



Newsletter of the CandleRidge Homeowners Association

From the President's Desk...

Dear CandleRidge Homeowners and Residents,

It is almost time for our annual meeting! It will be on September 25th at Christ Lutheran Church on Sycamore School Road. Be sure and mark your calendars for this and see page 7 for more about it. We will elect new officers to the board and renew some that are still serving. We'll also be voting on updating the organization's bylaws. Councilwoman Mia Hall, NPO Officer Billy Atkins, and a Code Enforcement Officer will be there.

The egret situation was not a problem this year in CandleRidge, but behind Altamesa Church of Christ, there was a huge invasion. Since the City could not pull protected nests, the birds expanded their rookery. The birds pretty much made the homes unlivable because of all the bird feces. Keep an eye out next year as they can come back to CandleRidge if we are not diligent.

I attended the City of Fort Worth meeting at Southwest High School along with Midori Clark, City Affairs Board Member, to see the plans for the McCart Altamesa Corridor. The plan is to reconstruct McCart from I-20 to Crowley with every part consisting of at least 4 lanes of concrete pavement and new sidewalks. The project will start in either 2028 or 2029.

The City of Fort Worth also revealed the 2026 estimated budget and income forecast that night. The one-hour question and answer period with all the City department representatives is available to view at the City's website.

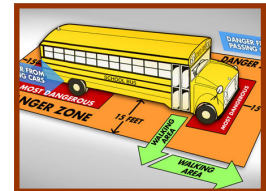
Don't forget National Night out will be October 7th from 6 pm to 8 pm and The Neighborhood Litter Stomp Clean Up will be October 11th from 8 am until 11 am. Both functions will meet at the footbridge in Candleridge Park near 4300 French Lake Drive. See page 4 and watch our Facebook page for more information.

Thank you for allowing me to serve the CandleRidge neighborhood. We all strive to make our neighborhood a greater place to live!

Sincerely,
Steven Roebuck
President



Fall 2025



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In the Park...



As summer draws to a close and September arrives, French Lake is as lively and beautiful as ever.

The big story this year at the park has been the ducks. Our permanent, year-round adult population has grown substantially. Several broods were hatched in the spring and early summer, and a surprisingly high number of ducklings made it to adulthood — more than half of them survived, far better than in past years. The reasons for this are easy to see: a high number of large broods, a temperate summer without drought, and, perhaps most importantly, a welcomed decline in predator attacks. With so many survivors, the lake has a thriving community of ducks that now seems sturdier and more settled than before.

But even more exciting, and unexpected, was what happened in July. One morning, visitors at the lake were astonished to find five Canadian geese gliding across the water. They were new to French Lake, but they seemed right at home, honking, dabbling, and mingling among the ducks. Since then, they've stayed with us, sometimes disappearing for a few days but always returning. We suspect they've been roosting at another nearby lake, perhaps Benbrook Lake, and that French Lake has become one of their regular stops.

The arrival of the new geese delights many visitors who pause to watch them with some amazement at their appearance this time of year. Their size, presence, and honking upon takeoff have added new character to the lake. Whether they settle permanently or just continue to visit now and then, they have helped make this summer at French Lake a memorable one.

Even better, these geese are coexisting well with Sarge. Because of the many ducklings this year, Sarge had to become a serial adoptive father: acting as the guardian and protector of a group of ten ducklings early in the spring, then switching to a new and smaller group when the first brood had reached adolescence, and now again swimming around the lake with yet another new flotilla of kid ducks. Every group marches to Sarge's commands: when to eat, when to rest on shore, when to return to the water, and when and where to bed down for the night. Sarge has fathered many, many ducks that he didn't really father.

As always, we're grateful for the interest and help of other neighbors who pitch in by supplying cracked corn and hen scratch, keeping our feathered residents well supplied with supplemental food.

We'll continue to watch, feed, and care for our feathered neighbors, and we hope you'll stop by soon to see the show for yourself.

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

Steve Robinson
Park Coordinator



Update!

Our 4th of July parade was a major success, and we are already looking forward to next year's parade. In addition to enjoying patriotic music, we enjoyed having Evan Faris sing "The Star Spangled Banner" for us, having fun participating in the parade, eating burgers, enjoying ice cream, touring Fort Worth's Engine 26 fire truck, and touring an ambulance. We even picked up a sponsor for next year who will donate the meat for the burgers! Would you or your business like to sponsor a table, a food item, or decorations for this event next year? Call 817-680-5033. Your name will be displayed as a sponsor.

See you next July 4th!

Positions Open on the CandleRidge Board:

Historian, Legal Advisor, Membership Secretary

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

**Help
Wanted**

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

See you at the meeting.

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, from 3:00-6:00 on a Garden Club meeting night, Stone's Throw Farm Truck offers fresh produce and other farm goods from their truck

CANDLERIDGE GARDEN CLUB

7:00 PM
3rd Tuesday of
the month

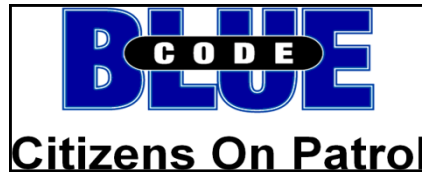
St. Matthew's
Lutheran Church
corner of
Granbury Road &
Welch



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 16th. We will have a wonderful presentation ready for you.

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 in September!



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 having patrols at various days of the week and at various times of the day in the volunteer's car or truck with Citizens on Patrol signs displayed on the vehicle. This presence lets a prospective criminal know that we are watching in this neighborhood and, hopefully, they will move on and leave the area. Members can patrol while walking or while riding bicycles or motorcycles. If a COP member sees a crime in progress, the member is to call it in to 911 or on a city provided 2-way radio which is monitored at all times by a base station operator. Our COP members do not ever personally confront a would-be suspect.



Ground rules do not allow COPs Patrollers to make contact with a prospective criminal, only to observe and call in the suspicious behavior observed. 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 patrollers can patrol as many hours as desired. Patrollers do get a \$25.00 reimbursement gift card for every 25 hours of patrolling to help off set their cost of gas.

I have been a Citizen Patroller for 6 years, and it is something that each of us needs to consider becoming. Currently, we only have 7 patrollers for CandleRidge. With crime everywhere all around us, we need more patrollers and for all of the residents to always be watchful and aware of suspicious activity and to not be inattentive to the crime wave that is currently striking all communities. The visibility of these COP vehicles with COP signs on them truly makes a criminal think twice. It is important for CandleRidge that we all project an image of readiness and security towards prospective criminals.

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.

Thank you to all who participate in program.

Steve Roebuck
COPs Patroller





CandleRidge Homeowners Association, CandleRidge Citizens on Patrol, and FWPD invite you to:

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

Tuesday, October 7th — 6 PM to 8 PM

“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, plan to come to the footbridge area of French Lake at 6:00 PM. We'll have burgers for you, so bring a non alcoholic beverage and meet your neighbors! 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 Bridgett Rodan ~ ~ 682-201-4574 or 817-392-1234

bridgett.rodan@fortworthtexas.gov

Supervisor: Brian Daugherty ~ 817-392-1234

1234@fortworthtexas.gov



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



KNOW YOUR DEED RESTRICTIONS

If a house near you is up for sell or was just bought, especially by “flippers,” please remind them of the deed restrictions. Just because something is “OK or within City Permit regulations” doesn’t mean that it’s OK in Candleridge.

Homeowners, please read your deed restrictions while you are in the planning stages and before building or adding to your home or property. This important document contains certain restrictions as to what can be added or modified to a property in CandleRidge. In short, the following is a brief excerpt from our Deed Restrictions and lists some of the main complaints that the Board receives.

1. No plot shall be used for any purpose except for the erection and maintenance of 1 private dwelling house designed for the occupancy of a single family. No plot shall be used in whole or in part for any purpose inconsistent with private dwelling house use. (no commercial operations)
2. All dwellings shall be constructed of stone, masonry, brick, stucco, or of a glass building material of the kind usually used for outside wall construction.
3. No fence, wall, or hedge shall be placed on any lot nearer to any front street than is permitted for the house on said lot, and no fence, wall, or hedge shall be placed on any portion of the site with a greater height than six feet (6'). No wire or woven fence is permitted on any part of any lot.
4. No animals, livestock, or poultry of any kind shall be raised, bred, or kept on any lot, except that dogs, cats, or other household pets may be kept provided that they are not kept, bred, or maintained for any commercial purpose.
5. No noxious or offensive trade or activity shall be carried on upon any lot or lots.
6. No sign shall be erected or maintained on any plot except a "for sale" sign or "for rent" sign, and it shall not exceed five (5) square feet in size.
7. Any portion of any lot that is exposed to the public view must be maintained by the property owner in a neat and orderly fashion. (Iron gates and fences are not privacy structures, and anything placed behind them must follow code rules.)
8. No outbuilding, shop, trailer, or residence of a temporary character shall be permitted.
9. No dwelling or structure shall be erected or maintained nearer than seven (7) feet from the side line of any plot and accessory structures encompassed by a 6 foot stockade fence.
10. No trailer, camper, boat, or other vehicle may be regularly parked, stored, or maintained in the front yard or side yard of any plot. (No parking in the grass is ever allowed.)

The CandleRidge Homeowners Association relies on each homeowner to “be a good neighbor” and abide by the deed restrictions. Remember, you signed an agreement (Deed of Trust) to abide by these covenants when you purchased your home.

Your Homeowner Board

Neighborhood Police Officer (NPO)

Hello CandleRidge,

Thank you for being attentive to suspicious situations that you see. I am here to serve you, so please call or text me if you have any issues that are police related or that require follow-up attention that a patrol officer cannot provide. As always, when you experience an emergency, please call 911. For all calls with non-emergency issues that require a police response, call the non-emergency number 817-392-4222.

I hope that you will host or attend a National Night Out event in Candleridge. Knowing your neighbors and being watchful are the best deterrents for crime. Page 5 of this newsletter has more information about this.

If you have not heard, Fort Worth has a new Police Chief, Eddie Garcia. You can learn more about him on the City's website. <https://www.fortworthtexas.gov/>

Lastly, our South Division Headquarters will be named after fallen officer, Sargent Billy Randolph who was killed last August by a wrong-way driver while on the scene of an I-35 W semitruck crash near Sycamore School Road.



My Contact Information is
J11 NPO - Billy Atkins 4309
Cell 817-988-1031
Office 817-392-3712
Billy.Atkins@fortworthtexas.gov

I'll see you at the annual meeting.

B. Atkins

Fort Worth Police



District 6 has a new City Council Representative

Dr. Mia Hall is honored and excited to serve as District 6's newly elected City Councilwoman. She and her staff look forward to working alongside the residents of District 6 to create a stronger, more vibrant community for all.

She states that she truly value your concerns, and your message is important to her. She also states that that all emails are reviewed, recorded, and will be responded to as appropriate.

As of this date, Dr. Hall plans to attend the CandleRidge Annual Meeting

Contact: 817-392-8806

district6@fortworthtexas.gov



Welcome New Neighbors



Welcome to Candleridge!

There are a lot of folks moving into our community, and I am visiting these new neighbors as quickly as I can. We've had 15 homes sold in this community in the past few months, and there are also homes up for sale at this time. If new neighbors move in near you, take the time to stop by and introduce yourself and welcome them to CandleRidge!

CandleRidge is a great community to live in not only because of the great homes here but mostly because of the great people who live here! Remember, please be sure to let me know if you have new neighbors so that I 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 Neighbors 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

*We are grateful that our dues are voluntary.
Please join so that we can fund great projects for CandleRidge.
See page 9 for more information on this.*

Join our Facebook page to keep up to date on announcements.
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/172430886475729/>



ANNUAL H.O.A. MEETING

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

When: Thursday, September 25, 2025
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)



In addition to voting on updating the organization's bylaws, we'll also vote to elect some new officers and renew some who are currently serving. We already know that we need to elect a historian, membership secretary, and legal advisor!

See You on the 25!!

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

Your canceled check will serve as your receipt.



Did you pay your dues at the first of the year?

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 \$25 per household per year or \$15 per year for senior households with one person being at least 65 years old. 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 2025, please do so now.

Questions can be emailed to membership@candleridgehomeowners.com.

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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