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The Homesteader

PRESIDENT'S CORNER...

As the country opens back up and restrictions are lifted, I am sure some of us will still do things more often than we did before. It is nice to go out and do things and see people and 2021 is going to be a much better year than it was last year. I look forward to having a yard sale/bake sale, block party and yes even a Christmas party. Let's take a deep breath and get these traditions going in this great neighborhood we call HOMESTEAD. If you are interested in volunteering to be part of the Civic League please come out to our next meeting. We will be at Providence Presbyterian Church on July 13th at 7 pm. I look forward to seeing you there. The church may still have some restrictions but limitations for the number of people have been lifted. I will update everyone on Nextdoor. Please contact me if you have any questions. Take care, stay safe, and most importantly stay well.

ANNUAL SPRING CLEAN UP



This year it seems that the group that normally does the cleanup had some new faces that we were happy to have! Special Thank You to Ray Nuskiewicz and Mike Rheinhart for organizing the clean up and getting the mulch. Thank you to all our volunteers for coming out and weeding, trimming up and spreading out the mulch. It didn't take long because we had plenty of volunteers to get it done. Also special Thank You to Mary Glen, the "Weeding Fairy".

The front entrance is the first thing people see when they come into our neighborhood on Hillview. Its nice that we can all take pride in keeping our neighborhood looking good. Thank you to all that paid their \$7.00 dues to help pay for the mulch and to pay Lay Low Lawns (Owned by Chris LaLonge—a Homesteader that has a lawn service and does a fantastic job).

Pictured from left to right: Gary Medlin, Daniel Price, Rex and Donna Derby, Mike Rheinhart and Ray Nuszkeiwicz. (Not pictured: Karen Nuszkeiwicz and the "Weeding Fairy")



TUESDAY,

JULY 13, 2021, 7PM



Homestead Civic

League Meeting

Providence Presbyterian Church



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Homestead conversation at
[Nextdoor.com](https://www.nextdoor.com)

<http://homesteadinvabeach.org/>

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH—BE VIGILANT

How many of you know the number 385-5000? That's right! It's the police non-emergency number. It's the number to call if you see suspicious activity near your neighbor's house, in the street, or anywhere in Homestead. Of course, if a burglar is breaking into your house or a neighbor's home, call 911.

Homestead is a Neighborhood Watch Neighborhood. This means that a certain percentage of neighbors are part of a security system to protect Homestead. No, I'm not talking about walking the streets with AR-15s and Glock-10s after dark. I'm referring to a collection of citizens who if they see suspicious activity, they make a call, they say something to keep us all safe. Police are aware of designated neighborhoods and patrol them more frequently than others, and they establish a liaison with the Watch coordinator. What are suspicious activities?

Here are some examples.

- A stranger entering an unoccupied neighbor's house
- Anyone you don't know removing license plates or gasoline, etc., from cars
- Someone peering into parked cars or homes
- Apparent business transactions conducted from vehicle
- Loitering strangers
- Slow moving vehicles without lights after dark
- Parked vehicles containing one or more persons parked at unusual hours
- Someone loading a vehicle with valuables in front of an unoccupied home.

(VBPD brochure rev. 2/11)

"Well, that's common sense," you might say. "Of course, I will call the police if I see something like that!" However, you would be surprised at how many people don't do anything because they don't want to be seen as snoops or busybodies, or they don't want to get involved.

Please get involved. Sign up for Neighborhood Watch today. All you have to do is agree to call Police Non-Emergency if you see suspicious activity and to follow up with me, Gary Medlin, at 361-5826 or gmedlindd822@gmail.com. Meanwhile, call me and I will give you more information, including a brochure and your block captain's name. I will put your name on my list and you will be one of the Homestead Neighborhood Watchers.

Your effort will help us remain a Neighborhood Watch neighborhood and remind the Virginia Beach Police Department that Homestead is serious about crime prevention.

Civic League Representatives:

Donna Zerby, President 757-9688
Gary Medlin, Vice President 361-5826
Karen Davis, Secretary 617-6364
Karen Nuskiewicz, Treasurer..... 424-5657
Carrie Smaha, Webmaster 773-9038
Amy Price, Newsletter Editor.....672-0032

*Thank you Ginger Boyer,
Karen Nusziewicz and all the
persistent dues collectors
who worked so hard to maintain
our civic league membership.
Hats off to all of you!*

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH TRAINING

Virginia Beach's Neighborhood Watch program is a community/police effort to prevent crime in the city's

neighborhoods. Basically, it involves citizens being alert to things happening in their neighborhoods and

reporting suspicious behavior to the police. Homestead is a Neighborhood Watch Neighborhood.

In order to remain a Watch neighborhood, the city requires training for a certain percentage of residents. To expedite this requirement, the city offers online training. The training is easy to access, interesting and quite informative. It can be completed in a half hour to 45 minutes.

Please follow these steps:

- In your browser, enter "Neighborhood Watch, Virginia Beach"
- Click on "Neighborhood Watch::VBgov.com-City of Virginia Beach"
- Scroll down to "Neighborhood Watch Training"
- Scroll down to "Neighborhood Watch Online Training"
- Begin training
- Register when finished, so there is a record
- Print registration

Contact me at
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HOMESTEAD MEMBERSHIP DUES

	NUMBER OF:			%
	Homes	Non-members	Members	Members per
E Goodview Dr	19	3	16	84%
Fireside Ct/Ln	20	5	15	75%
Hillview Blvd/Ct	31	2	29	94%
Homeward Dr	19	4	15	79%
N Sunland Dr	28	6	22	79%
Old Homestead Ln	31	5	26	84%
Old Providence Rd	13	7	6	46%
W Goodview Dr	29	5	24	83%
Westward Dr.	17	2	15	88%
Whitehurst Lndg. Rd	6	4	2	33%
	213	43	170	

As of 05/27/2021 - PAID MEMBERSHIPS = 79.81%

Upcoming Events:

Yard sale- September 18th and rain date on Sept 25th.

Block Party- October 16th with rain date on Oct. 23rd.

Front Entrance decorating on Saturday, December 4th

Christmas Party on Monday, December 6th

WELCOME TO OUR NEW NEIGHBORS!!!

- James and Dorie Radford
- Renee Nian
- Chris & Christen Bulaski
- Chad & Elizabeth Sokol



Sadly Homestead has lost several people and our thoughts and prayers are with their families... Brian Hodges, John Henry Clements III, Dutch Nye, Larry Bonko and Ashley Reid

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 potholes, 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/eepro.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.



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Ad Size	Cost for	
	1 Issue	3 Issues
Business Card	\$20	\$50
1/4 Page	\$30	\$75
1/2 Page	\$50	\$130

For more information or to submit an ad, please refer to the **2019 Commercial Ad Form** which can be found on the Homestead Website.