



Newsletter of the CandleRidge Homeowners Association

From the President's Desk...

I wish to thank all the homeowners who joined or renewed their membership in the CandleRidge Homeowners Association during our membership drive which is held each January. In the past we printed and mailed post cards advising the residents of the time to pay the yearly dues, but printing and postage were eating up 75% of our income, so we decided to go electronic and do this via electronic internet methods. Our income has dropped by 1/3, but we do not have the expenses we had in the past. I mention this because there is not a good way to notify all the neighborhood via the internet if we do not have all the emails of each homeowner. So, if each member would let 1 or 2 neighbors know that we have our membership drive each January, we could increase the membership substantially. Your board really appreciates your help in advance for doing this small task. We need each household's support!

The egret situation has not left our area! They have settled in an area just behind Altamesa Church of Christ and are wreaking havoc on those poor residents. On top of that, the governmental authorities will not allow Matt Maxwell (our resident egret defender) to chase them out of the trees anymore with the pop gun that he has. So, be vigilant and make a lot of noise if you see them trying to nest in your trees. Call the City of Fort Worth Animal Control at 817-392-1234 to report these pesky birds. Better yet, keep your trees trimmed and thinned out as best you can.

Guess what else? You and all your neighbors and family members are invited to the July 4th parade at the lake in order to celebrate our nation's Independence Day. This year's parade will be bigger and better than ever. We would love for you or your businesses to sponsor part of this event. Come and help us celebrate that great day!! See page 4 for more information. Burgers for all and ice cream for the children!

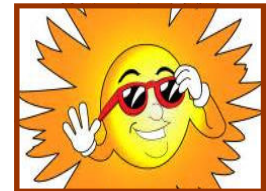
Also, if you know anybody that wants to sing the National Anthem or someone to play some trumpets, sax, or any instruments, we will welcome you with open arms. It would be nice to have some live singers or musicians instead of recordings.

Thank you for allowing me to serve the CandleRidge Neighborhood. Remember, 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.

Steven Roebuck
President



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In the Park...



My last article focused on the migratory ducks that wintered at French Lake this year. Surprisingly, a pair of Canada geese (I just learned that “Canadian goose” is incorrect; at least I’m learning something from my writing!) appeared in May and stayed around several days before resuming their journey northward. Nearly all of the migratory ducks had departed for their northern homes before the Canada geese’s short layover.

With their departure, the duck population has dropped by two-thirds from the winter’s high population count.

A vigorous mating season in April and May — and if you’ve seen ducks mate, you know it is always “vigorous” — has given us cause to hope that the recent downward trend in our year-round duck population may have begun to reverse. Several broods of ducklings have appeared, and their survival rate is noticeably higher than in the recent past. For example, one mother still has 10 of her 12 ducklings after three weeks; another, four of her seven after a month and a half.

Part of this success is due to our own goose, Sarge. As in prior years, Sarge has adopted a brood and their mother, and we have seen kids and teenagers on several occasions learn not to approach ducklings guarded by Sarge!

A higher survival success corresponds with less coyote activity. However, I found one coyote kill at the lake a few days ago. My wife dislikes my getting up onto my anti-urban coyote soapbox, and I dislike bringing up the subject of politics, but I am holding out some hope that our new District 6 council member, whoever it is, will possess the common sense to encourage the City to reconsider its present ill-considered policy regarding urban coyotes — “We will do nothing until someone gets hurt.” I, for one, will encourage the new council member to consult with officials of other cities about the (lack of) wisdom of such a policy, starting with Frisco, Arlington, and Dallas where children have been killed and injured by coyotes that have lost their fear of humans.

With the weather warming and with females on nests, many of our permanent duck residents are wandering out of the park and into the neighborhood. Please remember to drive carefully, keeping an eye out for ducks in the alleys and on the roads, sometimes several blocks away from the lake or the creek.

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

Steve Robinson
Park Coordinator



Egret Preparation and Awareness

Egrets have established a rookery north of Altamesa and west of Hulen in the circle of Sabrosa Court West. The picture to the right is from May 8th and shows the large quantity of egrets in these three trees. There are other homes in this cul-de-sac that also have egrets in their trees, yards, and pool.



Fort Worth (FW) Animal Control (AC) was granted “takes” from the Federal Game Warden to remove egret/heron eggs from FW trees. (“Takes” is the name given for official permits to remove eggs.) FWAC worked with the homeowner and homeowner’s tree service to remove hundreds of eggs from nests as well as the empty nests. Unfortunately, AC did not have sufficient takes to remove all of the eggs from the nests on Sabrosa Court.

There are no other rookeries in our area (Candleridge or Wedgwood South). These birds find comfort in a rookery, tend to support one another when they are threatened by predators, and are unlikely to nest in a new place since Animal Control was unable to remove all the eggs.

In March and April this year, we ran off several herons from Candleridge homeowner trees prior to nesting. Additionally, I have received a few calls to come and checkout concerned homeowner sightings.

Please remember the following:

November-March—Trim trees. I did not see many trees being trimmed this year.

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

March-April—Heron nest and establish rookeries from March thru April. I was notified of the rookery on Sabrosa on April 17. Had AC been notified earlier, it could have helped.

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 learn more and find additional details about this topic on the CandleRidge Homeowners Association website page at <https://www.candleridgehomeowners.com/egrets.html>. You can also utilize the [MyFW App](#) if you want to report egret/heron sightings to FWAC. If you have questions or want to report a sighting, you are welcome to reach out to AC at 817-392-1234 or your local CandleRidge resident Matt Maxwell at mattmaxwell777@hotmail.com or at 817-929-8867. Matt has experience with egrets, has a close working relationship with Animal Control, and is in possession of the necessary bird deterrent noise maker devices.

Matt Maxwell

Egret Support

Candleridge Homeowners Association



Would your business (or you) 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 parade around flag decorated French Lake and enjoying the patriotic music, participants will enjoy seeing and getting to tour Fort Worth's Engine 26 fire truck. OH, and let's not forget those free burgers for all and free ice cream for the kiddos that will be served! 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, Legal Advisor, Membership Secretary

**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 or contact 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

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

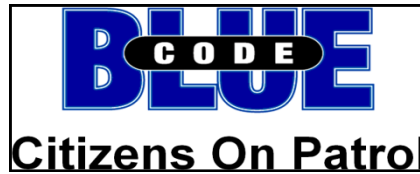
7:00 PM
3rd Tuesday of
the month

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, and 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 let's a prospective criminal know 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 desired. Patrollers do get a \$25.00 reimbursement gift card for every 25 hours of patrolling to help with the cost of gas.

I have been a Citizen Patroller for 5 years, and it is something that each of us needs to consider becoming a part of. Currently, we 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. 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



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:

J16 NPO - Billy Atkins 4309

Cell 817-988-1031

Office 817-392-3712

Billy.Atkins@fortworthtexas.gov



B. Atkins

Fort Worth Police



On May 13, The City of Fort Worth swore in nine Council members who won re-election and one new Council member in District 5. The swearing in took place in the new Council Chambers with many of the family members and supporters present. Absent from the proceedings was a new District 6 Council member, an official who was still yet to be determined because neither of the candidates received 50% of the votes. In a runoff to represent District 6, which includes the CandleRidge neighborhood, were Mia Hall and Daryl Davis II. Mia Hall won the election, and your board looks forward to working with her.

Candleridge residents may also be interested in the upcoming 2026 bond election. The city has presented a draft of possible projects for voter consideration. The currently proposed plan includes five areas of improvements that total \$800 million. These include streets and mobility, parks and open space, public libraries, public safety, and animal care and shelter facilities. Projects totaling \$72.6 million are proposed for District 6 and include some projects that span into other council districts. This is more than triple the 2022 amount of \$23.7 million. The public engagement process will be taking place this summer and continue through the fall, though no public meetings are currently scheduled. Stay informed and keep an eye out on the city's website for more information on how to get involved with the 2026 Bond Program! The City's website is www.fortworthtexas.gov.

Don't forget, too, that you can use the MyFW app to get information and to report issues that need to be addressed. You'll see the logo for the app here to the right!

Midori Clark

City Affairs



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. There have been about a dozen homes sold in this community in the past few months. There are also many 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! Also, 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 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 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)



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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