



NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

Spring Spruce Up By Ray Nuskiewicz



Karen Ray Ginger

A GREAT WAY TO GET A SELFIE:

On 22 Apr, Karen and I, and Ginger Boyer showed up for the annual front entrance Spring Spruce Up. We laid 15 bags of mulch, trimmed the lirioppe, pulled the weeds and trimmed the trees.

Wondering why none of our other dedicated volunteers were there, I went back to my email advertising the Spruce Up. Lo and behold, I sent the email to "protected addresses" and didn't add anyone to the "bcc" line. So the only one that got the email was myself. Too FUNNY!

The spruce up looks great and what a great way to get a selfie with two volunteers totally dedicated to keeping Homestead a great place to live!



Please MARK YOUR CALENDAR NOW.

The next newsletter publishes in November; which is AFTER the yard sale and block party, so you won't have another newsletter to remind you.

However, the information is available 24/7 on our website.

EVENT	DATE	TIME
Community Yard Sale	September 9 <i>rain date: 9/16</i>	8 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Block Party	October 14 <i>rain date: 10/21</i>	3 p.m. - 6 p.m.
Holiday Front Entrance Decorating	December 2	1 p.m.
Tree lighting and reception at the Harriman's	December 4	7 p.m.



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Civic League Representatives:

- Karen Nuskiewicz, 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

Arrivals, Departures, and Neighborhood Directory Updates

WELCOME! To our new neighbors: Anthony & Kaelyn Spera of W. Goodview Dr., Ashley Reid of Fireside Ln., and Steve & Connie Knight of Hillview Blvd.

FAREWELL

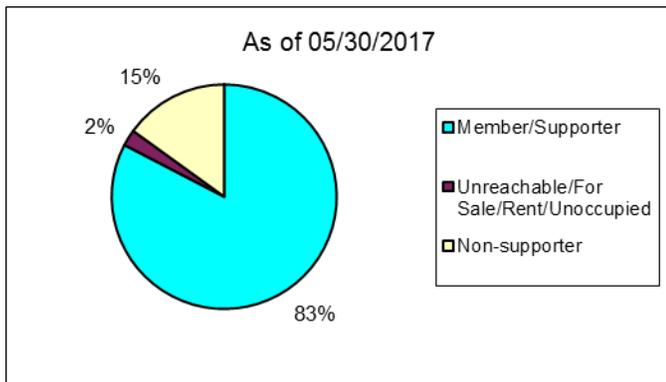
Cecil Perry passed away May 8th. Mr. Perry and his wife, Neva, were original owners of their house on Homeward Dr.

Jeff Snyder, decades-long resident, friend, and neighborhood volunteer extraordinaire, sold his home on Fireside Lane and moved to the beach. Homestead's loss is the beach's gain; we miss him already.

∞ 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 with details: 424-5657; kdl10@yahoo.com.

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE RESULTS

By Ginger Boyer



Dues sent by US mail, or dropped into the little black mailbox on my porch, resulted in 95 of Homestead's 213 households (43%) becoming members, as of the March 14th civic league meeting.

By the May 9th meeting, our amazing volunteers had increased membership from 43% to 83%!

THANK YOU DOOR-TO-DOOR VOLUNTEERS: Ryan Davis; Anne Hamrick; Will & Kristen Harris; Gary Medlin; Mike Rheinart; Glenda Winstead. These folks almost doubled our membership! Because of their efforts (and your \$7) we all enjoy the benefits of a functioning neighborhood civic organization.

Microsoft Access Database

By Karen Nuskiewicz

Years ago I inherited Homestead's membership database. It needs improvement! For instance, there are no indexed fields. If you have the expertise, time, and desire to help implement an improved design, please contact me at kdl10@yahoo.com

Visit Homestead's website to enjoy color photos of past Homestead events.

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New Cover for Neighborhood Directory

Attention neighborhood talent! The new directory could use an updated cover. Got a good idea? Submit your new cover design to kdl10@yahoo.com.



To: The Audit Committee: Mary Glynn, Barb Francisco, and Ray Nuskiewicz; for examining the 2016 treasury records. And, to Donna Zerby for maintaining organized, accurate records for us.

To: Members who sent a little extra in addition to the \$7 dues.

To: Members who sent us little notes with their dues. We love those!



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NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH: We Need It

By Gary Medlin

If you follow the postings on Nextdoor Homestead, you may be concerned about the recent auto larcenies and vandalism in the area. Other than keeping your vehicles locked and your home bathed in light what can you do?

Participation in Neighborhood Watch can be part of the answer. The program involves neighborhood concern and awareness, along with police cooperation. It helps a neighborhood build its security system and encourages individuals to contact the police concerning any suspicious activity.

Basically, this program asks to do things that most of us already do. However, the advantages, in addition to Watch signs, are access to crime information brochures and training for becoming an effective Watch volunteer. Additionally, Neighborhood Watch neighbors are frequently reminded to practice activities that keep them and others safe.

Currently, ours is a Neighborhood Watch neighborhood, but we can't rest on our laurels. By the end of July, we must have several individuals trained to be Watch volunteers and 50% of all homes must be registered as Watch homes.

The next training session is on June 21st, Building 19, Municipal Center, from 6:30-8:30 PM. If you are interested, and I hope you are, please contact me at gmedlindd822@gmail.com or at 361-5826. I must reserve a spot for volunteers with the officer in charge of the program.

New 2017 Neighborhood Directory

By Karen Nuszkiwicz

At the May civic league meeting, members voted to provide an updated neighborhood directory for 2017. Although members had previously decided to save money by printing directories every five years instead of two, unprecedented turnover in Homestead during the most recent two years provided the initiative to change that decision.

The updated directory will be delivered along with the November edition of The Homesteader. All **civic league member** households will receive one.

Why have a neighborhood directory? To look up a neighbor's name and phone number. These are just a few examples of real events in Homestead which make having a directory helpful:

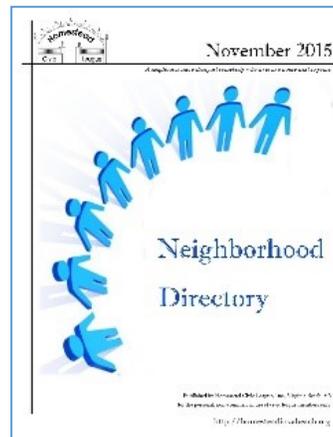
Neighbors A, B, and C wait with their children at the bus stop. It appears that neighbor D has left the property and forgotten to close the garage door. A, B, and C don't know D, but they'd like to do something to protect their neighbor from a 'crime of opportunity'.

Neighbor A discovers a package delivered to his home is addressed to someone else, but there's no address on the package!

Neighbor A awakes in the early morning to a house fire at a recently sold property across the street! Firefighters ask neighbor A for information on the occupants.

Directory and membership information is derived from welcoming visits, membership/dues collection forms, and direct communication with me or other membership drive volunteers. The information is compiled and input after February's membership drive.

If you have any questions about your listing, or if you are a new member and did not receive a 2015 directory, contact me at kdl10@yahoo.com or 424-5657.





NEIGHBORHOOD YARD SALE

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2017
(rain date Sept. 16)

Got Stuff?

Still working on Spring Cleaning? Have things you're ready to part with and make a little money? Want to get out and see your neighbors and the treasures they have?

Mark your calendar now!

Homestead Civic League volunteers take care of advertising for you, posting the large banner at the front entrance the Monday before the sale, placing an ad in the *Virginian Pilot* the Thursday before the sale, as well as posting online ads and posting signs on Providence, Kempsville, and Whitehurst Landing roads. Feel free to post your own signs as well!



FREE After-the-Sale pick-up service:

DAV (Disabled American Veterans) will pick up any leftover items for free. The DAV truck will begin pickup around 2 pm. Please place boxes and large items by the curb with a note "For DAV" attached. DAV staff will be driving a marked DAV truck and have identification. They will also issue a receipt if you would like one.

AND CIVIC LEAGUE BAKE/BEVERAGE SALE



WANTED! Baked goods...

Do you love to bake cookies, brownies, cupcakes, muffins, or other treats? Break out your mixer and whip up some of your goodies for the civic league's bake sale. The bake sale will be at Hillview Court from 8am to 2pm during the yard sale. Please drop off your *individually wrapped* baked goods between 7:30 and 8:00 Saturday morning. This is our only fundraiser, so please contribute if you can.

Don't forget to come by for a cool drink and sample some of your neighbors' tasty treats! Or a Krispy Kreme Donut!

Volunteers are needed to staff the bake sale tables. Please contact one of the volunteers below if you can offer some help. Even half an hour of your time is appreciated!

Questions?

Contact Homestead's Yard Sale Coordinator, Lieske Tuttle: at 735-1808, or eliztuttle@live.com
Or Karen Nuskiewicz: 424-5657 or kdl10@yahoo.com