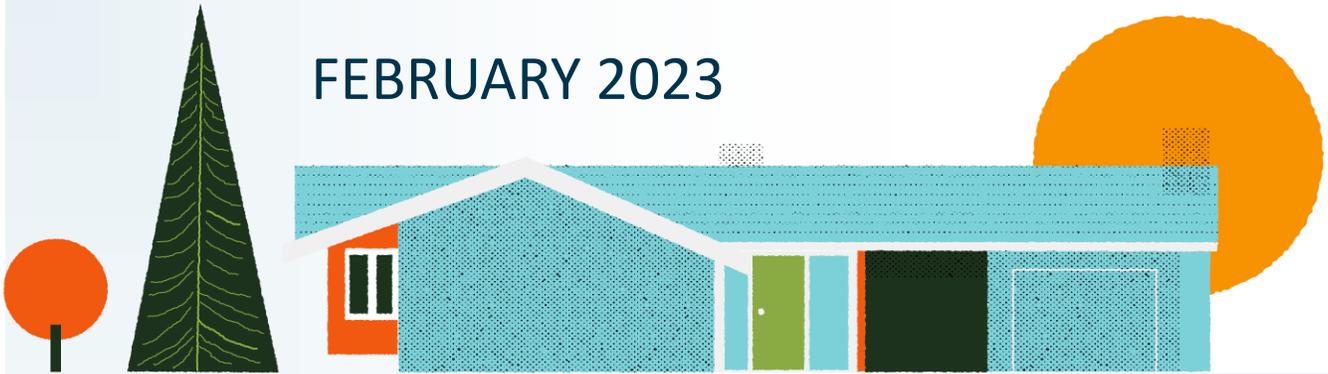


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# The Homesteader

## Neighborhood Newsletter



*Ron's elves prepped his property for the holiday party*

### Front Entrance Spring Spruce Up

Ray Nuskiewicz

Yearly, volunteers gather at the front entrance for a “spruce up”. We trim trees, spread ~30 bags of mulch, trim the lirioppe, spread sand in the bricks of the heritage garden, pull weeds, and gather any debris for a quick run to the land fill. Please come out, meet your neighbors and pitch in to keep Homestead’s first impression when you enter the neighborhood - a beautiful place to live. We look forward to seeing new faces!

WHEN: April 1<sup>st</sup>, at 9 a.m. for about an hour (Yes! April Fool’s Day)  
Rain date: 22 April.



NEXT MEETING  
TUESDAY, MARCH 14TH

Providence Presbyterian Church



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## Neighborhood Movie Nights

will return this spring! Keep an eye for the signs around the neighborhood and information on the Homestead Facebook page!



## 2023 Civic League Membership Dues

By: Caroline Pilkerton

This month we kick off our dues collection for 2023. Ginger has passed on the black mailbox to me. If you are new to the neighborhood, our dues work for everyone who lives in Homestead. The annual events including the Block Party and Christmas Party at Mr. Harrimann's house are supported by the \$7 each household donates to the Civic League. These dues also pay to landscape the main entrance to the neighborhood.

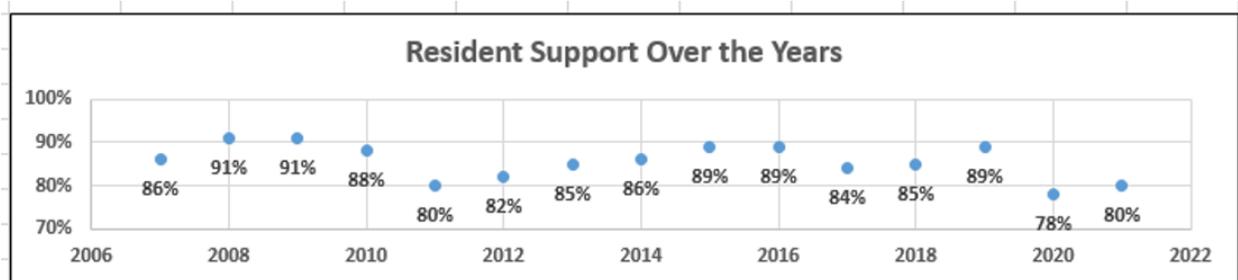
This year's payment options include the following choices:

1. Drop off payment and membership form to the locked porch mailbox at 926 West Goodview Drive, 23464
2. Mail to: Homestead Civic League c/o Caroline Pilkerton, 926 West Goodview Drive, 23464
3. PayPal at [cpilk715@gmail.com](mailto:cpilk715@gmail.com) Include your name and address in the note section of the website. **Send as a friend to avoid the fee.** You will still need to drop off the membership form to Caroline's mailbox or go to website ([www.homesteadinvabeach.org](http://www.homesteadinvabeach.org)), download the form, complete it and email to [cpilk715@gmail.com](mailto:cpilk715@gmail.com)

**Seven Dollars to donate, three choices to submit your dues, and a BONUS raffle this year for a \$50 Visa Gift Card!!!**

All membership dues received by April 30, 2023 will be entered into a raffle for a \$50 Visa Gift Card. One entry per household. The drawing will be held at the May 9th Civic League meeting. Be there to find out if you won!!!

Support your neighborhood and help out this homeschooling, military spouse, whose time is limited and get those dues in by April 30th. Otherwise you'll be meeting me in person when I knock on your door!



## The Holiday Party Is Back!

By Gary Medlin

The holiday drive-byes were nice for two years, but not as gratifying as an in-person gathering. Ron Harriman sponsored his 33rd party and it was another great one.

As usual, Ron outdid himself. He provided the location, the delicious hot chocolate, handmade ornaments, and the wisdom that 96 years brings. He also used his special phone line to secure Santa's services for good boys and girls (maybe some bad ones as well). Ms. Clause hated to miss the party but she was under the North Pole weather.

All the stars were aligned to make the occasion a happy and calorie splurging event. Cookies, candy, little cakes, and hot chocolate provided sufficient calories for all to gain at least five pounds. Most important, however, the party provided an opportunity for neighbors to talk, laugh, and snack together.

Ron was the driving force, but it took many to ensure the party's success. Helpers included the following neighbors and activities. Front entrance prep and decoration: Chris Lalonge, Martha Claytor, Charlotte Laws, Rex Zerby. Ron's yard cleanup: Mike Rheinhart, Karen Davis, Karen Nuskiewicz, the Zerbys, the Medlins, the Moylans, the Hamricks. House and garage cleaning: Debbie Harding and Joie (Ron's niece). Hot chocolate serving and bushes decoration: Rex Zerby. Leading the caroling: Doug and Rachel Lynch. Cookies, etc.: Karen Davis, Karen Nuskiewicz, Chip and Kristin Claytor, Martha Claytor, Charlotte Laws, Anne Hamrick, Denise Dukes, Ryan and Kristin Davis, Nancy Sokol, Chris Medlin, Margaret Vick, Jackie Moylan, Donna Zerby, Lisa and Gus Zader. Music: Unidentified gentleman. Party cleanup: Ron and Debbie Harding.

Until next year, Merry Christmas and Happy Hanukkah.



### Wayne's Beef Macaroni & Cheese

By Paula Deen

Heat the oven to 350 degrees F.

Cook the macaroni according to package directions; drain and set aside. Heat the oil in a skillet; add the peppers, onion, and garlic, and sauté until soft. Add the ground beef and sauté until browned. Add the tomatoes, salt and pepper, to taste, and the basil, cumin, and oregano. In a large bowl, combine the macaroni and the beef mixture. Spread this mixture into a 9 by 13-inch baking dish. Top with the cheese and bake for 20 to 25 minutes, or until the cheese is lightly browned and bubbly.

Cook's Note: Ground turkey or chicken can be used in place of beef, if desired.

#### Ingredients

1-pound box elbow macaroni  
2 tablespoons vegetable oil  
2 cups chopped green bell pepper  
2 cups chopped onion  
1 tablespoon chopped garlic  
2 pounds lean ground  
3 cups canned crushed tomatoes  
Salt and pepper  
1 teaspoon each dried basil,  
ground cumin, and dried oregano  
2 to 3 cups grated Cheddar

ARE YOU A HISTORY BUFF?

Lots of Homestead history lingers in a couple of storage boxes. Photo albums, newspaper articles, directories, newsletters, old maps (some on mimeograph paper!), etc. Looking for someone to act as Homestead’s historian – go through the boxes, organize the items, and determine what should be preserved and the best way to do that. If you’re interested, contact Karen Nuskiewicz at kdln10@yahoo.com or 424-5657.

UPCOMING LOCAL EVENTS

February

3rd-5th 2023 Mid Atlantic Sports and Boat Show
Virginia Beach Convention Center
1000 19th Street, 23451 vbboatshows.com

2, 9, 16, 23rd (also March 9th) Out of the Box: Emerging Artist Series
Sandler Center for Performing Arts
201 Market Street, 23462
FREE Admission 7pm, doors open at 6pm
sandlercenter.org

11th Virginia Beach Aquarium
Owl Creek Cleanup
717 General Booth Blvd, 23451
9-11am, register by February 7th virginiaaquarium.com

9, 16, 23 Norfolk Botanical Garden
6700 Azalea Garden Road, 23518
FREE Admission on Thursdays in February
9-5pm—Must select your free ticket online
norfolkbotanicalgarden.org

11th & 18th (also March 11th & 18th) The Dinner Detective Comedy Murder Mystery Dinner Show
Wyndham Virginia Beach Oceanfront
5700 Atlantic Ave, 23451
6pm-9pm visitvirginiabeach.com

March

17th Reptile and Amphibian Weekend
Virginia Living Museum
524 J Clyde Morris Blvd, Newport News
9-5pm thevlm.org

18th Kempsville Pony Baseball Opening Day
Providence Park
952 Reon Drive, 23464
Opening Day games, come support the local kids in their first game of the season. Enjoy treats from the concession stand!

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\* Longtime Homestead resident, William Glen Keefer, passed away recently.
\* Condolences to his wife, Betty, and other family members.
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