see something criminal going on. We are not allowed to speak to would-be offenders or carry weapons; we are just to be a presence in the neighborhood. You are also provided with magnetic signs to put on your car.

FYPD also has a community camera program where you can register your home security cameras with FYPD. Register your cameras at: <https://police.fortworthtexas.gov/OnlineServices/Cameras>. You will ONLY be contacted if there was a crime near your location. Call 817-392-3405 for more info!

Crime is low in CandleRidge; let's keep it that way!! Remember to participate in National Night Out. See page 7 for more information on it. Also, consider installing a locking mailbox to help keep your mail secure and to help deter mail theft.

CandleRidge residents are strongly encouraged to support the City's police establishment and further strongly encouraged to join the Citizens on Patrol program. With the decrease in pandemic cancellations, training for the program has increased. To get more information or to fill out an application for COPS, contact Steve Roebuck at president@candleridgehomeowners.com.

Steve Roebuck,
COPS Patroller



Neighborhood Police Officer (NPO)

Hello CandleRidge,

Please call or text me if you have any issues that are police related or that require follow-up attention that the patrol officers cannot provide. As always, when you have an emergency, please call 911. For all non-emergency issues that require a police response, call the non-emergency number 817-392-4222.

My Contact Information is:

J16 NPO - Billy Atkins 4309

Cell 817-988-1031

Office 817-392-3712

Billy.Atkins@fortworthtexas.gov

B. Atkins,

Fort Worth Police



City Affairs

At our annual HOA meeting last year, the CHA board of directors proposed that the homeowner's association purchase three commercial swing sets to be placed in three separate, under-served areas on park property. The projected cost was approximately \$18,000. The motion passed overwhelmingly. Our CHA President Steve Roebuck along with Membership director Michael Zammaron met with parks officials, and the three sites were agreed upon.

After the City agreed to install the sets, put in curbing around them, and install safety surfacing, a refundable deposit was made on the sets. They were to be delivered right before the city was ready to install them.

A few days after the City people came to view and select the three sites, they came back and said that the city only wanted to build one new site, one with three different types of playground equipment that would appeal to several different age groups. The board had a goal of getting these swing sets in three separate locations of Candleridge where there is absolutely no playground equipment because CandleRidge is getting a lot of young couples moving here, and we wanted to do something for the kids. At a recent board meeting, it was the consensus of the Board that the city was renegeing on its deal and that our homeowner's association was making the city a very generous offer to buy park equipment when other areas of the city are getting park equipment at no cost to their HOA.

Since time was quickly running out on getting our deposit back on the three swing sets, the Board voted to cancel the order. The order for the three swing sets is currently on hold until the membership votes to change the types of equipment needed for one playground site. In order to satisfy the Parks Department demands, we would need to spend another \$2,000 to \$4,000 to purchase the equipment needed. That total amount may run \$20,000 to \$22,000 instead of the original \$18,000.

This issue will be discussed further at the membership meeting September 28th.

Bill Atkins,

City Affairs

cityaffairs@candleridgehomeowners.com



Welcome New Neighbors

Welcome to Candleridge!

Hello, I'm Roger Ellis, your New Neighbors representative. My wife Pat and I love Fort Worth, and more specifically, we love our CandleRidge neighborhood.

I want to be sure that we know of people who have moved in recently. So, please let me know if you have neighbors that are new to our community in the past six months. I would love to stop by with a gift and a short welcome! You can contact me at neighbors@candleridgehomeowners.com.

Thank you,
Roger Ellis



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!

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/172430886475729>
CandleRidge Homeowners Association.



Our annual CandleRidge HOA meeting will be here before you know it. Please mark your calendars!

When: Thursday, September 28, 2023

Time: Meeting starts at 7:00 PM

Location: Christ Lutheran Church
4409 Sycamore School Road
Fort Worth, TX 76133

We need a secretary and a historian!

See You There!





**CandleRidge Homeowners Association, CandleRidge Citizens on Patrol, and FWPD invite you to:
NATIONAL NIGHT OUT ON TUESDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2023**

The FW Police Department invites all residents to participate in the “National Night Out” celebration.

“National Night Out” is designed to:

- *Heighten awareness of crime prevention*
- *Generate support for, and participation in, local anti-crime efforts*
- *Strengthen neighborhood spirit and police/community partnerships*
- *Send a message to criminals letting them know that neighborhoods are organized and fighting back against crime*

If you have ANY questions about National Night Out, contact COPs patroller and CHA president Steve Roebuck at president@candleridgehomeowners.com.

If you would like to host a group near your home or on your block, please do. You can register at: <https://police.fortworthtexas.gov/OnlineServices/NNO/>.

Other related matters:

Summer Creek Ranch will be hosting a Fall Festival on October 1. It will take place at the Summer Creek Ranch Clubhouse located at 4800 Pine Grove Lane. Those involved hope to promote a heightened awareness to crime and to help make Southwest Fort Worth safer.

Contact Numbers:

Police and Fire: 911

Police non-emergency number: 817-335-4222

Code Compliance: Renata Johnson ~ renata.johnson@fortworthtexas.gov ~ 682-715-9628

Councilman Jared Williams: District6@fortworthtexas.gov ~ 817-392-8806



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 the HOA. 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



Did you pay your dues 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 :

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 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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