



# The Homesteader

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A neighbor is more than just somebody who lives next door.

Editor: Pam Clements

## NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

### HOLIDAYS KICKOFF

By Karen Nuskiewicz

Front Row: Karen Nuskiewicz, Martha Claytor, Charlotte Laws

Back Row: Mike Winstead, Brian Nuskiewicz, Gary Medlin; Not pictured: Ray Nuskiewicz

Once again volunteers met up at the front entrance to start the season, Homestead style. Gary and Ray strung the lights on the tree and affixed the star to the top (this becomes more challenging each year). The ladies decorated the brick walls, and Brian cleaned and maintained the Heritage Garden. All was made ready in time for the holiday party.



### HOLIDAY PARTY - Ron does it again

By Gary Medlin

If anyone doubts that Ron Harriman can throw a great Homestead party, she/he wasn't at the December 5th celebration. For the 24<sup>th</sup> time, Mr. Harriman welcomed all Homesteaders to his garage with hot chocolate, cookies, homemade ornaments and good cheer.

Prior to the party Homesteaders gathered at the front entrance to sing carols and light the Christmas tree. Our own Ray Nuskiewicz led the "joyful noise." Although all enjoyed the lighting of the tree, many had the party on their minds.



Maybe this is why Ron likes to host parties?!?

Ron deserves the lion's share of the credit for a wonderful party, but others helped. Mike Winstead served Ron's famous hot chocolate with marshmallows, although some brave souls took it straight. And many contributed to weight gain by preparing oodles of goodies. They were as follows: Lisa Zader, Cheryl Blake, Chris and Mireya Alexander, Martha Claytor, Shirley Barkley, Elizabeth Tuttle, Amy Houston, Karen and Ray Nuskiewicz, Karen Davis, Ginger Boyer, Glenda Winstead, Christine Medlin, Mary Glynn, Donna Zerby, Spickard Family, and Jackie Moylan. Finally, Ron's good friend, Debbie Harding helped sweep and straighten the garage prior to the festivities.

Oh my!! I almost forgot the honored guests, Mr. and Mrs. Claus, who came early and left late. They saw so many kids and gave out so many candy canes, they could hardly stand when all had departed. Both commented that Homestead holiday parties were hard on their old bones, but they wouldn't miss any as long as they lived.

Neither will the faithful Homesteaders.



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### Civic League Representatives:

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## BACK ATCHA, RONNIE!

By Karen Nuskiewicz

Neighbors had two opportunities to send some love back Ron's way.

The November civic league meeting was followed by a surprise social in honor of his 90<sup>th</sup> birthday, and was attended by more than forty-two current and former residents. Everyone enjoyed cake, ice cream and other goodies provided by his many admirers. Ron told me he received more than seventy-five birthday cards. We've always known he's a popular guy.



December brought down its usual blanket of leaves, and Ron's yard has beautiful, old trees that naturally shed. The image of Ron standing in his yard with a rake drove Mike Rheinhart to contact neighbors to lend their helping hands. It was short notice, but helpers included: Mike Rheinhart, Darren Drake, Gary Medlin, Rick Davis, Karen Davis, Mark Spear, and myself. More than thirty-five bags of leaves were readied to be recycled.

## Operation Lookout Expanded

Sergeant Brian Walters from [Virginia Beach Police Department](#) · 56m ago

Operation Lookout Expanded (OLE) is a Virginia Beach Police Department crime prevention program designed for senior citizens who reside in the City of Virginia Beach. The goal of OLE is to provide free home assessments to improve the safety and security of our senior residents. This program provides awareness information along with a myriad of tips and recommendations to include the installation of a large-view peephole that makes it easier to know who is at your door. There is no cost and we are currently seeking seniors who would benefit from this service. If you have questions or would like to schedule an appointment, please contact Master Police Officer Shelly Bryant at 757.385.1066 or [sbryant@vbgov.com](mailto:sbryant@vbgov.com).



## ELECTION RESULTS

Per the civic league's Bylaws requirements, the election of civic league officers was held in November. All incumbents were reelected

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## ARRIVALS, DEPARTURES, AND DIRECTORY UPDATES:



### Arrivals:

WELCOME! To our new neighbors: Cheryl Dalton, Lamar Dalton, and Sharon Jones, of Old Homestead Ln.; Mark Hayes & Lisa Shakelford, of E. Goodview Dr.; Clay & Christina Lavoise of Whitehurst Lndg. Rd.; Steve & Amy Miller of Fireside Ln.; Timothy & Natalie Meiggs of Fireside Ln.; Bradley Chaney of Hillview Blvd.; and Jeffrey Wray of W. Goodview Dr.

### Departures:

Farewell: A former resident, Betty Stone still owned her house here. She passed away in December. Condolences are offered to her family. Long-time resident, Sylvester 'Dusty' Maleski, passed away in January. Condolences go out to his wife, Shirley, and her family; which includes Homestead neighbor Sharen Hodges and her husband, Brian.

Got new neighbors? Let us know so that the Welcoming Committee may deliver a basket with unique and useful welcome gifts. Call or email Karen Nuszkiwicz: 424-5657; [kdl10@yahoo.com](mailto:kdl10@yahoo.com).



### MARK YOUR CALENDAR - Civic League Meetings

March 14<sup>th</sup>, May 9<sup>th</sup> (agenda includes setting dates for Homestead's annual events), July 11<sup>th</sup>, September 12<sup>th</sup>, and November 14<sup>th</sup>.

**Got Questions? Get Answers!**  
Forgot the date for an upcoming neighborhood event? Hunting for that information to report a street light out? Wishing you could recall something you read in a newsletter? Visit your web site for answers.



Member

### Writers Welcome

Did you read something in the newsletter that bugged you? Does a special neighbor need recognition? Do you have an opinion, observation or idea about Homestead that needs to be in print? If so, write an article for the newsletter.



### Your 2¢

It's your neighborhood, your civic league. Got something on your mind about Homestead's newsletter, directory, front entrance, annual events, etc.? Suggestions are always welcome. Contact Karen Nuszkiwicz at [kdl10@yahoo.com](mailto:kdl10@yahoo.com).

# 2017 CIVIC LEAGUE MEMBERSHIP AND NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH DATA COLLECTION

It's that time of year for Homesteaders to donate their 2017 dues of \$7.00. This keeps our front entrance maintained and the lights on, and supports our annual events, bi-monthly meetings, newsletters, neighborhood directories, and other activities.

It's easy. Just write a check to Homestead Civic League, or send cash and deliver it to 5540 Homeward Drive. There is a black mailbox on the porch wall. Don't worry about leaving your dues in that box; when you open the lid there's a locked top with a slit to drop in your envelope.

If you would like to send it via the USPS mail:

Ginger Boyer, 5540 Homeward Drive, Virginia Beach, VA 23464-4052.

THANK YOU ahead of time for your donations!!! Without them we would not have the friendly and safe neighborhood we all enjoy.

Make checks payable to:  
**HOMESTEAD CIVIC LEAGUE**

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