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The Homesteader

PRESIDENTS CORNER

BY DONNA ZERBY

As many longtime residents of Homestead know, it is that time of year that we normally collect for our annual \$7.00 dues. Considering that we haven't had any events for 2 years in a row (except 2 holiday events) and expenses have been low, we have decided NOT to collect dues for 2022. You will not need to pay dues for 2022. If you are new to the neighborhood and you want us to update your information, please email your information to me at dddfox1@verizon.net and I will make sure your information gets updated for our next directory.

We also have another reason for not collecting \$7 this year. We do not have a dues collector for the neighborhood. We need to have a separation of duties just like a business. I posted this on NEXTDOOR and have not heard anything from anyone. Our dues collector decided that she could no longer do this for us.

Homestead Civic League does a lot for this neighborhood when we are not experiencing a PANDEMIC. Hopefully 2022 will be better. However, we need volunteers to help keep the civic league going. On **March 8th**, our civic league will meet at **Providence Presbyterian Church at 7 pm**. If you are interested in helping us keep the civic league going, please come to our civic league meeting. Continued next page...



**TUESDAY,
MARCH 8TH, 7PM**

Providence Presbyterian Church



31st Holiday Celebration at Ron's

Homestead enjoyed its 31st holiday celebration with Ron Harriman as host on December 5. Although we did not have the traditional party, the Drive-By was a great success.

Ron, Santa and Mrs. Claus held court in Ron's driveway while kids, parents, friends and relations came by to wish the entourage a Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays. Wagons, tricycles and strollers were beautifully decorated indicating kids' and parents' creativity. All children from two to 12 received goody bags, cards and Ron's handmade ornaments. Good kiddies (and perhaps a few at the other end of the spectrum) also spoke with Santa and Mrs. Claus. Although Ron and his daughter, Anne, did most of the work to ensure the afternoon's success, they had help.

The following folks removed leaves and other yard debris. They were: Mike Rheinhart, Rick Davis, Gary Hamrick, Anne Hamrick, Don Gogan, Gail Gogan, Danielle Demaree, Jake Demaree, Amy Price, Daniel Price. Chris Medlin helped haul leaves away. Charlotte Laws (the bow lady) and Martha Claytor decorated the front entrance and Rex Zerby arranged the beautiful lights on the tree and bushes.

Ron and the Clauses, along with Debbie Harding, Barbara Creekmore, Wendy Porter, Brooke Porter, Chris Medlin and Joie Horton (Ron's Niece) distributed goody bags to neighborhood kids. Lauren Arlaud provided dental supplies for the bags and Rick and Karen Davis, along with Chris Medlin supplied driveway decorations. (Apologies go to anyone who helped but was not recognized.)

Thanks to Ron and his minions, we look forward to celebration number 32 next year!

PRESIDENTS CORNER CONTINUED...

BY DONNA ZERBY

I can't tell you how hard it was in the past few years for our civic league to say no to events due to a virus. But there has always been an issue with getting enough volunteers to help with these events without a virus. This is the neighborhood I grew up in and I do not want our traditions to go away. Please help me keep Homestead a great place to raise kids, develop life long relationships, and a place that you know your neighbors and can count on them if you need anything. If this virus continues, maybe we can figure out other ways to stay connected. A Facebook page could help but that doesn't replace face to face interactions. Finding a way to do that may be the magic that we need to create in 2022.

Thank you to the volunteers that helped make the wagon drive by at Mr. Harriman's a success. And a big thank you to my officers and volunteers for all that you do. Please hang in there and hopefully, help is on the way.

I look forward to seeing everyone on March 8th. If you have any questions or you want to fill one of these positions, please email me at dddfox1@verizon.net. Like most people, I am working a full-time job but I promise to make time to talk with you or email you back.

RECIPIE CORNER – By: Donna Zerby

This section is to share recipes between neighbors and friends.
If you want to submit a recipe of your own, please send them to dddfox1@verizon.net

Zesty French Dip (Crockpot recipe) – My husband's favorite recipe

- 4 lb. beef roast
- 10 ½ oz beef broth
- 10 ½ oz condensed French onion soup
- 12 oz bottle of beer (a good lager or dark lager is AWESOME)
- Season to your taste. This can be Italian seasonings, a little thyme, oregano, basil, minced garlic. Whatever you like.
- 6-8 rolls or baguettes

Directions:

■ Line a crock pot with a liner or spray with cooking spray so it isn't hard to clean up afterwards. Put beef roast in the crockpot. Pour beef broth, beer, and French onion soup over beef. Add the seasonings of your choice and cook for 8 to 10 hours. I always suggest to do this at home the first time so you can see how your crockpot cooks. You can turn the roast in the liquid halfway through cooking but don't open the lid very often. Once it is done, the roast should break apart. Take the roast and put in a bowl so that you can break up the meat. Put the meat in the rolls and it is good with Baby Swiss cheese toasted in the oven and use the liquid to dip your sandwich in.

■ You can also use this recipe as a pot roast. Seer the meat before placing in the crockpot and serve with mashed potatoes, green beans, a salad.

■ Use leftover beef for nachos by adding a little taco seasoning when you reheat the meat. Use oven proof plates sprayed with cooking spray and put your favorite tortilla chips spread over the plate, add beef, black beans or pinto beans and shredded cheddar and jack cheese on top of that mixture and pop all that in the oven at 350 until the cheese melts. Add your favorite toppings and you are done! Not a lot of dishes and not a lot of clean up. This recipe came from "Fix It an Forget it" and I have made it many times when I wanted a beef roast. My husband has requested it for special occasions. Enjoy.



Here is what we need:

Dues Collector – URGENT!!!! - Someone to collect the dues at their residence. Organize a taskforce to go out and collect \$7 from neighbors that haven't paid their annual dues. Keep track of who has paid and who hasn't paid. Send the information to our civic league president (Me) and our data base collector (Anne Harriman). Turn the money into our treasurer, Karen Nuskiewicz, so she can deposit it into our bank account. Normally, the timing is worked out between the dues collector and the treasurer (at least once a month). We try to be done with the dues by June so we can plan our events.

Officers up for election/re-election in November 2022: President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary (Two year term expires at the end of 2022.)

Committee/ Volunteers needed:

Volunteers to deliver flyers, newsletters, and directories - We always need volunteers for this.

Yard sale Coordinator

Bake sale (same day as yard sale) Coordinator

Block Party Coordinator - We have experienced volunteers so it would just be someone to do the legwork and plan ahead, add new activities, and get volunteers together. We usually plan block party and yard sale/bake sale events after our meeting in September (2nd Tuesday at Prov. Pres. Church).

Neighborhood watch coordinator - We have one but he is also an officer.

Facebook page managers and administrators - I have one but can't get him on our new page so I need help to learn how to do this. I don't have the time to manage a page like this and we just started it in late 2021.

Holiday event coordinator – We have one but that same person is an officer and he may continue to do this but we will always need volunteers. This position may evolve and change in time. Our ornament maker turned 95 in 2021. I am sure it would mean a lot to him if we found a way to keep a holiday event going long after he is gone. Hopefully we will have more time with Mr. Harriman. He truly is Mr. Christmas and Mr. Homestead. Please keep an eye on him and stop to say Hi if you see him outside. (1001 Hillview Blvd.) You won't regret it. He is so sweet.

Front entrance Committee: We currently have one but we always need volunteers and would need someone to step up when needed.

Officer election committee: Recruits volunteers to be an officer.

**WELCOME TO OUR
NEW NEIGHBORS!!!**

Hyrum & Amy
Marchant, Westward

Daniel & Kelly Castello
Fireside Ln.

Jennifer Bainum,
Old Homestead

Bruce & Diane Nelson,
Old Providence Rd.

*Sadly Homestead has
lost several people and
our thoughts and pray-
ers are with their fami-
lies...*

Ernie Rastelli
Old Homestead Ln.

Felton Hair, Jr.
Old Homestead Ln.

Sylvia Scott
N Sunland Dr.

Betty Banaag
West Goodview

COMMUNITY RESOURCES

SeeClickFix

- An app which empowers citizens with an easy way to report community issues that need the City’s attention.
- You can report items such as pot-holes, poor roadway conditions, drainage problems, graffiti, landscaping issues on public or private property, etc.

Download the App and/or visit:

<https://en.seeclickfix.com>

ePRO

(electric Police Report Online)

- An interactive web application which gives citizens easy access to:
 - ⇒Crime reports by street
 - ⇒Traffic accident reports
 - ⇒Search active warrants

<https://www.vbgov.com/government/departments/police/Pages/epro.aspx>

Outdoor Lighting Concern

- Street lights out near your home? Dominion Energy will need your information on an e-form.

dominionenergy.com/outages/streetlight-outages/outdoor-lighting-email-form.

Nextdoor.com

- A private communication App for your neighborhood and a great way to stay informed of events and issues occurring around our community.

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.

<http://homesteadinvabeach.org/>



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