



Newsletter of the CandleRidge Homeowners Association

From the President's Desk...

Dear CandleRidge Residents,

The best part of being on this board is meeting new neighbors and hearing about their lives and how they ended up here in CandleRidge. During the period of time when we notified the winners of the Christmas lighting contest and set the signs in their yards, I had the great opportunity to speak with all four of the winners and heard their interesting stories. Thank you to each one of you for sharing; I found each story to be interesting in its own way.

These rare opportunities to meet new neighbors will happen again at the July 4th parade and cookout and at the National Night Out Cookout in October--each one held at near the footbridge at the lake. It is truly a blessing to get to know our neighbors. Take advantage of these opportunities when you can. I look forward to knowing and hearing about more of you really soon.

Back to the future and times present... We are in the midst of collecting dues and raising as much cash as we can so that we can finance the coming year's activities. Most likely, based on past increase in turnout each year at the July 4th Parade and the National Night Out in October, we should have an even bigger turnout than ever this year. With that said, we encourage all neighbors to join and pay the low dues of \$25.00 or \$15.00 if over 65. It is really a small price to pay to support your neighborhood. Help your neighborhood become knit together tighter than ever before. Tight knit neighborhoods that can pull together when necessary are the safest neighborhoods. Come and join us and meet some of your neighbors.

Read the articles inside this newsletter for more information on a variety of topics.

Thank you for allowing me to serve the CandleRidge Neighborhood. Remember, that your support of this Neighborhood Association allows the Board to serve and plan activities for your neighborhood. Without you, we are nothing. Let's stay strong, pull together, and make our neighborhood even better.

Sincerely,
Steven Roebuck
 President



1st Quarter 2025



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In the Park...



It's the middle of winter — two real cold snaps in January proved that — and it's a great time to visit French Lake because the duck population is larger and more varied than any other time of year thanks to the migratory ducks which have arrived.

There are at least twice as many ducks residing at the lake right now — probably more than 150 in all. Most of the ducks are visitors, migrants that come here for the winter and who will begin their return trips over the coming weeks and months to Alaska, western Canada, Idaho, Montana, Wyoming, and other northern states. If you'd like to feed them on your park visits, the best thing to feed them is cracked corn and scratch grains which are both available at the local feed and ranch supply stores.

Our “winter only” residents this year include scaups, wigeons, and shovelers. As with our year round ducks, each variety or breed is quite different in appearance and behavior from another.

Scaups are particularly unusual. The males are small ducks (compared with other lake ducks) and have black heads, bluish-gray bills, and gray and white feathering, but you will mostly notice their small round yellow eyes (which sometimes look red, depending on the light). Watch long enough and you will notice other unusual traits — they seem to always stay on the water, never coming on land, even to eat, so to feed them, we toss cracked corn into the lake. That's when they reveal the way that they really differ from the other lake ducks. Scaups are diving ducks and dive underwater to find and eat their food! Yes, they turn beak down and bottom up and dive directly under the water's surface, submerging their bodies entirely. Scaups can stay underwater finding and swallowing kernels for a half minute or more. They are likely to resurface several feet away from the spot where they dove into the water since they've been swimming around underwater to capture their food.

Wigeons are larger, although not much, and very numerous. They don't gather to eat; they swarm! Like scaups and shovelers, wigeons are unusually pretty ducks. Each male wigeon has a stripe of white (bright yellow when they first arrived, but reverting lately to white) on the crown (top) of his head. They are very noisy when excited, especially at supertime, whistling a three note tune.

Shovelers, too, are very colorful. White feathers alternate with black and brown and even blue. Like scaups, and unlike wigeons, shovelers are quiet. Their distinguishing feature is an oddly shaped black bill which looks like a spoon or shovel! It's long, narrow near the head, and broad at the other end. They use their bills to scoop water from the surface, not only drinking but also capturing microscopic zoo plankton on which they feed.

For questions or additional information, you can reach still reach us at 682-234-1052 or through our CHA website and Facebook page.

Steve Robinson
Park Coordinator



Holiday Lighting Contest Winners

1st place-4709 Greenshire—\$100
 2nd place-6912 Winchester Place—\$75
 3rd place-4336 Cinnamon Hill—\$50
 Honorable Mention-4721 Greenshire —\$25



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

New Board Members

We wish to take some of this space to extend a Big “Thank You” and a Big “Welcome” to
 Cyle Cox, Secretary
 Shauna Gheen, Treasurer
 Midori Clark, City Affairs
 Steve Robinson, Parks Coordinator

Thank you to outgoing board members: Glenn Williams, treasurer; Bill Atkins, City Affairs; and Sandra Allen, Park Coordinator. We appreciate your service and dedication to CandleRidge..



CandleRidge Garden Club

Spring 2025

The Garden Club meets at 7:00 PM the 3rd Tuesday of the month at St Matthew’s Lutheran Church located at Granbury Road at Welch. It meets September-May at 7 pm.

ALL interested gardeners, beginners to pros, are invited to join in with the learning, sharing, and growing of plants!! Our dues are \$16 a year. Come and bring a friend!! Also, the FW Garden Club Council meets every 3rd Wednesday at 9:30 AM at the Botanical Gardens. It always has an interesting speaker All Garden Club members may attend those meetings.

The theme for this year’s meetings is “Do's and Don'ts”. Join us for fun, fellowship, and gardening.

February 18: Roses and dividing perennials, tortoise trivia

March 18: Texas super stars

April 15: Herbs, oils, vinegar, syrups, and creams

May 20: Plant exchange and potluck (earlier start at 6pm, location TBA)

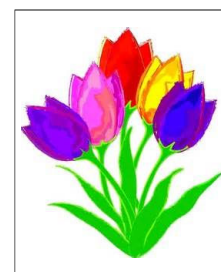
Bring boxes to take home a multitude of plants

Happy Gardening!

Faye Youngblood

President CandleRidge Garden Club

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3rd Tuesdays



Thank You Citizens on Patrol Volunteers

HAPPY NEW YEAR CandleRidge Homeowners

Did you know that the Fort Worth Police Dept. has many free programs available to all citizens on the Fort Worth Police Dept. website? Some of the programs on the FWPD web site include:

1. The Crime Prevention Unit offers programs like Neighborhood Crime Watch, Security Surveys, Auto Etching, Safety Fairs, Operation Safe Child, National Night Out, kids' programs, and many more.
2. The City publishes Crime Reports quarterly on the FWPD web site.
3. The FWPD maintains a Crime Mapping tool on the FWPD website that shows various crimes reported in all areas of the city. Just zoom in on our area to see how safe we are.
4. The "One Address" website shows what type of activities have occurred at any address in the city that required city services. Go to www.oneaddress.fortworthtexas.gov and enter your address to see what is available.
5. The "Open Records" web page at the FWPD website has police reports, accident reports, crime data, and more.
6. There is a sexual offender page on the FWPD website that links you to your phone or tablet App called "Offender Watch". You can also search for offenders from the City's web page.
7. The website to see these programs is at: <https://police.fortworthtexas.gov/Crime-Information/>
8. Additionally, I always use this space to put in my commercial for the Citizens on Patrol program. We need you in CandleRidge! You can find out more or sign up for the next training class by contacting Warner Filley at FWPD: Warner.Filley@FortWorthTexas.gov

Thank you to all our neighbors for helping keep CandleRidge safe.

If you'd like to become a member of our Citizens on Patrol team, please contact me. If you see a COP member patrolling, stop and ask about the program. Once your training is completed, the commitment is only four, one-hour time slots a month— driving, bicycling, or walking in CandleRidge. We would love to have you join us.

Sincerely,

Steve Roebuck,
Citizen Patroller



ATTENTION HOMEOWNERS

CandleRidge Calendar of Events

Your Board remains active and plans ahead to keep your organization running smoothly. So far, the following events are on the calendar. Hopefully, the Board won't have to make many changes to this calendar, and its members look forward to adding even more events to it. Take note of the dates and times of the events now and add them to your schedule so that you can be an active and contributing HOA member.

Please do let a Board member know if you have other events that you would like to see planned for CandleRidge. Perhaps you might even take the lead and volunteer to plan or host an event. We've already had the suggestion of forming a book club! Think about what would you like to see added to this calendar and use the contact information on page 9 to let someone know about your ideas.

Jan 1st to Jan. 31st

Dues emphasis

Put out "Dues Notice" signs

Schedule Email blasts

Jan. 30th General Board Meeting

February (no set date) Treasurer takes care of the HOA IRS filing

March 20th General Board Meeting

March 22nd Great American Clean-up Day

April 5th-6th Neighborhood Garage Sale

June 19th General Board Meeting

July 4th Parade planning session

July 4th Parade at the Lake

August 28th General Board Meeting,

Nomination list for Officers and Committee Chairmen

September Annual Meeting planning

Sept. 25th Annual Board Meeting and Election of Officers

Christ Lutheran Church

4409 Sycamore School Road

October. (date to be set by the City) Litter Stomp-Clean Up Day

Oct. 7th National Night Out at The Lake

Thank you for your support and ideas!



Fort Worth City Council Updates: Key Issues Affecting Candleridge Residents

Hello, Candleridge neighbors!

As part of our ongoing commitment to keeping everyone informed about local developments, here's an update on City of Fort Worth items that affect CandleRidge. We want to make sure that you're in the know about what's going on with city affairs.

Change in City Leadership

There is a new city manager, Jesus "Jay" Chapa. He started in the city's top spot on January 28th. Jay replaced former city manager David Cooke who held the post for more than 10 years. A community farewell to recognize Cooke's contributions to Fort Worth is planned for 4-6 p.m. on February 20th at City Hall, 100 Fort Worth Trail. The public is invited to attend.

Seeking New City Council Representative for District 6

The District 6 council seat will be open for the upcoming election on May 3, 2025. The filing period for candidates began on January 15, 2025, and will close on February 14, 2025, at 5:00 p.m. As of now, four people have filed to run for the District 6 seat. For more detailed information on each candidate's filings, you can visit the City of Fort Worth's official website at: fortworthtexas.gov. Please note that additional candidates may file before the February 14 deadline.

Crime Control and Prevention District News

Fort Worth is a growing community. In order to keep the city safe as it grows, this year's budget for the Crime Control and Prevention District (CCPD) was approved. The CCPD fund supplements the Fort Worth Police Department budget in order to fight and prevent crime. It's funded by a half-cent sales tax first approved by voters in 1995 and renewed in 2020 for 10 additional years. The police budget makes up just under 32% of the General Fund. The new budget included increased funding for police vehicles, bike patrols for the Magnolia and Fort Worth Stockyards areas, school resource officers, and school crossing guards.

The CCPD has proposed amendments to the existing budget including pay increases for new recruits, renovations at the Real-time Crime Center (RTCC) and Crime Lab. A new Central Patrol Division to house the 250 personnel is also being proposed in order to allow for the termination of two high-cost leases, an annual savings of more than \$800,000.

Additional amendments will be discussed at the next CCPD meeting, which will be at "old" City Hall, at 200 Texas Street on Tuesday, February 25 at noon or immediately following the conclusion of the City Council meeting.

Midori Clark
City Affairs





Welcome New Neighbors

Official Happy New Year Candle Ridge Neighbors!

We have had five new neighbors in our community with multiple homes still up for sale too!

Join the fun! As you notice new neighbors moving in around you, make some time to knock on their door and welcome them to the neighborhood. Be sure to tell them about our website and Facebook page too.

Roger Ellis
New Neighbors Chair

Do you have new neighbors?

Pay Your Voluntary 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 8 for more information on this.*

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



CandleRidge Homeowners Association—You'll recognize the fountain cover photo.

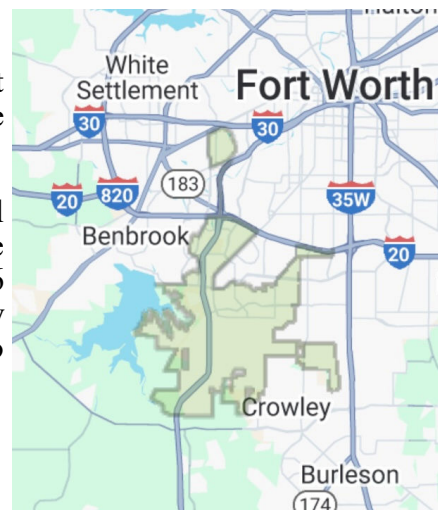
City Council District 6 Election Set for May 3, 2025

Where is District 6? Here we are! Candleridge is a part of Fort Worth's District 6, the green shaded areas on the map. You'll notice that there are two sections of the city that make up the district .

Since the current District 6 City Councilman announced that he will not be seeking reelection for his position, a new one will need to be elected on May 3. CandleRidge and other neighborhoods in District 6 need a voice to represent and advocate for constituents at the City Council Meetings. Those interested in running for the position need to visit the City's website to learn about the requirements to file.

Packets and instructions are on the City website:
<https://www.fortworthtexas.gov/departments/citysecretary/elections>

Deadline for filing is February 14, 2025.



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 _____ 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

Your canceled check will serve as your receipt.



Dues were due in January! Please join!

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 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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