



Newsletter of the CandleRidge Homeowners Association

From the President's Desk...

Dear CandleRidge Homeowners and Residents,

On behalf of the Board and many volunteers that support our Homeowners Association, I want to thank all of you who came out and supported our fifth annual July 4th Parade and Cookout. I hope everyone had a good time and with everybody's efforts, we can do this again in the years ahead. It humbles me to see so many people come out and support their country and our great community. We appreciate your kindness and support!

Sadly, we finished this year in the red. We have 110 paid subscribers this year compared to 165 last year. Our income was \$5,441.00 while expenses were \$4,333.00. Income fell \$1,250.00 and expenses went up by \$1,282.00. Most of the added expenses were from increased food costs. and IR fees.

Although our numbers are down, we will continue to move forward and host our normal events plus add a Halloween event. October 6th will see National Night Out with hamburgers for everyone. (See page 5) Next, on Halloween we will host "Boo at the Lake" where we hope to have as many neighbors as possible at the Lake with candy or treats so that the kiddos can come and have a safe place to get candy. (See page 7) Also, October 17th is Fort Worth Litter Stomp. We need volunteers that morning to help clean up the Park. Of course, we will host other events later in the year, and you'll be receiving email blasts about them.

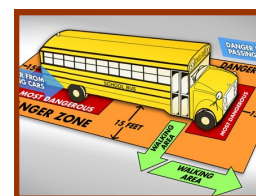
In other business, we have our important annual meeting at Christ Lutheran Church on Sycamore School Road September 24th. We hope to see you there to elect the Board of Directors and hear about neighborhood news. (See page 8) If you are interested in volunteering for any board position or for helping with any of the activities, please email me, and I'll be in contact soon.

Thank you for allowing me to serve as the association's president this past year. I hope to see you at the September meeting.

Sincerely,
Steven Roebuck
 President



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In the Park...



Summer Ends with Good News for the Lake

As September begins, another summer at the lake has come to an end. Like every year, the season brought a few surprises.

The weather certainly did. Early summer was unusually wet, and temperatures stayed below normal well into June. Then August arrived with the hot, dry weather we normally expect in North Texas.

It may not be a coincidence that we have more ducks at the lake this September than we have seen during the past several years. On most days, we now feed around 100 ducks and geese. The half dozen Canada geese that visited us earlier in the year also returned when the weather turned hot, and they spend most afternoons at the lake.

The two adult beavers we reported in the last newsletter continue to make regular appearances. One is much larger than the other. The new surprise is that there may be two more beavers. One resident showed us a photograph of four beavers at the lake, suggesting that the smaller two may be young. We have not seen them ourselves, nor have we found anyone else who has seen all four together. We'll keep watching.

The biggest news of the summer, however, concerns the lake fountain.

For years, heavy thunderstorms have occasionally tripped the electrical breaker that powers the fountain, shutting it down until the City could restore service. That happened several times again during the frequent storms of late spring and early summer. Then, in late June, the fountain shut down three more times within about ten days—even though the weather was clear and sunny. That suggested a different problem.

Right before Independence Day, the Fort Worth Park and Recreation Department removed the fountain to determine why it kept failing. Recently, the City shared its conclusions. Rather than replace the ornamental fountain, the City will install a modern diffusion aerator system similar to the one operating at Fosdick Lake in Oakland Lake Park.

The new system will use four to six air lines placed on the lake bottom to continuously circulate oxygen throughout the lake. Unlike the fountain, which aerated only the water immediately surrounding it, the new system should improve water quality throughout the entire lake. It should also help reduce algae and other vegetation that regularly appear during hot, dry weather when the lake's water tends to stagnate. The City has ordered the equipment and plans to install it during the week of September 14.

Many of us will miss seeing the fountain which has been part of the lake for years. But if the new system performs as expected, the lake itself should be healthier for the fish and wildlife that live there—and for all of us who enjoy spending time along its banks.

You can still reach us at 682-234-1052, parcs@candleridgehomeowners.com 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 that started with the "The Star Spangled Banner," walking the parade route around the lake, and eating burgers, hot dogs, and ice cream, we were able to tour one of Fort Worth's Fire Engines. We are looking for sponsors 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, City Affairs

**Help
Wanted**

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.

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

See you at the meeting.

CandleRidge Garden Club

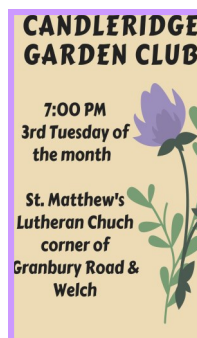
The 2026-2027 Garden Club has its first meeting for this year on Tuesday, September 15th at 7:00 p.m. at St. Matthew's Lutheran Church. Our first program will be presented by Tom McLaughlin, manager of the Hulen Calloway's Nursery, and the topic will be Shade Gardening. So, if your yard is like so many of ours in Candleridge, come join us!

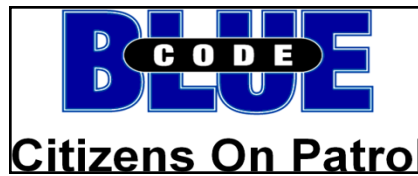
Future meetings are every 3rd Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. at St. Matthew's Lutheran Church with a couple of offsite meetings which will be announced. Light refreshments are served about 6:30 p.m. with time to mingle and visit. This year's topics include:

- Flower arranging
- Pesto plants and samples
- Monarchs
- Roses
- Fertilizer

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 having patrols on 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 911 or on a city provided two-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 fuel costs.

I have been a Citizen Patroller for almost eight 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 not only need more patrollers but for all of our residents to be watchful, aware of suspicious activity, and attentive to the crime wave that is 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
Acting Captain





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

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

Tuesday, October 6th— 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 Roden ~ ~ 682-201-4574 or 817-392-1234

bridgett.roden@fortworthtexas.gov

Supervisor: Brian Daugherty ~ 817-392-1234

1234@fortworthtexas.gov

City Councilwoman: Mia Hall 817-392-8806

district6@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 sale 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 City 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. See page 5 of this newsletter has more information about this great event.

Lastly, our South Division Headquarters was named after Sargent Billy Randolph who was killed by a wrong-way driver while working a crash site on I-35 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



BOO AT THE LAKE! **NEW EVENT**

We need you, your kids and grandkids, and **CANDY, CANDY, CANDY.**

Donate candy or money for candy by contacting Roger Ellis at neighbors@candleridgehomeowners.com

Join your Candleridge neighbors for an evening of Halloween fun, treats, and spooky surprises! Plan to come to the footbridge on Halloween and participate in CandleRidge's first "Boo at the Lake," a safe way for our neighborhood children to Trick or Treat. Set up a table or sit in your favorite chair while you pass out your candy. You can even come dressed in your favorite costume if you want. The event starts at 7:30 and lasts until the candy runs out!

Where the Treats Are Spooky and the Fun Is Sweet!

Welcome New Neighbors

Welcome to Candleridge!

There are a lot of new neighbors moving into our community. We had 8 new families join us in just the past several months! If you have had new neighbors move in around you, take a few moments and welcome them! Not only is this a friendly thing to do, but it also makes us a closer community, and a closer community makes us a safer community. Joining us for the various events that we host in our community is another way to meet your neighbors, not to mention that the events are a lot of fun!



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

Do you have new neighbors?

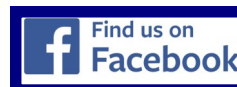
Reminder! Pay your Dues Online with PayPal



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 24, 2026
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 important items, we'll also vote to elect some new officers and renew some who are currently serving. We already know that we need a historian, city affairs advisor, and a legal advisor!

See You on the 24th!!

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 this 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 throughout the year. Dues are either \$25 per household per year or \$15 per year for senior households with one person being at least 65 years of age. 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 2026, 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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