

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

By Gary Medlin



Officer Dave Nieves shares safety information with 32 Homesteaders

Ours is a Neighbor Watch Neighborhood.

The Neighborhood Watch Program encourages neighbors to be alert to what is happening on their streets and if they see anything unusual to report it to the police. Of course, good neighbors also share the information with each other. The idea is protection and security for all. Thanks to several Homesteaders, our neighborhood is maintaining its status as a Neighborhood Watch community.

To be a Program neighborhood, residents must meet certain criteria. At least one half of residents' homes must be signed up as "watchers." Homestead's minimum is 107 and we have 110. Additionally, 15% of the homes must have at least one member who has received Watch Program police training. Our number is 32 and 40 received training.

Many Homesteaders helped in this effort. Those who helped enlist watchers included Jessie and Denise Dukes, Mike Rheinhart, Chris Medlin, Ray and Karen Nuszkiwicz, Ginger Boyer and Bruce Baker and Mike and Glenda Winstead. Those helping with the police led training and a continental breakfast for 32 folks at Providence Presbyterian were Mike Rheinhart and Mike Winstead (greeters), Chris Medlin (organizer), Glenda Winstead and Betty Banaag (set up), Pam Clements (flier design), Karen Nuszkiwicz (advertising), Martha Claytor, Ginger Boyer, Charlotte Laws, Glenda Winstead (baked goods), and Chris Epstein (sausage biscuits). Several helped clean the room, so we could retrieve our deposit. Thanks to all who made this effort successful.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR - Civic League Meetings

March 13th

May 8th (agenda includes setting dates for Homestead's annual events)

July 10th

September 11th

November 13th



DAFFODILS

Daffodils light, daffodils bright,
Daffodils everywhere in sight.

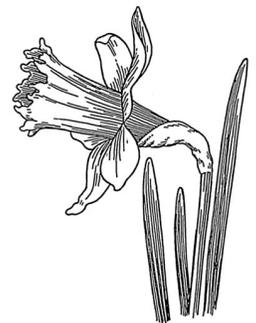
The sun is shining over daffodils blooming;
Gone for a season is winter's glooming.

Yellow tips of petals peeping,
Done with winter's cozy sleeping.

Lovely smell of daffodil flowers,
Growing high to the sky, like towers.

End of winter, beginning of spring ---
It makes my heart just want to sing!

--- written by a child in Homestead who wishes to remain anonymous



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<http://homesteadinvabeach.org/>

Civic League Representatives:

Karen Nuszkiwicz, President424-5657
 Gary Medlin, Vice President361-5826
 Donna Zerby, Treasurer747-9688
 Kristen Harris, Secretary617-6337
 Ted Ring, Webmaster615-1147
 Pam Clements, Newsletter Editor ...420-2073

HOLIDAYS KICKOFF

By Karen Nuskiewicz

Dedicated volunteers gathered on December 2nd to once again display Homestead's holiday spirit. Those making our yule tide bright were: Martha Claytor, Charlotte Laws, Betty Ba-naag, Glenda Winstead, Ginger Boyer Gary Medlin, Mike Winstead, Ray Nuskiewicz. Not pictured is Karen Nuskiewicz. Because of a fresh coat of white paint on the brick walls, the front entrance looked especially nice for the holiday festivities two nights later.



Member

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 and to enjoy color photos of past Homestead events. <http://homesteadinvabeach.org/>



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Ray Nuskiewicz with Myria Cabral

HOLIDAY PARTY - A Twenty-Eight-Year Success Story

By Gary Medlin

When someone writes the history of Homestead, she/he will have to include the remarkable run of great holiday parties in Ron Harri-man's garage. From 1987 through December 2017, the "Mayor of Homestead" has hosted our holiday parties. And at 91, Ron says he'll keep making his delicious hot chocolate and handmade orna-ments (over 300 this year) until the Grim Reaper visits.

Just prior to the garage festivities, Ray Nuskiewicz conducted the Homestead chorus in old fashion Christmas carols. As soon as the entrance tree was lit, all went to Ron's in record numbers.

The first thing I noticed as I entered Ron's garage was the abun-dance of goodies. Thanks to the Homestead bakers, many of us gained around two to five pounds. Those responsible for our ex-panding waste lines were Al and Sandra Parker, Chris Medlin, Donna Zerby, Ginger Boyer, Karen Nuskiewicz, Karen Davis, Glenda Win-stead, Mary and Jim Glynn, Martha Claytor, Charlotte Laws, Kristina Davis, Anne Hamrick, Alison and Brett Spickard, and Lisa and Gus Zader. Mike Winstead provided the final touch by serving the hot chocolate. A thank you to all.

Mr. and Mrs. Claus are booked for Homestead in December 2018 and Ron is selecting a design for his 29th different tree ornament. Please make a mental note for another celebration of a Homestead staple, the next Holiday Party.

ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES - Update your directory:

Arrivals: WELCOME! To our new neighbors: Daniel & Leslie Hoyos of Homeward Dr.

Farewell: Gerald Nuckols, who lived in Homestead since 1965, passed away on November 14th. Annema-rie Bonko, wife of Virginia Pilot columnist Larry Bonko, passed away on December 19th.

HISTORY BUFFS

Looking for a couple neighbors who would like to get together to go through Homestead's "history box" and provide some *Back in the Day* articles for future newsletters. Some interesting stuff in that box; anybody remember mimeograph machines? Call or email Karen Nuskiewicz: 424-5657; kdl10@yahoo.com.

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 Nuskiewicz: 424-5657; kdl10@yahoo.com.

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.

NEED HELP WITH SPRING CLEAN-UP?

My older girls (ages 9, 11, 13) are interest-ed in yard work, weeding, raking, spring clean-up, etc. jobs around the neigh-borhood. If you have any jobs for them, please feel free to call or email me (Sarah Hennessey) at 962-0183 or henn374@gmail.com. Thanks!



YOUR 2¢

It's your neighborhood, your civic league. Got something on your mind about Homestead's newsletter, direc-tory, front entrance, annual events, etc.? Suggestions are always wel-come. Contact Karen Nuskiewicz at kdl10@yahoo.com.

2018

Civic League Membership and Neighborhood Watch Information

This will be my 4th year to collect the \$7 annual membership dues. 80%-90% of the Homestead's 213 households contribute, which is very good; but, let's shoot for 95% this year. We can easily do that!

We saw great weather for the neighborhood Garage Sale, the (postponed) Block Party, and the Holiday Party. We got a new neighborhood directory, a new coat of white paint on the front entrance brick walls, and Neighborhood Watch was reinvigorated. We continue to have interesting Civic League meetings 6 times a year, right around the corner on Old Providence Road at the Presbyterian Church. Signs are posted around the neighborhood when the Tuesday night meeting is approaching. They don't last but 30-45 minutes and there are SNACKS!!! Good ones!!

Please fill out this form and return it with your dues:

-deliver your envelope to my locked porch mailbox at 5540 Homeward Drive. Just lift the lid and dump!

Or

-mail to: Ginger Boyer, 5540 Homeward Drive, Virginia Beach, VA 23464

Thanks for a great year and let's make 2018 even greater.

Address: _____

Name(s): _____

Phone #: _____

Please check one:

- My neighborhood directory listing is correct, **OR**
- My neighborhood directory listing is not correct. It should be edited to read as printed above, **OR**
- I don't know whether or not my directory listing is correct. It should read as printed above.

Please check one:

- Enclosed is my check, payable to "*Homestead Civic League*", or cash, for \$_____.
- I don't want to join but am forwarding my information for the Neighborhood Watch Program.

If you are not on Homestead's confidential email distribution list but would like to be included, enter your email address here: _____