



Newsletter of the CandleRidge Homeowners Association

From the President's Desk...

Dear CandleRidge Residents,

2025 was a great year! We accomplished a multitude of activities starting with the dues collection in January, the Great American Cleanup Day in March, the 4th of July parade and cookout, the National Night Out Cookout in October as well as Fort Worth Litter Stomp Clean up Day, and then closing the year with the Annual Community wide business meeting at Christ Lutheran Church in September.

The board met 5 times in 2025 and published 3 newsletters as well as maintained the website and the Facebook page.

I left out the notification of the winners of the Christmas Lights Contest as the best part of being on the Board of this organization. The stories I receive when meeting and notifying the winners is a very humbling and heart-warming part of my job. I really enjoy talking to the homeowners and hearing their story.

Our Total Revenue for 2025 was \$5,441.00 and expenses were \$4,333.00 for the year ending August 30, 2025. We had a little over \$1,000 left for next year. We will try to do an even better job next year as we are planning to have all the same activities as 2025; plus, we are adding a Special Night Out at French Lake Park for the children on Halloween. We will try to get as many neighbors as possible to set up tables and give away candy or treats as the kids walk around the lake and show off their costumes. We will need some help in getting power to the area so that we can have some lights and music. Let me know if you have any ideas. We will have more about this later in the summer months. We also need to know if there is any interest, so please contact a Board member if interested.

If you are interested in volunteering for any board position or for helping with any of the activities, please send me an email, and we will be in contact soon.

Thank you for allowing me to serve as your president. It has been a pleasure to serve our neighborhood, and I sincerely hope we have made it a little bit better of place to live. Remember, that your support of this Neighborhood Association allows the Board to serve and plan activities for CandleRidge. Without you, we are nothing. Let's stay strong, pull together, and make our neighborhood even better.

Sincerely,
Steven Roebuck
 President

1st Quarter 2026



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In the Park...



January again!

Overall, this winter has been warmer than most which has brought more human visitors than usual to French Lake. And for some unknowable reason, it has brought some unusual waterfowl visitors, too.

The Canada geese which appeared suddenly last summer and are likely permanent residents from Benbrook Lake continue to show up at French Lake from time to time, but this is their first time to winter at French Lake. Their visitations don't seem to have any discernible pattern: some warm sunny days and some cold cloudy days they come for supper; other equally sunny, cloudy, warm or cold days they can't be found; and sometimes they remain away for weeks, then can be spotted at French Lake for four or five consecutive days. Sometimes, there are four; at other times, just two, a male and a female, certainly mates. Geese mate for life. Whenever they are here at mealtime, they love to get their fill of the cracked corn that we serve in wintertime. Because of the sheer size of the geese, the ducks step aside to allow the geese to eat whatever they want.

There's another truly unique waterfowl pair that arrived not too long ago. These two are unusually beautiful because they are white with delicate, intricate dark trim. Like the Canada goose couple, these two are always together. Originally, there were three such ducks, but the third one may have left. For a time, it appeared in the outgoing creek where the drain connects with the lake, but we haven't seen the third in several weeks. The coloring of these ducks was so unusual and striking that Judy set about researching their breed. What she found surprised both of us. These white birds are actually mallards! Mallards are never white— unless they are missing normal pigmentation genes which causes their feathers to be predominantly white. According to Judy's research, "white mallards" are rare because the genetic deficiency is rare. And so, again, visitors to French Lake are fortunate to have the opportunity to witness another rare natural sight.

Of course, most of our winter ducks, at least 200 most days, include both our permanent population plus our migratory visitors from Alaska, Western Canada, and the northern string of states from the Pacific Ocean to the Mississippi. There are again weagons, shovelers, and scaups. The ducks are so numerous that my preferred feeding method at suppertime is the buffet line: just pour cracked corn on a 50 or 60 foot line along the shore and quickly there will gather 150 to 200 ducks standing four or more deep at places, calling loudly, and rushing to snap up their share of the food while the scaups, continuing to swim nearby, dive beneath the lake's surface to snag the corn tossed out to them.

If you enjoy variety, this is absolutely the best time of the year to come to French Lake to sit and watch the ducks and geese. We can look forward to the show that arrives with spring: tiny ducklings closely following their mother, learning how to swim, to eat, to fly, and hopefully to survive to adulthood.

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

Steve Robinson
Park Coordinator



Holiday Lighting Contest Winners

1st place-6912 Winchester Place—\$100
 2nd place-4450 Homestead Circle—\$75
 3rd place-7420 Fuller Circle—\$50
 Honorable Mention-4308 Misty Meadow —\$25



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

New Board Members

We wish to extend a Big “Thank You” and a Big “Welcome” to Gabe Cabral, CandleRidge’s new Membership Chairman. We appreciate Gabe’s willingness to serve. Though she is already on the Board, we also want to thank Shauna Gheen for becoming our official Garden Club representative.



Your Board still needs a City Affairs representative and a historian. Contact a Board Member to learn more about this! (See p. 9)

Thank you too to outgoing board member Midori Clark who served as your City Affairs representative this past year. We appreciate her service and dedication to the CandleRidge community.

CandleRidge Garden Club

Spring 2026

The Garden Club meets 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. Faye Youngblood is our president.

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.

Jan 20 – Proper Pruning (presenter Theresa Tosni)

Feb 17 – Hobby Greenhouses (presenter Yolanda Tatum)

Mar 17 – Archie’s Garden Land (Private Club event) – **Special time: 6 p.m.** Thank you Kay Flynt!

Apr 21 – “New” Perennial Vegetables (Sheryl Whited)

Special event – TBA – Tour of Stone Throw Farm

May 19 – Plant Exchange & Potluck (6 – 8:30 p.m.) – Ginny Schmidt’s Home

Bring boxes to take home a multitude of plants

Happy Gardening!

Shauna Gheen,

gardenclub@candleridgehomeowners.com



3rd Tuesdays



Thank You Citizens on Patrol Volunteers

HAPPY NEW YEAR CandleRidge Homeowners!

The Fort Worth Police Department has several volunteer programs that you can participate in for those that want to get involved in our community. Getting involved and being the eyes and ears for the Police is one of their best assets, and the COP program provides those eyes and ears. Being a Citizen Patroller is not hard; you never confront or approach a suspected criminal, only report them. The process is simple: contact the South COP Commander to receive an application, and he will get the ball rolling. It involves a background check, some training classes to learn the rules, a ride-along in a police car, and some basic two-way radio instruction. Once completed, you can patrol any time, just do a minimum of 4 hours per month. When you complete 25 hours of patrolling, you will receive a \$25.00 cash card to help with gas. Contact Warner Filley, the South Division Citizen on Patrol Commander at: 817-392-3418 (office) or at 817-253-1845 (cell) or Warner.Filley@fortworthtexas.gov

If Citizens on Patrol does not fit well with you, there are these other areas of citizen involvement that you can participate in. These areas include:

- Active Shooter Response Training
- Cadet Program
- Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)
- Citizens Police Academy
- Cold Cases
- Community Camera Program
- Community Forums
- Crime Prevention Unit
- Fort Worth Police Explorer Program
- Internship Program
- National Night Out
- Police and Clergy Coalition
- Police Athletic League
- Ride In Program



Visit the FWPD Website: <https://police.fortworthtexas.gov/home> and click on GET INVOLVED; then click on any of the above items to learn the details of each one. We need your involvement to keep our neighborhood safe!! If you'd like to become a member of our COP team, please contact me. If you see a COP member patrolling, stop the patroller and ask about the program. Once your training is completed, the commitment is only four, one-hour time slots a month in CandleRidge. We would love to have you join us. Please consider it!! Thank you everyone for helping keep CandleRidge safe.

Remember, too, that if you need to contact Candleridge's Neighborhood Police Officer Billy Atkins that you can reach him at 817-988-1031 (cell) or 817-392-3712 (office).

Sincerely,

Steve Roebuck,
Citizen Patroller





CandleRidge Calendar of Events

Your Board remains active and plans ahead to keep your organization running smoothly. So far, the events below 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 added the suggestion of an event at the lake on Halloween! 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.

2025-2026 Calendar of Events for CandleRidge Homeowners Association

Completed:

November 20th 2025, General Board Meeting #1

December—Holiday Lighting contest

Jan 1st to Jan. 31st —Dues payment month

Put Out Dues Notice Signs, Send Emails, Post on Facebook

Feb. 5th—General Board Meeting #2

March 28th—Great American Clean-up Day

April 5th—April 7th—Neighborhood Garage Sale

June 18th—General Board Meeting #3 for July 4th planning

July 4th—Parade at French Lake, Burger Cookout with Ice Cream

August 27th—General Board Meeting #4,
Discuss upcoming Officers and Committee Directors
Plan for September Annual Meeting

Sept. 24th—Annual Association Meeting and Election of Officers

Future:

Oct. ??, 2026—National Night Out at The Lake

Oct. ?? 2026—Litter Stomp Clean Up Day (Date not yet announced)

October 31, 2026—Halloween at the Lake (Send us your suggestions for naming the event.)

Thank you for your support and ideas!



Welcome New Neighbors

Candle Ridge Neighbors!

It has been a busy year for CandleRidge! We have had 29 new neighbors join us this year. We work at visiting all of our new neighbors as they move in, and yet we would love for you to join the fun too. If you have new neighbors move in around you, take a few minutes and welcome them to the community! If cookies are your thing, take a treat along with your visit. If not, just a knock on the door.

“Welcome to neighborhood! My name is _____ and we live right over there.
Great to have you join the community. If you have any questions just let me know.
By the way the HOA here is CandleRidge is a great one. Check it out at
www.CandleRidgehomeowners.com.”

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.

Code Compliance Welcome Back Officer Roden

CandleRidge's former Code Compliance Officer Bridgett Roden has been reassigned to CandleRidge. This is great news for our neighborhood. While you can always report issues on the MYFW App, you can contact her at 682-201-4574 (cell) or 817-392-1234 (office). She can also be reached by email at bridgett.roden@fortworthtexas.gov. If you have a question or just need information contact her.



Help keep CandleRidge looking great by reporting cars parked in yards, 12" overgrown lawns, abandoned cars, oversized vehicles, stagnant pools, and other items that bring down our neighborhood. The City's Code Compliance website is:
<https://www.fortworthtexas.gov/departments/code-compliance/enforcement>

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 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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