



Newsletter of the CandleRidge Homeowners Association

## *From the President's Desk...*

This July 4<sup>th</sup> will be the 250<sup>th</sup> year anniversary of the signing of our Declaration of Independence! Our Nation's founders put forth blood, sweat, and their fortunes to establish this great country. We must always be grateful for their sacrifice!

Please keep July 4<sup>th</sup> open on your calendars for the parade at the lake with free burgers and ice cream. We look forward to having a big crowd for our country's 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary. If you would like to volunteer to help with preparations, please contact us via the email addresses on the back page of this newsletter.

Give a big shout out to all our neighborhood supporters that keep our homeowner's association in operation. Although we are a small association, we can make a great impact on our community with these funds. We finished this year's dues drive in the January-February collection period with total receipts of about \$2,200. You can still join! (See page 7)

In March we participated in the Great American Clean-up Day with a crew of 10 volunteers who collected 12 bags of trash from around the lake. Thank you to those volunteers, and we look forward to the fall clean-up day in October. We will have other opportunities to meet neighbors and to serve the neighborhood in the fall. These events will be advertised in upcoming newsletters, on the CandleRidge Facebook page, on Next Door, and at the annual meeting. (See page 9)

Currently we have a need for volunteers. We especially need someone willing to be the City Affairs Representative. This position entails monitoring and reporting to the board about City Council meetings, zoning cases, upcoming street, drainage, water and sewer projects, City Construction projects in our area, and upcoming bond elections. All this can be done online by watching YouTube without having to physically attend city meetings. (See page 3)

Crime is low in CandleRidge, and the best way to keep it low is to keep the Code Blue Citizens on Patrol presence an ongoing activity. Just having that presence of mind that offers a notice of awareness to prospective criminals often deters the criminal. If interested in joining this group, please contact me! (See page 5)

Thanks again for letting me have a moment to update the neighborhood on things about CandleRidge.

**Steven Roebuck**  
President



## Summer 2026



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## *In the Park...*



Summer has arrived, and several changes around the lake have caught my attention.

Since last July, the lake has hosted several Canada geese. Their numbers fluctuated from as few as two to as many as six, and they did not appear every day, but they rarely stayed away for more than a couple of weeks. Sometime in spring, however, they disappeared and have not returned for well over a month now. The geese became a favorite sight for many residents, but for now they seem to have moved on.

The geese's departure reminds me how quickly wildlife around the lake can change. The biggest surprise this season has been the arrival of two beavers. There were beavers at the lake several years ago, but that too was remarkable at the time. They did not last long, because they chewed down several recently planted saplings near the footbridge, and the city took steps which encouraged the animals' departure. One beaver arrived mid April; the other arrived within the last couple of weeks. Our experience with the Canada geese reminds us to enjoy our newest visitors while they are here because there is no telling how long they will stay.

The ducks have had a quieter year. There were fewer ducklings hatched this spring, and, as usually happens, their numbers declined as the weeks passed. Sarge adopted several survivors from one brood and still has three youngsters with him. Two other ducklings lost their mother but through sheer persistence eventually joined Sarge's little family. Those five ducklings are getting bigger now, and their size alone protects them from many of the dangers that threaten newly hatched ducks. This year's duck mating season also appears to be ending, so we will probably not see many additional ducklings this year.

Another change this year involves people rather than wildlife. More fishermen have fished the lake than I remember seeing in past years. Almost all of them have been courteous and respectful of other residents who are out enjoying the lake area. Unfortunately, a small number tend to leave behind something dangerous. Since January, I've found at least ten baited hooks lying along the shoreline, usually attached to short pieces of cut fishing line. I suspect that most of these hooks were left due to carelessness rather than intent, but the danger remains the same.

A child who spots a colorful plastic worm or shiny lure may grab it without noticing the barbed hook attached to it. A running child can step on a lure hidden in the grass and end up with a hook embedded in a shoe or foot. Dogs face the same risk. My own dog snaps at anything that resembles food. If a plastic frog or worm conceals a hook, the result can be a painful injury to the mouth or tongue. I use that last example because I kept one lure I found: a life-size plastic frog, but this one is embedded with two sharp barbed hooks.

The solution is simple. Before leaving the lake, fishermen should take a quick look around their fishing spot and pick up any discarded line, hooks, or lures. It's a poor fisherman who fails to practice good conservation as a real sportsman does. A few extra seconds of attention can prevent injuries and help keep the lake safe for children, pets, wildlife, and everyone who enjoys spending time at the lake. If you happen to notice a fisherman forgetting his manners, please kindly remind him to clean up his mess; and if he doesn't, please take a couple of minutes to clean it up for him.

**Steve Robinson,**  
Park Coordinator





Would you/your business like to sponsor a table, decoration, or food item for this event? Your name will be displayed as a sponsor. To do so, call 817-680-5033.

Last year's 4th of July parade was a major success, and we are going to have another one this year at 11:00 AM! In addition to being in the actual walk around flag decorated French Lake and enjoying the patriotic music, participants will hopefully enjoy seeing and getting to tour one of Fort Worth's fire trucks and an ambulance. OH, and let's not forget those free burgers for all and free ice cream for the kiddos! We are buying more food this year than we did last year, so come out, decorate those bikes, trikes, pets, and wagons, and enjoy the fun. There will be prizes for the best decorations.

*See you there!*

### Positions Open on the Candleridge Board: Historian, City Affairs, and Legal Advisor

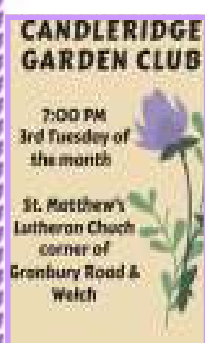
**Help  
Wanted**

We sincerely need your help to keep the board running smoothly. The board usually meets 5 times a year. Contact [president@candleridgehomeowners.com](mailto:president@candleridgehomeowners.com) or contact [vicepresident@candleridgehomeowners.com](mailto:vicepresident@candleridgehomeowners.com).

If you are interested in serving in any capacity, please let a board member know! An informal meeting will be held in August for those who are interested in serving or just want to learn more about serving.

### *Candleridge Garden Club*

The Candleridge Garden Club is out for the summer but will resume on Tuesday, September 15, 2026, at 7 p.m. at St. Matthew's Lutheran Church, 5709 Wedgewood Drive, Fort Worth, TX 76133. (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 offers fresh produce and other farm goods from its truck.



The programs for the next year are in the planning stages, but you can look forward to monthly speakers on all types of gardening (flowers, vegetables, organic gardening, etc.). Also, last year we had one private event at a local nursery and 2 garden tours. Both were very popular, so I'm sure we will try to do something like that this next year. We have 2 special events - a holiday pot luck and gift exchange (gifts change hands up to 3 times) and our final meeting which is also a pot luck and massive plant exchange! Dues are very reasonable - \$16 for the year which covers gifts for speakers and any fees for tours or other events. Come join us!

If you would like more information on our Candleridge Garden Club, send an email to [gardenclub@candleridgehomeowners.com](mailto:gardenclub@candleridgehomeowners.com).

*See you in September!*



### Thank You Citizens on Patrol Volunteers

As a volunteer service to our community, Citizens on Patrol is our eyes and ears for the Fort Worth Police Department. This group of volunteers does neighborhood patrols in cars, bikes, motorcycles, and on foot to project an image of eyes and ears to a prospective criminal. Most times, a crime is averted when the criminals see our logo on our cars or our shirts; they leave the area. Just having that presence in our neighborhood makes a difference

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. COP members do not personally confront a would be suspect.



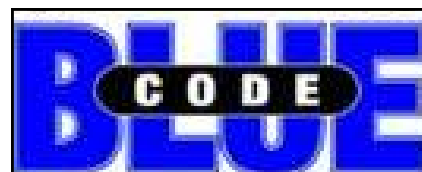
Ground rules do not allow COPs Patrollers to make contact with a prospective criminal, only to observe and call in the suspicious behavior observed. We are not allowed to put ourselves in harms way, and we are not allowed to carry firearms while patrolling. We are required to patrol a minimum of four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

Visibility of these COP vehicles with COP signs on them truly makes a criminal think twice because it projects an image of readiness and security towards prospective criminals. Training is available for the program. If you are interested in learning more about the COP program or in joining it, contact Warner Filley at the South Police Station 817-392-3418 or by email at [warnerfilley@fortworthtexas.gov](mailto:warnerfilley@fortworthtexas.gov). He will walk you thru the sign-up process.

### CandleRidge Needs VOLUNTEERS To keep the crime out!!

Thank you to all who participate in program.

**Steve Roebuck**  
COPs Patroller  
Acting Captain



## 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 non-emergency issues that require a police response, call the non-emergency number 817-392-4222.

My Contact Information is:

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Cell 817-988-1031

Office 817-392-3712

[Billy.Atkins@fortworthtexas.gov](mailto:Billy.Atkins@fortworthtexas.gov)



### B. Atkins

Fort Worth Police



## Egret Preparation and Awareness

Egrets have not established a rookery in CandleRidge though they did try to on both Sunday Place and Church Park. Thanks to the vigilance of residents, these birds were driven out of the trees. There are no other rookeries in Candleridge or in Wedgwood South. These birds find comfort in a rookery, tend to support one another when they are threatened by predators, and usually nest in a new place each year.

Please remember the following:

November-March—Trim trees.

January-February—Blue Herons or Yellow Crowned Night Herons arrive as Scouts.

March-April—Heron nest and establish rookeries from March thru April.

April-May—Eggs are laid.

April-October—Rookeries with hatchlings and fledglings become fully established.

September-October—Egrets and herons leave.

October-January—Residents clean up trees and remove any nests.

NOTE: Nests can only be removed if they do not contain eggs.

You can use the [MyFW App](#) to report egret/heron sightings to Fort Worth Animal Control. If you have questions or want to report a sighting, you are welcome to reach out to AC at 817-392-1234 or to CandleRidge resident Matt Maxwell at [mattmaxwell777@hotmail.com](mailto:mattmaxwell777@hotmail.com) or 817-929-8867. Matt has experience with egrets, has a close working relationship with Animal Control, and can help you deter these birds from nesting.



### Matt Maxwell

Egret Support

## Welcome New Neighbors



We have had 14 new neighbors that have joined our community in the past few months. We also have homes that are available and probably selling in the next month or so which will bring more new neighbors to our community. Be sure to let us know if you have had new neighbors move in so that we can meet and greet them. Also, if you have had neighbors move in the past year, be sure to invite them to the 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade and cookout at French Lake! Its lots of fun and a great way to meet folks from the neighborhood!

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! Lasly, 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](mailto: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](http://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/>



## 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)



We already know that we need to elect a historian, city affairs rep, and a legal advisor!

*See You on the 24!*

## 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](http://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](http://www.candleridgehomeowners.com), or mail a check to our membership chair:

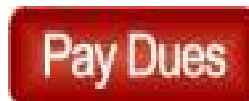
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**If you haven't joined for 2026, please do so now.**

Questions can be emailed to [membership@candleridgehomeowners.com](mailto: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**





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