



Newsletter of the CandleRidge Homeowners Association

From the President's Desk...

Thank you to who have supported our Homeowners Association this past year. Your support of our July 4th activity was over the top. I was amazed at the large gathering and was truly moved by the patriotism that day. We must keep that tradition and strive to do more to unite with our neighbors and honor our forefathers, so keep tuned for future activities that will be coming our way.

Our association, yet small and voluntary, is here to keep our neighborhood informed through this newsletter, notify the City concerning maintenance work on Parks and Streets, monitor City of Fort Worth zoning cases in our area, support the Police through our Citizens on Patrol group, participate in monitoring wildlife invasions into our area, greet new neighbors when they move in, and assist in deed restriction and city code complaints.

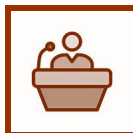
I have noticed that when you mention Homeowners Association or HOA, most folks run from you. But if you have a new neighbor or know someone that isn't a member of our association, remind them we are not one of those HOA's that meddle in your business and file liens on homeowners' property. We are your neighbors, and we want our association to be known as a user-friendly organization.

We also need to make you aware of some openings on the Board. See page 3 for these and contact me or your vice president if interested in serving. Our annual meeting will be on September 26th. I hope to see you there as we share more about matters concerning CandleRidge. (See p. 6)

Be sure and participate in National Night Out at the French Lake on October 1st at 6:00 pm. (See page 7) and Neighborhood Litter Stomp at French Lake on October 5th starting at 8 AM. Stay as long as you can. Both will be start near the footbridge.

Thank you for allowing me this spot to speak about our neighborhood and thank you for participating in some of the activities we have throughout the year. I love our neighborhood and will always strive to make it a better place to live. I look forward to meeting all of you at our next gathering.

Steven Roebuck
President



Fall 2024



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We introduced ourselves (Judy and Steve Robinson) in the last newsletter as the regular feeders/monitors/caretakers — along with our next door neighbors, Willie and Mary Homer — of the waterfowl at French Lake. Other lake visitors continue to help from time to time with the feeding by leaving cracked corn and hen scratch around the lake. Their efforts are very much appreciated! In this article, we want to provide you an update of some things we know about regarding the waterfowl and the lake.

Respecting the non-waterfowl aspects. It is great to have the City's dredging operation completed and the large sediment bags gone and to see how their excellent grass reseeding program has worked, and even better to have the fountain back in action! Plus, the City appears to have slightly changed its mowing and vegetation control practices along the creek, resulting in more brushy areas for ducks, nesting ducks, and ducklings to hide from coyotes and hawks; that's a change we like!

This year's mild summer brought plenty of walkers, runners, bike riders, skaters, fishermen (many more than usual), couples, and families who came for the nature, the playground, and ESPECIALLY to watch and delight in the swimming, waddling, flying, and quacking ducks, and the honking and antics of two permanent geese.

UNHAPPILY, however, we can no longer say "two permanent geese" because now there is only one permanent resident goose — Sarge, a male — remaining at the lake. Newgoosa, the only female, was killed by coyotes this summer. She had been nesting in the flagpole garden for several weeks. Nesting left her weaker than normal, which likely contributed to the coyotes catching her.

On the subject of coyotes, they are still aggressive. We can report that an abandoned Pekin duck rehabbing in our backyard was killed on August 1 when a coyote squeezed through the yard gate and snatched her from her pen, breaking the duck's neck in the process. Fortunately, we were able to bury her because the killer could not get her body through the narrow gate opening and dropped her before escaping the way that he had come in. There are two remaining Pekins: they are the all-white ducks with big orange bills and, being farm ducks, cannot fly.

That the coyote was so bold as to enter a gated yard and seize a small animal a few feet from our door is quite a disturbing thing. Please be attentive to the advice given by wildlife departments throughout Texas and the West that urban coyotes MUST NOT be permitted to become comfortable around people. If urban coyotes lose their fear of people, then kids, pet cats and small pet dogs, or even larger dogs and other pets, if coyotes see them as competitors, are put at risk. Whenever coyotes venture into a "people area," they should be hazed and forced into retreat. The fatal coyote attack on a child in Dallas a couple of years ago and on several children in an Arlington park earlier this year occurred because the coyotes' presence in "people areas" had been tolerated and had become normal. Be aware that a den is located in the shrubbery near the corner of Kingswood and Willow Way.

Despite the coyote problem, the duck numbers have held up better so far this year than last year when coyotes slaughtered more than half the waterfowl population, and nearly all of the females. Several duckling broods were born this year, and a goodly number of those ducklings survived to adulthood.

You can reach us at 682 -234 1052 or through Mellanie Clay at communications@candleridgehomeowners.com.

Steve Robinson



CHA's third 4th of July parade was a major success. Between 150-200 people participated this year! In addition to being in the actual parade around flag decorated French Lake and enjoying the patriotic music, participants enjoyed seeing and getting to tour Fort Worth's Engine 36 fire truck. OH, and let's not forget those free burgers and ice cream that were provided! We had so many people that we ran out and had to make a quick run to get more buns and patties!

Thank you again for making the parade such a success!

Positions Open on the Candleridge Board:

Secretary, Treasurer, Historian, City Affairs Rep

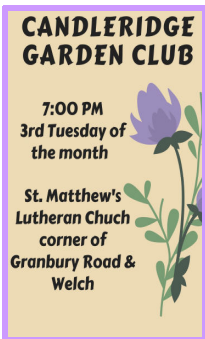


Contact president@candleridgehomeowners.com or vicepresident@candleridgehomeowners.com. We sincerely need your help to keep the board running smoothly. The board usually meets 5 times a year.

If you are interested in serving in any capacity, please let a board member know!

Candleridge Garden Club

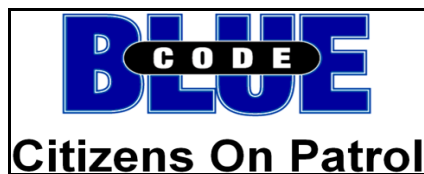
Did you know that our Candleridge Garden Club is the only garden club in Fort Worth that meets in the evenings? The meetings are held on the third Tuesday of each month from September through May. Meeting times are from 7-9 PM, and the annual dues are only \$16. We meet at St Matthews Lutheran Church 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'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 17th, and will have a wonderful presentation by Sheryl Whited called "Design your Ideal Fall Garden."

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.

See you there!



Thank You Citizens on Patrol Volunteers

Citizens on Patrol was started in October of 1991 with only 105 volunteers. Today there are over 1,000 patrollers in Fort Worth. This all-volunteer unit was started in eleven neighborhoods and has expanded into nearly every sub-division and neighborhood in Fort Worth.

Citizens on Patrol's purpose is to project an image of security in each neighborhood by patrolling at various times of the day and week in your car or truck with Citizens on Patrol signs on your vehicle. This presence let's a prospective criminal know we are watching in this neighborhood and, hopefully, they will move on. You can also patrol while walking or while bicycling. If we see a crime in real time, we are to call it in to 911 or on our 2 way radio which is monitored at all times by a base station operator. We do not personally confront anyone.



Ground rules do not allow us to make contact with a prospective criminal, only to observe and call in the behavior. We are not allowed to put ourselves in harms way, and we are not allowed to carry firearms while patrolling. We are required to patrol a minimum of four hours per month, but you can patrol as many hours as desired. Patrollers do get a \$25.00 reimbursement gift card for every 25 hours of patrolling to help with gas.

I have been a Citizen Patroller for four years, and it is something each of us need to consider becoming a part of. With crime everywhere all around us, we need to always be watchful and aware of this issue and not be inattentive to the crime wave that is currently striking all communities. Visibility of these vehicles with COPs signs on them truly makes a criminal think twice. It is important to all of us in CandleRidge that we project an image of readiness and security towards these prospective actors.

Training is available for the program. If you are interested in learning more about the COPs program or joining it, please do not hesitate to contact me if you want to become a citizen patroller. My email is: president@candleridgehomeowners.com, and my phone number is 817-680-5033.

Steve Roebuck

COPS Patroller
Acting Captain



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



In the Park...



It's been a hot summer, but even on those really hot days, people were enjoying the park. Since fall means the start of cooler weather, bring your water, and come on out and join the fun. Park hours are 5AM-9PM.

It has been a good summer at CandleRidge Park. We survived a few downpours at French Lake, and at one point, the lake was full. With the recurring but unexpected downpours, we are fortunate to have a good storm water drainage system in CandleRidge.

The areas surrounding the lake are continually looking better and better. The grass that was planted after the dredging has taken root, filled in, and is established now. Also, visitors have been able to see many wildflowers as the seeds planted by the HOA earlier this year came up. Hopefully, there will be even more flowers next year. Also, the water "goat" that was put in seems to be reducing litter in the lake.

Though the trees are on a city schedule for trimming, there are a lot of trees in the park that are in the need of additional trimming. Some of the branches are so long that they look like they might break off. If any of you are members of the Urban Citizen Forestry organization, please let the HOA know if you would be interested in helping with this.

As always, thank you to Steve and Judy and the other helpers who care for the ducks and thanks to all of you who help pick up trash on a regular basis.

Sandra Allen

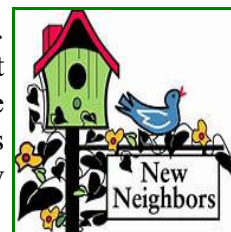
Park Coordinator



Welcome New Neighbors

Welcome to Candleridge!

We have welcomed eight new families into the CandleRidge community since March . They've come from Florida to California with several coming from other areas in Fort Worth. They are families of all ages and sizes with one thing in common; they all love the CandleRidge community. Many have commented on how friendly their neighbors are. So, if you have new neighbors on your street, welcome them! Also, let me know so that we can visit them with a gift and welcome them to their new neighborhood! You can contact me at neighbors@candleridgehomeowners.com.



Thank you,
Roger Ellis
New Neighbor Chair

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.



ANNUAL H.O.A. MEETING

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

When: Thursday, September 26, 2024
Time: Meeting starts at 7:00 PM
Doors open at 6:30. –Food served at that time.
Location: Christ Lutheran Church
4409 Sycamore School Road
Fort Worth, TX 76133
(Next door to Ace Hardware)



We need to elect a secretary, a treasurer, a historian, and a city affairs rep!



**CandleRidge Homeowners Association, CandleRidge Citizens on Patrol, and FWPD invite you to:
NATIONAL NIGHT OUT ON TUESDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2024**

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 for your block, please do so. You can register at: <https://police.fortworthtexas.gov/OnlineServices/NNO/>.

If there is a not an activity scheduled for your block, schedule to come to the footbridge area of French Lake at 6:00 PM. You can meet your neighbors and enjoy a free burger! You might want to bring your own lawn chair as seating will be limited.

Helpful Contact Numbers:

All things City related: 311

Police and Fire: 911

Police non-emergency number: 817-335-4222

Animal Control: 817-392-1234—option 2

Code Compliance:

Officer Jennifer Reinhardt ~ ~ 817-475-3498

reinhardt.jennerifer@fortworthtexas.gov

Supervisor: Jerald Capshaw ~ 817-392-7085

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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 2024, 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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